

Business Monthly

RETURN ON INVESTMENT JANUARY – JULY 2014

BUSINESS START-UP/
EXPANSION ASSISTANCE **45**

BIDS/PROPOSALS
REFERRALS **11**

GROUP/MEETING
REFERRALS **34**

WEBSITE
REFERRALS **120,132**

VISITORS
TO OFFICE **6,750**

RELOCATION
REQUESTS **265**

CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN **172**

SAVE LOCAL
IMPRESSIONS **77,554**

WORKING FOR YOU



Always striving to be good stewards of our funds on behalf of our members, the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in August authorized paying off the mortgage on the Chamber Welcome Center and offices in the Gateway to Amelia. Looking to provide a prominent location to welcome visitors, locals, potential residents and businesses, the Chamber purchased the space to become the anchor tenant in the complex in 2002. The funds freed up will be directed toward expanding programs and promotions on behalf of our members.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOCAL

Shop local with the new AIFBY Chamber Cash!

The Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce is always looking for new ways to promote shopping locally.

Earlier this year we launched the Save Local Now digital marketing platform to help our members connect with potential customers everywhere they are online.

Now – just in time for the holidays -- we are launching a new local currency program: Chamber Cash!

Why Chamber Cash?

The Chamber wants to drive new and expanded revenue to our members through the convenience of a digital gift card platform. Billions of dollars are spent on gift cards each year, but only a small percentage of that is through local merchants.

Chamber Cash can help you attract new customers and be more competitive with national players – with very little effort on your part.

How it works

Chamber Cash certificates are purchased online by consumers and printed or emailed to a friend, relative



CHAMBER CASH

or employee. Customers bring the gift certificates into a participating business to redeem just like cash.

Chamber Cash is purchased directly from www.islandchamber.com. The gift certificate is emailed to the purchaser who can print it out and give it to the recipient or email it directly to them -- a quick and easy way to purchase gifts for graduation, birthdays, weddings – and of course Christmas!

Get started!

We're going to flood this community with customers – want in? It is easy for you to sign up, accept and redeem Chamber Cash. And if you sign up before September 30, we'll waive the \$30 registration fee to participate!

Keep an eye on your inbox for an email from the Chamber with everything you need to get started or if you can't wait, email the Chamber at info@aifby.com for your merchant packet.

FIFTEEN FOR 15

Welcome Leadership Nassau Class 15



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KIMBERLY SYME, CBC National Bank

NASSAU COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Nassau County Unemployment Rate

July 2013	6.2%
July 2014	5.8%

www.floridajobs.org



Nassau County Taxable Sales

Jan–May 2013	\$329,324,046
Jan–May 2014	\$353,603,834

dor.myflorida.com



Amelia Island Occupancy

Jan–Jul 2013	69%
Jan–Jul 2014	73.3%

Amelia Island TDC



Amelia Island Tourism Bed Tax Collected

Jan–Jun 2013	\$2,070,757
Jan–Jun 2014	\$2,480,605

Nassau County Tax Collector's Office



Port of Fernandina Tonnage

Jan–Jul 2013	201,193
Jan–Jul 2014	148,317

Kinder Morgan



Nassau Co. Housing Sales

Jan–Jul 2013	not available
Jan–Jul 2014	not available

Amelia Island-Nassau County Association of Realtors

Nassau County Housing Median Sales Price

Jan–Jul 2013	not available
Jan–Jul 2014	not available

Amelia Island-Nassau County Association of Realtors

Nassau Co. Housing Days on Market

Jan–Jul 2013	not available
Jan–Jul 2014	not available

Amelia Island-Nassau County Association of Realtors

Nassau County Commercial Property Sales (\$1K+)

Jan–Jun 2013	27	\$31,244,200
Jan–Jun 2014	17	\$22,734,700

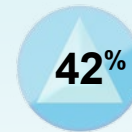
Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office



New Commercial Construction Permits, Nassau County

Jan–Jul 2013	19	\$ 5,453,084
Jan–Jul 2014	27	\$13,703,203

Nassau County Building Department



New Commercial Construction Permits, Fernandina Beach

Jan–Jul 2013	5
Jan–Jul 2014	1

Fernandina Beach Building Department



Nassau County Residential Property Sales (\$1K+)

