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THE MAYPORT WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER



New Status, Same Mission

After operating as a quasi-governmental organization for its first 24 years, Mayport Waterfront Partnership (MWP) leaned into its original status as a non-profit 501(c)(3) and began to operate as an entirely independent advocate for Mayport Village in 2022. MWP's rebranding included a new logo, website, and social media presence, as well as updated bylaws; but the mission remains the same.



MWP RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT



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This community newsletter is supported by a \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida to keep residents informed of community improvements and opportunities for positive change. We are deeply grateful! We commit these pages to bringing fresh information on the topics that matter most to historic Mayport Village and its Working Waterfront. We hope this newsletter sparks dialogue. We look forward to hearing from our readers.

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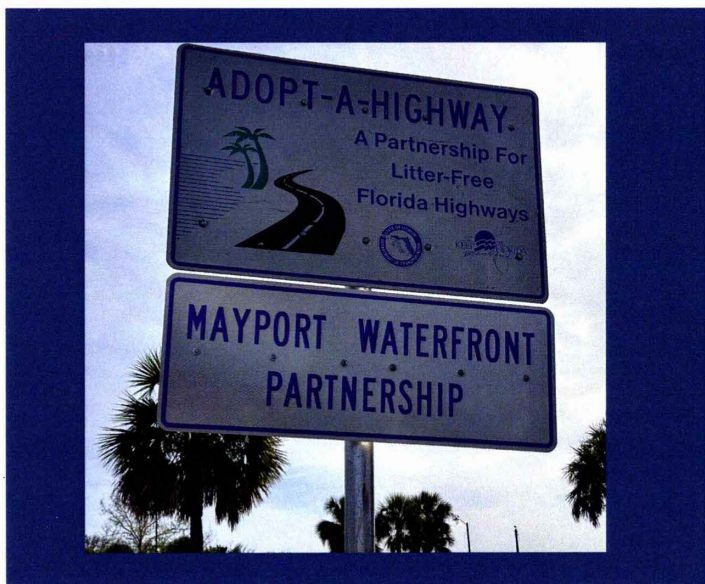
It's been a busy year...



MAYPORT DOCKS PRIOR TO DEMOLITION IN 2008.

GOOD YEARS FOR GRANTS

In 2023 the City of Jacksonville awarded a grant of \$140,00 to MWP, which was invested in the commission of an action plan from The Haskell Company, ten events hosted, including the Grand Opening of the William "Bill" Gulliford, Jr. Community Center, grantwriting, and marketing. So far in 2023, two of the three new grant applications submitted were successful and a fourth is in consideration.



NEW DOCKS UNDERWAY

After 16 years of limited dockage in Mayport Village, the City of Jacksonville (COJ) has committed Capital Improvement Plan funding and Taylor Engineering is currently designing new commercial docks. MWP advocated for the creation of a Collaborative Work Group, which is bringing together the key people in local government, public works, and the engineering team so MWP can provide front-end input from commercial fishing people for optimal design.



ADVOCACY, AS USUAL

MWP stays engaged behind the scenes. Over the past 18 months, MWP held a significant resilience workshop, formed a collaborative work group for affordable workforce housing and another for optimal dock design & construction.

As a result of the Mayport Overlay Zone, MWP is tasked with reviewing all building plans to ensure compatibility with the Mayport Design Guide is maintained. MWP is now the sponsor for Ocean Street in Florida's Adopt-a-Highway program and are considering a similarly active role in maintaining the Helen Cooper Floyd Park.

25 YEARS OF ADVOCACY

In its first ten years, the Partnership had immense goodwill from the Cities of Jacksonville and Atlantic Beach, and with this support, it was immersed in practical matters for the Village: oversaw and funded sewer and water upgrades, fuel tank relocation, & decorative lighting for Ocean Street, advocated for the Mayport Overlay Zone, commissioned the Mayport Design Guide, and initiated the Mayport Road Corridor Study that led to vast improvements.

The next ten years were more difficult, as JaxPort made plans to locate a cruise terminal at Mayport. Soon after, half the docks along the Working Waterfront were destroyed, COJ retracted the planner that had worked with MWP, and any progress was hard won. But MWP persisted in looking for solutions.

Finally, the tide has turned and we are confident Mayport Village's best days are ahead!



MWP'S COLLEAGUE UPDATES

Mayport Waterfront Partnership reserves a few seats on its Board of Directors for organizations whose missions complement our own. Here are some highlights of their victories:



Jacksonville University's Marine Science & Research Institute/Ocearch are building their world headquarters at Mayport Village. The State of Florida has already provided \$10 million for this endeavor. In November, they launched from their new dock for the first time.

Florida Youth Maritime Training, led by CEO Capt. Bob Russo, has had amazing success in the past few years. In addition to graduating students who immediately enter the maritime job market in excellent positions, FYMT has gained Delores Barr Weaver as an ally as it moves forward with new programs to provide training for people exiting prison and another for empowering foster youth who are aging out of the State's care. MWP has partnered with FYMT to lease property on Ocean Street known as the "Mudhole", to use for training purposes.





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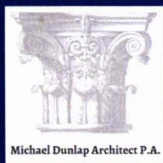


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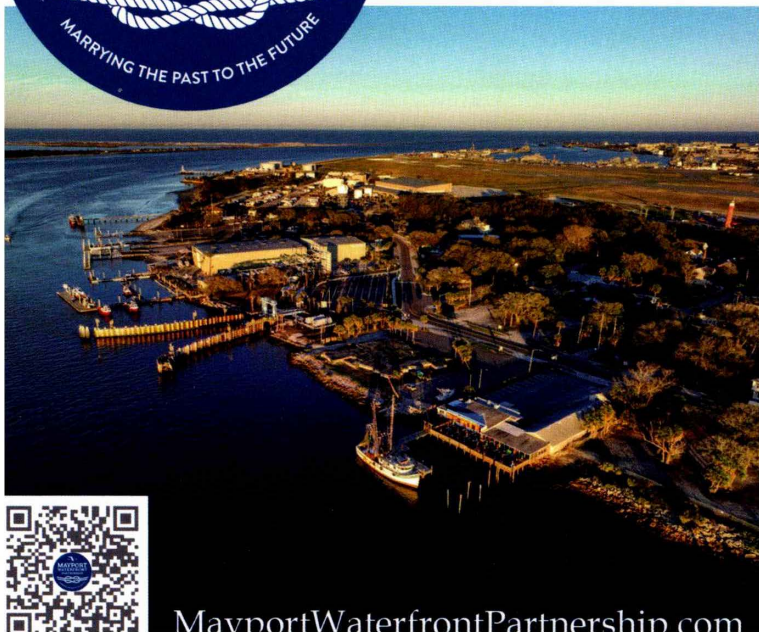


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Mayport Village: Rich History, Fresh Ideas



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**For the past Quarter Century,
*Our Goals haven't changed:***



Preserve the Working Waterfront

Revitalize Commercial Fishing

***Preserve the History &
Cultural Heritage of Mayport Village***

Support Marine Education & Research

Develop & Promote Eco-Tourism Opportunities

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