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- **JOHN'S VIEWPOINT**

If you ever visited a freshwater spring, you were probably amazed at this amazing natural wonder! If you haven't ever checked out any of the natural springs in Florida, June would be an awesome month to do so.

I have visited the ones on my list on the next page, but this a very small sample size. As it starts to heat up, consider cooling off in a natural spring with a constant average temperature of 72 degrees.

We are continuing to work on the website. If you are able, please visit this link ... [\(GOOGLE REVIEW\)](#) or use the QR CODE below and provide a personal google review. This would be greatly appreciated!



If you have a new business or restaurant that you like, please share with me. Thanks for reading!

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Florida is home to over 700 natural springs! Not all of these are open to the public, but many offer great recreational opportunities. Here are just a few of the many options that are definitely worth a visit!

### [Salt Springs – Marion County](#)

Salt Springs Recreation Area is one of the jewels of the Ocala National Forest, with a spectacular natural mineral spring that gives the area its name. Plenty of outdoor activities keep campers and day-use visitors busy, including swimming in the springs, fishing, snorkeling, hiking and boating. Salt Springs is located between the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers, accessible from the St. Johns River or off SR 19, south of Palatka.

### [Silver Glen Springs – Marion County](#)

Silver Glen Springs is known for its vibrant turquoise water, shaded picnic areas, and easy access to outdoor adventure. Popular for swimming, snorkeling, paddling, and hiking, the spring offers something for all ages in a setting that feels both peaceful and wild. With calm, shallow water and a scenic trail along the shores of Lake George, Silver Glen is very popular for boaters as it is accessible from the St. Johns River.

### [Ichetucknee Springs State Park \(Fort White\)](#)

Fed by nine springs, the Ichetucknee River lets visitors experience the natural beauty of its blue-green waterways year-round. Let the gentle current of the bright turquoise river guide you on a relaxing retreat through shaded hammocks and forests of cypress, maple, oak and pine.

### [Rainbow Springs State Park \(Dunnellon\)](#)

Rainbow Springs State Park is a portal to a world of captivating history and breathtaking natural beauty. Here, where the crystal-clear waters of the Rainbow River erupt from the earth, lies one of Florida's most magnificent first-magnitude springs. There is a new reservation program for day-use visitors, so plan ahead.

### [DeLeon Springs State Park \(DeLeon Springs – just north of Deland\)](#)

Visitors enjoy a Florida experience that includes a swimming area and a fascinating history as De Leon Springs is a place to cool off in clear waters, roam trails that feature a massive old-growth bald cypress tree and huge live oaks. The popular [Old Sugar Mill Pancake House](#), located in a 100-year-old replica of the original 1830s sugar mill, features cook-your-own pancakes at the table with an enhanced menu of food and beverages.

### [Blue Spring State Park – Orange City](#)

Blue Spring is a very popular location to check out the manatees! By 2005, after years of park improvements and manatee protection efforts, wintering manatee numbers exceeded 200, and by 2023 that number skyrocketed to a record 729. Visitors can hike along the spring run or on the 4.5-mile Pine Island Trail and can also launch a canoe or kayak (rentals are available at the park) or take a guided river boat cruise.



# JUNE 2026 ... AREA EVENTS

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June 2026



## JUNE 2026 ... AREA EVENTS

**NOTE: THESE ARE CLICKABLE LINKS THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE EVENT PAGE**

- June 2** - [The Black Crowes @ The Amp](#) - (St. Augustine)
- June 2-7** - [Nashville Sounds vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp @ Vy Star Ballpark](#) - (Jax)
- June 2-14** - [1776: A Musical Revolution @ Alhambra Theatre](#) - (Jacksonville)
- June 3** - [KC and the Sunshine Band @ Florida Theatre](#) - (Jacksonville)
- June 5** - [Wine and Wander @ Poppy's True Market](#) - (Bunnell)
- June 5** - [Gumball 300 @ Main Beach Skatepark](#) - (Fernandina Beach)
- June 6** - [Party in the Pines @ Westside Regional Park](#) - (Hilliard)
- June 6** - [Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Sporting Jax USL @ Hodges Stadium](#) - (Jacksonville)
- June 7** - [Watermelon Festival @ European Village](#) - (Palm Coast)
- June 7** - [Cliff Avril Family Fun Day @ Armstrong Park](#) - (Middleburg)
- June 10** - [Summer Squeeze @ Fishweir Brewing Company](#) - (Jacksonville)
- June 11** - [Chris Stapleton All Star Road Show @ Veterans Memorial Arena](#) - (Jacksonville)
- June 12** - [Orange Park After Dark @ Town Hall Park](#) - (Orange Park)
- June 13** - [Preservation Hall Jazz Band @ Ponte Vedra Music Hall](#) - (Ponte Vedra)
- June 17** - [Music by the Sea Concert Series \(Str8-Up\) @ St. Aug. Beach Pier](#) - (St. Aug. Beach)
- June 18** - [Whalin performs at Colonial Oak Music Park](#) - (St. Augustine)
- June 20** - [Given to Fly - The Pearl Jam Experience @ Cafe Eleven](#) - (St. Augustine Beach)
- June 23-28** - [Memphis Redbirds vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp @ Vy Star Ballpark](#) - (Jax)
- June 25** - [Mid Summer Wine Walk @ European Village](#) - (Palm Coast)
- June 27** - [Vince Gill @ The Amp](#) - (St. Augustine)
- June 28** - [Palatka Bird Festival @ Putnam County Fairgrounds](#) - (East Palatka)
- June 28** - [San Diego Strike Force vs. Jax Sharks @ Veterans Memorial Arena](#) - (Jacksonville)