Jan–Jun 2013	954	\$228,714,039
Jan–Jun 2014	790	\$198,237,297

Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office



New Single Family Construction Permits, Nassau County

Jan–Jul 2013	270	\$69,709,245
Jan–Jul 2014	337	\$94,236,862

Nassau County Building Department



New Single Family Construction Permits, Fernandina Beach

Jan–Jul 2013	39
Jan–Jul 2014	46

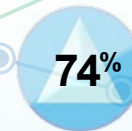
Fernandina Beach Building Department



Commercial/Residential Permits, Hilliard

Jan–Jul 2013	53
Jan–Jul 2014	92

Town of Hilliard



INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

Type of Business	YTD 2013	YTD 2014	Difference
Radio, Television, Consumer Electronics, Computers, Music Stores	\$ 801,445	\$ 900,868	12.41%
Lumber and Other Building Materials Dealers	\$ 12,332,636	\$ 13,434,107	8.93%
Transportation, Railroads, Airlines, Bus, Trucking Lines	\$ 1,236,279	\$ 1,329,019	7.50%
Repair of Tangible Personal Property	\$ 676,247	\$ 602,055	-10.97%
Lease or Rental of Commercial Real Property	\$ 18,035,407	\$ 18,041,771	0.04%

Florida Department of Revenue numbers for taxable sales through May 2014

JULY 2014

NEW MEMBERS

Bakery

- **Nana Teresa's Bake Shop**
31 S. Fifth St. Fernandina Beach FL 32034
(904) 277-7977 | nanateresa.com

Our mission is to ensure you have the sweetest experience. So, we start with every creation using organic ingredients whenever possible. Whether you purchase a single cupcake or a 5-tier specialty cake, we know that after just one bite you'll be coming back for more.

Main contact: Nicole Stillwell

Business Broker

- **Transworld Business Advisors**
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Transworld Business Advisors is the world leader in the marketing and sale of business, franchise and commercial real estate. Whether you represent an acquisition-minded corporation or are personally interested in owning your own company, Transworld offers the professional services that successfully brings buyers and sellers together.

Main contact: William "Butch" Beard

Fabric Stores

- **Lollipops Designer Bindings**
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Lollipops Quilt Shop offers quilting and home decor fabrics, hand & machine embroidery and fun classes for all levels! Quilting and sewing fabrics for today's modern quilter - Amy Butler, Kaffe Fassett, Art Gallery, Dear Stella, Moda Designers, Batiks and much more. We also sell patterns, quilt kits and are available for lectures, demos and weekend retreat teaching.

Main contact: Laurie Malm

Health & Fitness

- **Vida Fitness**
48 Osprey Village Dr. Fernandina Beach FL 32034
(904) 415-1429

Vida Fitness is a personal training company that has been serving Amelia Island for more than eight years. We provide one-on-one certified personal training, group training and nutritional counseling. We cater to all fitness levels and age groups. Our goal is to help everyone lead a stronger, healthy life.

Main contact: Sean Keith

Home Health Services

- **ComForcare Senior Services**
7800 Baymeadows Way Suite 320
Jacksonville FL 32256
(904) 232-4407 | www.comforcarejax.com

ComForcare Senior Services is a premier provider of private duty, non-medical senior home care in Jacksonville, Florida. We serve clients who are 18 years of age or older; our specialty is providing excellent care to our senior population. Our home caregivers provide personal care for individuals seeking assistance with ADLs (Activities of Daily Living). We provide these services in many settings including residences, assisted living facilities, independent living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals or wherever our clients reside. Our goal is to employ and provide our home care clients with the highest quality caregivers available.

Main contact: Anita Leverett

Merchant Services

- **Heartland Payment Systems**
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Heartland was founded on the principles of honesty and transparency. We believe in providing merchants with fair and fully disclosed payment solutions that empower them to take control over their payment processing. We offer total merchant services including credit card processing, payroll and gift cards.

Main contact: Bobby Koopman

Pregnancy and Childbirth

- **A Hand to Hold**
(904) 624-4802 | www.ahandtoholddoula.com

As a doula I attend women in any type of labor, from normal to Cesarean and everything in between. I also offer childbirth education (HypnoBirthing) classes and placenta encapsulation. My services are in addition to your obstetrician or midwife, as I perform no clinical tasks nor do I deliver babies.

Main contact: Rebecca McKinney

Restaurant Delivery

- **Amelia To-Go**
(904) 557-3783 | www.ameliatogo.com

Amelia To-Go is Amelia Island's only food delivery service of its kind. We deliver take-out from most restaurants on Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach to any location on Amelia Island and even a few places across the bridge. We will deliver to your home, the hotel room, the office, the beach, the park or the marina. Basically, you tell us what you want and where you want it and we will get it to you.

