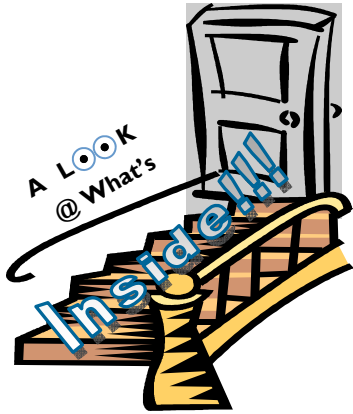




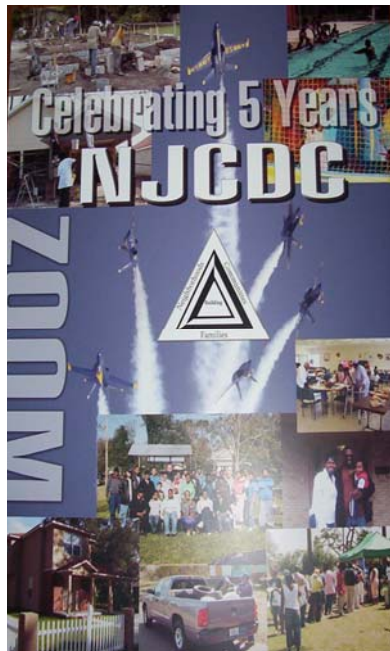
At Home in the Community!!!

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guests included Father Peter Church, Director of First Coast Christian Outreach, as well as Sheriff John Rutherford of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. There were several persons who were honored for their commitment and contribution to NJCDC efforts. Door prizes were also given away, and the musical selection was provided by the Anointed Vessels. Paul Tutwiler, Executive Director of NJCDC was the keynote speaker. In his speech, (which was highly received by the crowd) Tutwiler mentioned that "we're the other guys";

addressing all the community's issues. Through our efforts we're making an attempt to provide the communities in which we build, a home. The keynote speech ended with the statement that, "the CDC industry is of the people, for the people, and by the people." There was an abundance of sponsors who contributed towards the cause, in making their support of NJCDC efforts known. As many of you know NJCDC does more than just build houses. As we continue to *Zoom* into the future a big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this possible.

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At first glance, you might assume from the title that NJCDC is advertising for some fast car but the truth is quite the contrary. On July 8, 2006 NJCDC held its First Annual Banquet at Phillipian Community Church. This event also followed the marking of NJCDC's 5 year anniversary. Five years of commitment, leadership, and service. There were over 150 participants who came out to help NJCDC staff, board members, and sponsors celebrate. Special



Photo by Holmes Photography of St. Mary's, Georgia
 NJCDC Staff (L-R): J.R. Davenport, Marcus Smith, Dara Davis, Paul Tutwiler, Patricia Webb, and Bailey Damico (Summer Intern)

Welcome to the Urban Core Country Club

"Sit on down, Sit on down." Get ready as we give you a look into one of the most thought provoking places on earth: The Urban Core Country Club!!! Right this way, watch your step...that board's loose.

By Paul Tutwiler:



For a number of years I have attended faithfully a place that all community news passes through. "O.J. did or didn't do it" was hashed out. "Michael Jackson is innocent until proven guilty" was thoroughly debated. Forget the jury verdict, we have our own opinions. Sometimes the community verdict is based on sound reasoning. Other times its not, rather its based on pure emotion. All the good, the bad, and the ugly are discussed there. The Club is not exclusive to men only. Women frequent the place, but it's predominantly inhabited by men patrons. Of course I am referring to the Barber Shop.

The Esquire Barber Shop on North Myrtle Avenue is one of the daily gathering places where opposites attract in the community. Sinners and saints, cops and robbers, old and young, educated and uneducated...all grace the seats at one time or another during the week. If not for the talent expressed in the grooming, the conversation alone is worth the visit. Hot debate about current events (and sometimes not so current)



rite being expressed. I too went through the ritual with my children. The first cut and coaching is often part of the passage. The glory days of yesteryear are relived. Sports moments and sports figures spring alive again and again. Laughter rules the day. Momentary somber moments are often replaced by hours of roaring, side splitting humor. Fool heartiness is acceptable until the conversation grows too loud. The judges call the room to order when necessary and we fall back into place. Kind advice from exceptional fellows like Don, Jerome, James, Mark, and Prissella fill the walls. Barbering school must have a psychology and sociology component.

When we on the occasion lose a barber to death, the entire community feels it.

When Bob died just a few years back, even those patrons who were not



missed him. He was an excellent long-time barber with an exceptional personality. His years of advice were always good. "As show as I'm ugly," (Bob's token phrase) has been used by most of the shop's patrons. It is more than fitting that his son should be the replacement barber to further honor his dad. We've embraced Ray as one of the Club's members. Now he offers good advice too. Maybe it's the shop that fosters wisdom.

