



Whispering Stories



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Important Dates

December 10

Christmas with Cops & Claus
St Augustine Beach PD
5:30 PM

December 13

Holiday Market at the Pier
3 - 7 PM

December 14 - 21

Hanukkah



December 24

Christmas Eve



December 25

Christmas Day



★ December 26

Kwanzaa

December 31

New Year's Eve!

Light up the Night! Fireworks
Show at the Pier 8:30 PM

January 1

New Years Day



January 19

MLK Day

January 24

Annual WOHA Meeting
10 AM - Noon
Marsh Creek Country Club

February 2

Groundhog Day

February 14

Valentine's Day



Save the Date:

December 21st for a festive evening at WOHA!

On December 21st, come together with the Whispering Oaks community for an evening filled with holiday spirit! We'll be singing carols, enjoying hot cocoa, and indulging in delicious Christmas treats. Don't forget to dress your dog in their festive attire!

- Time: 6 PM
- Location: Bob & Elaine's driveway
216 Big Magnolia

Bring your holiday cheer and join us for a delightful gathering!



Pet Report

Hi, I'm Shelby, and I'm 12. I was found abandoned on the streets of NYC, but luckily, the rescue that my mom and dad volunteered with took me in. My mom fell in love with me, and when we moved to WOHA, my dad surprised her on Mother's Day! Boy, you should've seen the look on mom's face when we pulled up to the house in the U-Haul! It was a long drive, but so worth it! I got a bunch of hugs and teary kisses, and the rest is WOHA history!



I live with the self-titled "Most Interesting Cat In the World", Finnbar, who's from the same rescue, but this is about me, so enough about the bossy cat. My favorite things about living here are daily trips to the beach, (especially when my dad and I go to watch the sunrise at the pier), seeing my pals like Apollo on my walks, and playdates with Danny Parker.



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Pet Report: Continued

I like getting dressed up for special occasions, even if my dad tries to stop it. So far I've been a reindeer, a fairy, a cowgirl, a bumble bee, and a pumpkin. It's hard to say which outfit looks best on me, 'cause my grandma says they're all "magnificent". I love to sing, so I hope to see everybody at the Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa party on Dec. 21st. I get to dress up again! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everybody! Woof!



Neighbor Spotlight: The Stanczaks Brings a Taste of Hawaii to St. Augustine

Aloha! Our neighbors, Allen and Christy Stanczak, are bringing a little island flavor to the beaches! Allen and his family are opening Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii right here in St. Augustine, with their first location set to open on **December 4th** at 4085 S. A1A.



A long-time traveler to Hawaii, Allen developed a love for the islands' coffee culture and warm Aloha Spirit. When he discovered Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii, he knew it was the perfect fit, a brand that's bold, welcoming, and full of heart, just like St. Augustine. "When my family and I settled here, I wanted to find something that felt true to who we are and connected to this community," Allen shared. "Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii checks all the boxes — and I'm excited to share a taste of the islands in a place I'm proud to call home." Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii serves a variety of coffee drinks, including signature blends, Kona (the name of one of the Stanczak doggies!) coffee, and seasonal specials. They also offer non-coffee options like hot and iced teas, hot chocolate, and blended drinks, along with baked goods such as banana bread and muffins, and other food items like yogurt parfaits and sandwiches. We can't wait to sip, chat, and share some island sunshine with the Stanczak family when doors open this December! Come out and support our friends!

Remembering Jackie Watts

Our community is saddened by the recent passing of our neighbor, Jackie Watts, who passed away on November 26, 2025, at the age of 79. Jackie lived a vibrant and adventurous life, from her childhood years spent abroad, and as President of Ocean Air International in Paris, PA, for many years, where she traveled the world extensively. In retirement, she enjoyed cruises, Caribbean beaches, and life here in St. Augustine.



Jackie is survived by her loving husband, Phil Watts, her children, Alyssa Starck Federico and David Starck, four grandsons, and extended family, as well as her beloved dog, Tyana. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to G.R.E.A.T. Rescue of NE Florida, Inc. **Celebration of Life for Jackie will be on Sunday, December 14th from 2-4 pm at Cafe 11.** We hope our neighborhood will come together in support of Phil during this time and join him in honoring Jackie's memory.