Main contact: Jennifer Coleman

Veterans Organizations

- **Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 1088**
463688 SR 200 Suite 1-412 Yulee FL, 32097 (mailing)
(904) 330-4679 | www.vva1088.org

Vietnam Veterans of America is charter order USC36 title and approved in 1978 as the only Congressionally recognized Vietnam veteran organization in the nation. Our chapter directs us to serve the needs of all veterans through hands-on services to them and community projects.

Main contact: John Scherer

RENEWING MEMBERS

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Pierre Laporte

Airport Aviation Services

- **McGill Aviation Corporation**
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Sean McGill

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- **Rice Architect, LLC**
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Fernandina Beach FL 32034
(904) 491-0072 | www.ricearchitect.com
Randy Rice

Art Gallery

- **Island Art Association**
18 N. Second St. Fernandina Beach FL 32034
(904) 556-4880 | www.islandart.org
Dawna Moore

Associations

- **Amelia Island Bed & Breakfast Association**
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www.ameliainlandinns.com
Myrta Defendini

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Rick Keffer

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Christal Fish
- **Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach**
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www.fernandinabeachrotaryclub.org
David Page

Clothing Stores

- **Colie's**
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Dance Studio

- **Bean School of Dance & Gymnastics**
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Dentists

- **Amelia Gentle Dentistry**
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- **Dog Leg Productions**
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Engineering

- **Construction Solutions, Inc.**
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(904) 261-8703 | www.constructionsolutions.cc
Jason Hambrecht

Event Rentals

- **Beachview Event Rentals & Design**
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Elizabeth Veal

Festivals / Events

- **Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival**
P.O. Box 15886 Fernandina Beach FL 32035
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Joseph Marasco

Financial Services

- **Edward Jones Investments**
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Pamela S. Brown
- **National Financial Services Group**
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Alan Boyer

Garage Doors

- **Precision Door Service**
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(904) 638-2220 | garagedoorsjacksonvillefl.com
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Glass / Mirror / Windows

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Rachel Kinney

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1426 Lime St. Suite 1 Fernandina Beach FL 32034
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Health & Fitness

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Susan Sperzel-Bowen

Health Planning

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Rebecca Brosemer

Home Watching

- **Home Watch Service Plus**
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Dave Carter

Hospice

- **Community Hospice of Northeast Florida**
4266 Sunbeam Road Jacksonville FL 32257-2425
(904) 268-5200 | <http://communityhospice.com>
John Erstling

Hospitals

- **Baptist Medical Center Nassau**
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- **Trim All Lawn Service, Inc.**
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- **Olympic Steel Trading Company**
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Clayton Treska

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(904) 225-0575 | www.springercontrols.com
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Bill Galloway

Medical Equipment & Supplies

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Jeff Gould

Miniature Golf

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Mary Lou Tompkins

Non Profit Organizations

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Anne Taylor
- **Nassau Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**
516 S. 10th St. Suite 115 Fernandina Beach FL 32034
(636) 346-8757 | nassauhabitatforhumanity.org
Peter Williams
- **United Way of Northeast Florida**
1301 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 400
Jacksonville FL 32207
(904) 390-3239 | www.unitedway.org
Amy Dyar

Personal Membership

- **Felecia Girton**

Physical Therapy

- **Advance Rehabilitation | Amelia Island**
1897 Island Walkway Suite 5
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(904) 261-4664 | <http://advancerehab.com>
Michelle Ayscue

Real Estate

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Mary Pitcher

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Lita S. Fannin
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Theresa Destrada

Connections



Yulee Area Council 7.8.14 -- Alan Vanderheiden, Amelia Urgent Care; Tanya Craven, Florida Blue; Tracy Nazzaro, SBDC



Business After Hours 7.17.14 -- Sponsored by Council on Aging of Nassau County. Annette Calfee-Johnson, Janice Ancrum, Council on Aging



BAH 7.17.14 -- Ann Smith, Angel Watch Home Care; Jeri Kolke, Quality Health of Fernandina Beach



A Taste of Wine by Steve ribbon cutting 7.25.14 -- New location. 4924 First Coast Highway, Amelia Island



BAH 7.17.14 -- Alan Boyer, Aflac; William Kershner, Jacksonville Jaguars



BAH 7.17.14 -- Mickey Ulmer, Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q; Arlyse McDowell



July Membership Luncheon 7.29.14 -- Joan Bean, Bean School of Dance & Gymnastics; Mark Lamping, Jacksonville Jaguars; Janie Thomas, Shrimp Producers Association



July Membership Luncheon 7.29.14 -- Brian Henning, Edward Jones; Craig Daniels, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care



