



President's Message

Dear NFRW Members:

We had a great meeting in February with John Drew, Nassau County Tax Collector as our speaker. He discussed the changes and improvements in the department since he took office. He also discussed a new payment option that is available for property taxes. Very interesting and a great way to improve the cash flow for the county. Check it out at www.Nassautaxes.com.

I am so excited about our Lincoln Day Dinner which is scheduled for Friday, March 13. Laurie Firestone, former White House Social Secretary will be our speaker. She has recently written a book entitled "An Affair to Remember". She will be doing a book signing earlier in the day at BooksPlus. Her web site at www.lauriefirestone.com has some great information that you might enjoy.

Parking and dates are still an issue - March 20, April 17, and May 15. Our next three meetings are all on the third Friday instead of the second. Keeps us on our toes!!

I hope to see you all at the March 13 Lincoln Day dinner and then at our luncheon on March 20.

Warmest regards,

Cherie Billings

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March 2009

LUNCHEON

March 20, 2009

11:30 Social

12:00 Meeting

12:45 Lunch

Guest Speaker:

Larry Myers

Please mail correspondence to:

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LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

Please contact Liz Seagraves by Tuesday, March 17, with a reservation. We must commit to the Golf Club of Amelia Island for food and set-up. Please make your reservation when you receive this newsletter by calling 904-225-2933, or e-mail lizzymae262@gmail.com. Lunch is \$15.00.

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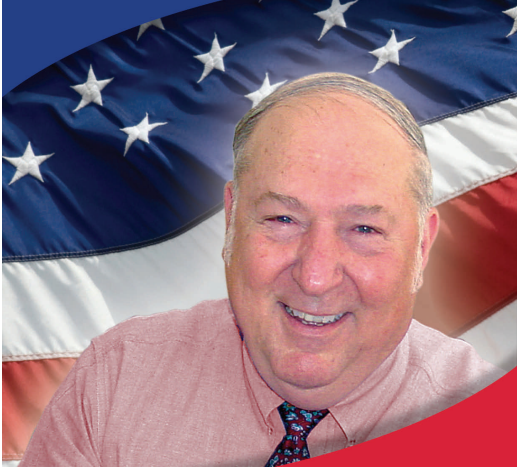
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Get to know the March Guest Speaker:

Larry D. Myers

Candidate for Fernandina Beach City Commission, Group 4



Larry D. Myers has qualified by petition as a candidate for the Fernandina Beach City Commission, Group 4.

Myers has city, county, state and federal government as well as private sector experience. He was the City Manager of Orange Park and Fernandina Beach, the County Manager of Ware County, Ga., the interim Nassau County Administrator, the Osceola County Clerk of the Works, the Legislative Assistant to State Representative Aaron Bean, served in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps/SeaBees and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Larry and his wife Ann purchased a house in the Historic District, renovated and opened a bed and breakfast. Earlier Myers was the Manager of Construction Nationwide for Ryder/PIE and was the Project Manager for the Base Operating and Support Services contract at NAS Cecil Field.

Graduating from Manatee County High School, Myers went to the University of Florida where he received a Bachelor of Building Construction and upon graduation entered the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. While in the Navy, he earned a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management and a Master of Science in Financial Management. He became a Registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts and Mississippi and a Certified Building Official in Florida.

Myers is a graduate of Leadership Nassau and presently serves on the Leadership Steering Committee and is a Team Leader for Economic/Tourism Day and Government Day. He attended several of the meetings and public hearings on the Vision 2032 process. Myers was a member of the most recent City Auditor Selection Committee, conducted in accordance with Florida Statutes and good audit practices.

The Myers's have lived in Fernandina Beach for 19 years. Ann, was a volunteer at the Barnabas Center and he served on their Board of Directors for 6 years. He participated in the inaugural committee which organized and held the first Barnabas Center "House of Possibilities" fundraiser by renovating and decorating the Pippi Longstocking House in Old Town. This was to be the largest fundraiser for Barnabas and a precedent for years to come.

He is a former President of the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club and the Terpsichorean Club. He has served on the Board of Directors of VyStar Credit Union for 28 years, including 2 years as Chairman and 3 years as Vice-Chairman of the Board. VyStar, with assets of \$3.7 Billion, is owned by its 348,000 members.

The nation, state, county and city are reeling under financial recession and its effects upon citizens, their jobs and their government. The major issues are the economy, preservation of the environment and the quality of life on this beautiful barrier island and coastal city. Myers is well qualified to deal with the myriad issues facing Fernandina Beach.

Myers sees specific FB challenges as municipal taxes, fees and expenses, the Amelia River waterfront, the Egan's Creek Greenway, preserving the Peck Center as a community resource and maintaining the Historic District.

Larry Myers wants what is best for our beautiful historic city by the sea.