Earlier this year, Ms. Ernestine Statan retired from the Club. Her counsel will be surely missed. Before Prissella, she was the lone woman barber; "Ms. Steen" often held her turf well and reminded the guys that there is often more than one point of view. She is not a very tall person but her opinions often tower over us. She could sway our opinions like no one else. She could always take and give jokes with class. May God continue to bless her in her retirement.

The changing faces of the Country Club and the community in general over the last century speak to the resiliency of the people that inhabit it. It is true that life goes on and the wheels keep on turning, but what a ride! Tomorrow's promise is based on today's foundations. There are a lot of fund memories that are being created every day. Enjoy your neighbors and your neighborhood.

Learning, a Life Long Process...

It's absolutely possible that everyone has heard the phrase coined for lifelong learning. "You're never too...experienced to learn new...things." Well, it didn't go exactly like that, but in any case, lifelong learning is the key to success for any walk of life. In J.R. Davenport's case this continuation of learning was not only for the betterment of her community involvement, but also to serve as an example to others who would be inspired by her actions. She attended a twelve week course that's entitled the Citizen's Police Academy. This is offered through the City of Jacksonville, in a combined effort

with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to increase the awareness and function ability of community policing. "I enjoyed the ride along with police officers, but also learned some key facts that people don't know." For example, 911 is for emergencies only, four years of college or military training is required to become an officer, and they must also pass a physical. Also, the class met with anywhere from bomb squad officers, to patrolman. "It's a valuable experience, and an interesting class."



Sheriff John Rutherford and J.R. Davenport, NJCDC Business Community Liaison

Always Glad to Call You, a Volunteer

By Marcus Smith Residential Community Liaison, on behalf of "The 29th and Chase" and NJCDC Family

"So many possible avenues to travel, perhaps this street will work."



A Tribute to Benjamin E. Pinkney

Ben Pinkney was a faithful member of the 29th and Chase neighborhood Association, I can remember the one time when he didn't come; he was volunteering at a detention center. He's constantly coming up with suggestions so that 29th and Chase

could continue in the revitalization process.

"As I sit at my desk, I find it hard to imagine words that could possibly define the kind of person that Mr. Pinkney is."

There's a quote from Ghandi, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mr. Pinkney was a prime example of this. If there was a neighborhood cleanup he was there, no questions asked. When dealing with people, especially as communities sometimes you only have a dedicated few; however, in the 29th and Chase Neighborhood Association we have many, and he was one of them. Mr. Pinkney is also a family man, sometimes having Aaron (son) help pass out fliers for the neighborhood meetings, another great way to

spend quality time together. If I were picking a "steering" committee if you will of some sort, he would be a top pick. I myself am a volunteer, and it's inspiring to know someone like him. Although sometimes quiet, and reserved he always had an idea of value. A person that you can count on, is what you'd see in this man. I was fortunate enough to attend the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission Study Circle Group with him, as well as The CommUnivercity Training for Neighborhood Leaders. Although in separate groups for the study circle, we were together in the leaders training. Here again he was a proven asset. A great person he was, and shall always be remembered as. Benjamin E. Pinkney you will truly be missed, and we wish the best for your families, friends, and lives you've touched.

This newsletter....this one's for you!!!

NJCDC Hosts Open House

On July 27th, Northwest Jacksonville hosted its Golfair Estates Open House. As you might expect it was another HOT summer day, but that didn't keep people from coming out, and seeing how 'COOL' of a product NJCDC has to offer. The open house was held from 3-6pm. There were seventy plus people who came out to view the houses, and some folks were so impressed that they left,

and returned with even more people. NJCDC Board Members Ms. Williams (Chair), and Ms. Eaves (Vice Chair) also helped out at the open house. The houses that were showcased included the La Maison and the Hampton. Door prizes were given out to potential homebuyers. Vendors also came out to help support the event by providing services. Sonya Fleshman from Consumer Credit Services, as well as Carolyn Anderson from

the City of Jacksonville's Housing and Neighborhood Department were on hand. Jennie Blue a Compass Bank representative was also on hand. We'd like to also thank Compass Bank, who was the event sponsor.

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Guess Who's Back... Again!!!



Of course as most could tell back in June, it was going to be another HOT summer!!! Along with summertime

comes the opportunity for valuable skills to be passed down, to those who are eager to learn. In

Bailey Damico's case this is her second year, interning with NJCDC . Bailey, who is in the eleventh grade at First Coast High School, enjoys interning with Northwest Jacksonville CDC so much, she has decided to possibly become an AmeriCorps member in the future. She looks forward to coming back next summer as well, and realizes that working at NJCDC will look very well on a resume. When asked what her

most memorable moment was from this year's experience she simply stated with a smile, "Fruit-flies don't bother me!!!" She has been very instrumental in streamlining the Homebuyer Pipeline, as well as providing support in different events such as the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, as well as last month's open house. Throughout the seasons she will truly be missed...See you next time!!!