Health Care Council 7.29.14 -- Brenda Kayne, Pod Yoga Studio; Rebecca McKinney, A Hand to Hold Doula Services



July Membership Luncheon 7.29.14 -- Jacqueline King, Timothy Miller, Vanessa Falzoi and Michelle Fly, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care



July Membership Luncheon 7.29.14 -- Dawna Moore and Carol Kish, Island Art Association



Health Care Council 7.29.14 -- Erica Barry, Audrey Rodriguez, ComForcare Home Health Care

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Gianna Suarez

THE PROGRESS REPORT

- **Dayspring Village, Inc.** was named the Legislative Advocate of the Year by the Florida Assisted Living Association.
- **Amy Bohn** joined the team at **Advanced Muscle Therapy & Fitness**. Bohn is a licensed massage therapist whose strength is in clinical massage.
- **Aaron Bell** of Science First was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Northeast Florida Regional Council. In addition, **Northeast Florida Regional Council** has been named the 2014 Designated Official Planning Agency of the Year by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
- The **Eight Flags Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA)** installed its new slate of officers for 2014-15: Julianna Barcus, president, Susan Sturges, vice president; Kimberly Ebmeier, secretary; Helen Dale Deonas, treasurer.
- **Care Centers of Nassau** Residential Director **Stacy Brown-Prelieu** has received a master's degree in healthcare administration.
- **Dr. Sandy L. Robinson** was named the Interim Executive Director of the **FSCJ Nassau Center** and North Campus President-Elect. Robinson previously served as vice president for Cuyahoga Community College.
- **Pamela Brown** of the financial services firm **Edward Jones** in Fernandina Beach recently won the firm's exclusive Spirit of Caring Award designed to recognize those financial advisors who exemplify the values, culture and spirit of giving back.
- Resident Care Director **Lisa Battistelli** was named **Osprey Village's** Director of the Year.
- **Charles Kurak** and **Murphy Beds of Florida** were recently featured in *WoodShop News*, one of the major publications in the industry. Kurak also recently completed two consecutive three-year terms on the Cabinet Makers Association Board of Directors. He was elected vice president for one of those years.
- **Nassau Humane Society** has a new dog park manager, **Lee Parrett**.
- **Steve Rossmeissl**, who just returned from Rishikesh, India, with his Yoga Certification in Hatha Yoga, has joined the **Go Yoga Amelia Island** teaching staff.
- **Gourmet Gourmet** welcomed new executive chef **James Edwards**.
- Celebrating 15 years of AIFBY Chamber membership in September -- **Nassau Habitat for Humanity**, celebrating 10 years -- **Advance Rehabilitation Amelia Island, Constangy, Brooks & Smith LLC** and **Jacksonville Aviation Authority**.

The Progress Report features information from Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce members about new hires, promotions, awards, expansions, new products or services and significant contracts. Submit news at www.islandchamber.com.

September at the Chamber

Wednesday, September 3, 8:30 am • Island Council • The Mustard Seed Café • Free for AIFBY Chamber members; \$25 for non-members • Online registration required

Tuesday, September 9, 8:30 am • Yulee Area Council • Junior's Seafood Restaurant & Grill • Free for AIFBY Chamber members; \$25 for non-members • Online registration required

Wednesday, September 10, 8:30 am • Hospitality Industry Briefing • Barnabas Center • Free for AIFBY Chamber food and hospitality industry members • Registration required

Thursday, September 11, noon • Board of Directors • Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, September 17, 8:30 am • Government Affairs Committee • Chamber of Commerce • Online registration required

Wednesday, September 17, 5 pm • Ribbon Cutting • Let's Roll Entertainment

Thursday, September 18, 5-7 pm • Business After Hours • The Golf Club of Amelia Island • \$5 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members

Friday, September 26, 8:30 am • Build a Better Business • Save Local Now and AIFBY Chamber Cash • Chamber of Commerce • Free for AIFBY Chamber members; \$25 for non-members

Tuesday, September 30, 8:30 am • Health Care Council • Amelia Home Health • Free for AIFBY Chamber members, \$25 for non-members • Online registration required

Tuesday, September 30, 11:30 am-1 pm • September Membership Luncheon • Department of Business and Professional Regulation Commissioner Ken Lawson • Fernandina Beach Golf Club • \$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members • Online registration required

Meetings are open to AIFBY Chamber members. Online registration required for all Chamber events except Business After Hours and ribbon cuttings. Thinking of joining the Chamber? Contact us at (904) 261-3248 to attend one upcoming event as our guest. Events are subject to change. For more information and to register, visit www.islandchamber.com/events.aspx.

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