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## DUVAL COUNTY UPDATE

**NOTE: THESE ARE CLICKABLE LINKS THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE BUSINESS PAGE**

I recently attended the St. Augustine vs. Bishop Kenny spring football game in Jacksonville on the banks of the St. Johns River. I was able to see that the Jax skyline looks different as the renovations on [Everbank Stadium](#) and the [Four Seasons complex](#) & Shipyards development are really taking shape.

The Four Seasons will include a marina, private residences, hotel, and office space for companies including the Jacksonville Jaguars. The [Emerald Trail](#) is another exciting project that has the potential to be a catalyst for social and economic development in Jacksonville. [Pearl Square](#) is a nine-block district currently transforming the west side of Downtown. It is bringing over 1,200 new residential units, a full-service Publix grocery store, renovated hotels, and curbsless pedestrian-friendly streets.

### EverRange

EverRange is a large master planned community just north of Nocatee. This development is also managed by the Parc Group, who created Nocatee that is currently in the final phase of single family homes. Many of the same builders will also be in EverRange. The first neighborhood is a 55+ community by Toll Brothers called [Regency at EverRange](#). They are actively selling and have several model homes featuring both the Acadia & Willow Collections to tour. [Mariposa](#) will feature single family homes from 1,450 - 3,400 sq. ft. Builders include David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes, Riverside Homes, and Toll Brothers—each bringing their own distinct style and craftsmanship to the community. The amenity center called The Grove, is under construction and will include resort style & splash pools, dog park, playground, and tennis/pickleball courts.

### Seven Pines

Seven Pines is another large master planned community on the Southside of Jacksonville along Butler Blvd. and I-295. Seven Pines was named for Seven Brothers of the Skinner family who have owned the land for over a century. Seven Pine is built on over 1,000 acres with new homes, walkable neighborhoods, a vibrant village center, plus parks, trails, lakes and family outposts. [The Village at Seven Pines](#), managed by Regency Centers Corp., is a unique retail development with a pedestrian friendly design, elevated storefronts, restaurants, services, landscaping and gathering spaces meant to turn a shopping center into a community hub.

David Weekley and ICI Homes are the two builders. David Weekley has many options including Rear Entry Townhomes, 40' and 50' Front Entry single family and 50' x 70' Rear Entry Single Family homes.

ICI Homes is offering rear load plans on 40', 60', and 70' lots and front load plans on 60' lots.



**Valued Friends and Customers ...Thanks for taking the time to read my newsletter!**

May was a busy month for me with several new listings ... two of them went under contract in less than 10 days! I really enjoyed helping a young first-time home buyer get under contract on a home in Ormond Beach. I am very proud of him for living at home and saving over the last few years in order to have a nice down payment on a beautiful home! He definitely beat the age of the first time buyer in the United States, which is currently 41 years of age.

## MY ACTIVE LISTINGS

### TANGLEWOOD VILLAGE



**1262 CHICKASAW CT**

Discover great value in this well maintained and updated home. This move-in-ready home features luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout-completely carpet-free for easy maintenance. Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom. Two additional bedrooms & second bath with tub/shower combination. Roof replaced 2020. All appliances convey.

### RIVERTOWN



**100 TWILIGHT TEAR WAY**

Welcome home to 100 Twilight Tear Way ... the popular Clarendon floor plan on an awesome water-to-preserve lot in Rivertown! Lots of structural and design options are yours to enjoy in this 3,529 square foot home offering 5 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths. Custom organizers added to the kitchen pantry and master bedroom closet.

### VILLAGES OF SELOY



**44 UTINA WAY**

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### RIVERTOWN



**254 OAK SHADOW PL**

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