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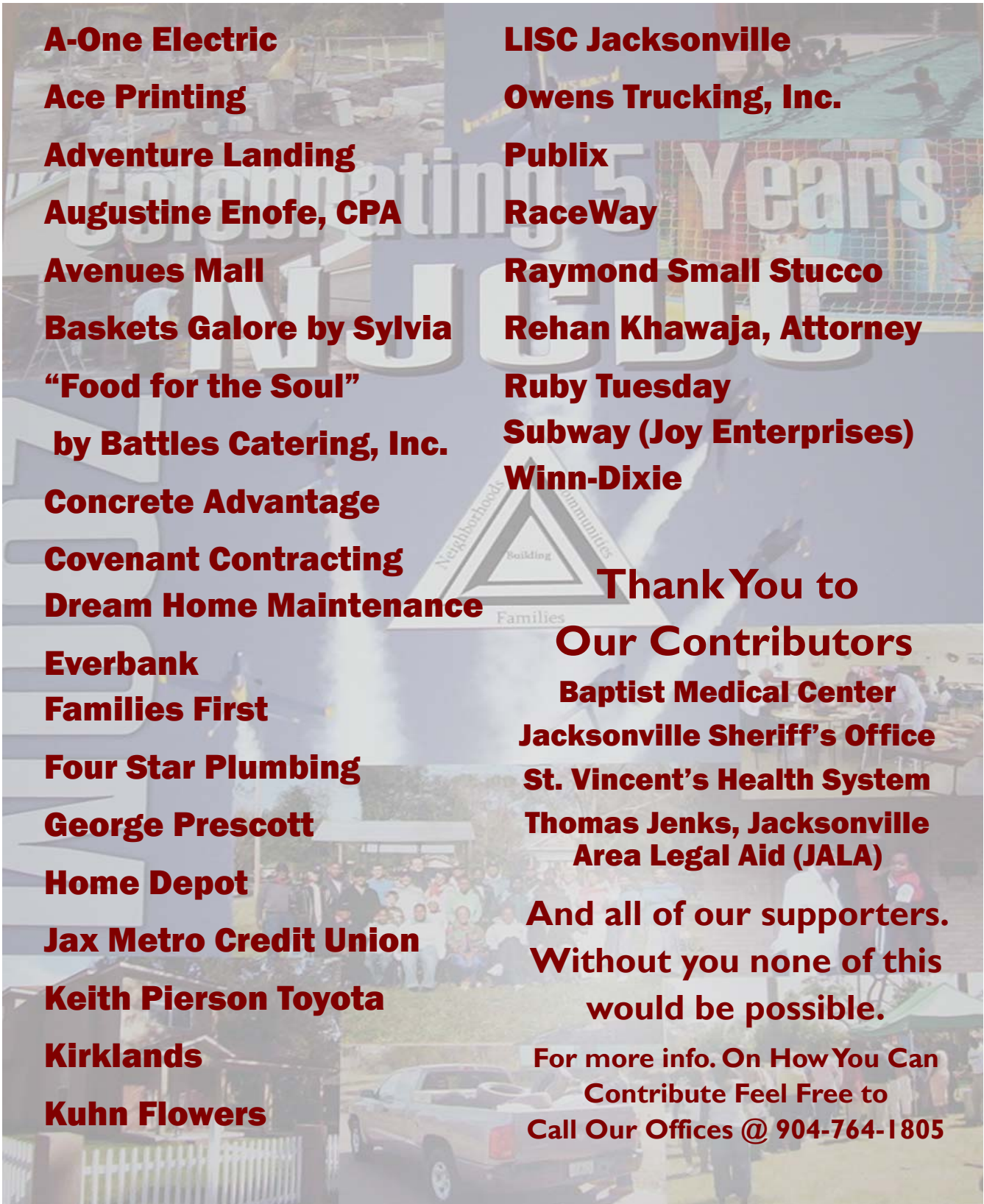
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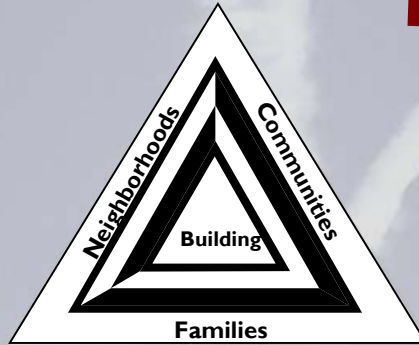


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Master Mind

Vision is the art of seeing the invisible.
-Jonathan Swift

The household wrench was created by the first African-American heavyweight boxing champion, Jack Johnson in 1922.



"Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most." -Mark Twain

Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph,
is like paying an additional
\$.10 a gallon for gas!!!

WE could **LEARN** a lot from **crayons**:
some are **SHARP**, some are **pretty**,

some are **DULL**, some have **weird** names,
and all are **different** colors...but they all **exist**
very nicely in the **same box**."