

AIA Volunteer News Briefs

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Going the Extra Mile(s)-Frank Carelli

You have heard of going the extra mile, Frank Carelli likes to go an extra two!! Frank will participate in the Adopt a Highway program in Hammock whenever he can.

He knows that there is a segment that has not been adopted. So, once everyone has gone home, Frank walks the next two miles and does another clean up, before he is done. For his effort, Frank has been chosen as Volunteer for the

month. Frank joined the Hammock Community Association in 1998 (now HCCC). Then he took interest in the Adopt a Highway program, now he helps set up for every HCCC meeting. He is part of the steering committee. In addition he serves as a Civic Deputy for the Board of Elections.

Frank first met the Friends of AIA in 2004 when he noticed some inconsis-

tencies in signs and golf carts. He also had concerns with the uncut underbrush (still uncut today as a part of a PRIDE goal).

Frank served as guardian to our country as a Border Patrol Agent, Customs Inspector and Special Agent to the Fraud group. We are so happy he and his wife, Maty, chose to retire to our area and become a guardian to our Scenic Byway.



Frank Carelli
Photo by Susie Kontul

Upcoming Events

- 10/17, Special Event, Flagler Volunteer Services at the Palm Coast HS old gym
- 10/19, Clean Flagler Beach
- 10/21-24, Florida State HOG Rally, St. Augustine Beach
- 10/24, Beverly Beach Clean Up
- 11/2, Flagler County Commission vote on sign ordinance
- 11/19, River to Sea Preserve Ribbon Cutting, 9:30 a.m.



"Invasive Busters"

Thanks to Ame Meide, Forrest Penny, Tony Cubbedge, Scott Eastman, Dave Hashbarger, Andrew Slack, Parker Titus, Andy Rappe and Daniel Godwin
Photo by Susie Kontul

Our beautiful Windswept Acres was saved from an attack of the dreaded Chinese tallow by the "Invasive Busters" on September 30th. This is a group of volunteers for the First Coast Invasive Working Group.

So far four sites in St. John's County have been treated

in a joint effort between St. John's County Environmental, Park and Recreation, and Road and Bridge Divisions along with the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Nation Estuary Research Reserve, Florida Wildlife Commission, The Nature Conservancy and participants from South Anastasia Community Associa-

tion and **Friends of AIA.**

Monitoring will continue at all sites along with replanting native species in the areas where the invasive plants were removed. Visit the University of Florida IFAS website to learn more about Chinese tallow, Brazilian pepper and other invasive plants.

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