



Dr. Melanie Javier

Clay Eye doctor now serving patients in Riverside

In June 2017, Dr. Melanie Javier celebrated her 21st year with Clay Eye, which operates out of St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside. In addition to her schedule in Orange Park and Fleming Island, Javier began working at the Riverside location in September and is accepting new patients.

"This year, Clay Eye celebrates 40 years of serving patients. Over those 40 years, we have significantly grown, and expanded our services to four North Florida communities: Orange Park, Fleming Island, Mandarin and Riverside," said Javier. "I'm excited to extend my patient base to the Riverside area and look forward to meeting and caring for new patients."

Local shop soothes the senses, sets the mood

Local couple Andrew Clark and Brittany Gontner have joined forces and combined their creative talents to open a shop dedicated to local, handmade creations. The duo produces their own lines of all natural, handcrafted soaps and candles in their shop in Murray Hill. They create each small batch with unique and subtle scents of the seasons by using locally sourced, organic ingredients.

Clark is excited to base the business in Murray Hill, as he believes the neighborhood

has strong community ties and a great sense of place. The couple has been active and engaged in the area and looks forward to cultivating more relationships as they grow.

Located at 1176 Edgewood Avenue South in Suite 5, the shop is found directly behind Moon River Pizza, neighboring Heads Up Salon and Town Beer Co. They can be found online at ElementEarthWorks.com, or reached by phone at (904) 635-4172.

Brittany Gontner and Andrew Clark



Ortega attorney leads pack locally, in Top 10 nationally for Real Men Wear Pink

Four of the 36 Jacksonville area men involved in raising funds for the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign are in the Top 100 nationally from 2,477 candidates.

Attorney John Phillips, of Ortega, ranks No. 8 with \$15,071 as of the end of September. In the No. 23 position is Franklin Danley with \$10,100, David Hodges' \$3,850 puts him in the No. 83 position and Bill Grant is No. 94 with \$3,650 in donations.

Each Real Men Wear Pink candidate was given a \$2,500 fundraising challenge and will help raise awareness of breast cancer by wearing pink throughout the campaign.

The campaign began July 21 and runs through Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. The man who raises the most funds will be recognized at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m.

Haile appointed to new juvenile justice committee

Cathedral Arts Project Chief Development Officer Marcus Haile has been appointed to serve on the newly-formed Juvenile Justice Advisory Executive Committee. He will join the 22 other members in conducting a comprehensive review of current juvenile diversion programs, identifying effective programming, and providing recommendations for best practices.

The committee, created by State Attorney Melissa Nelson, is tasked with the development of programming to reduce recidivism rates and crime among juveniles.



Marcus Haile



"I was honored to be asked to serve in this capacity by the State Attorney," said Haile. "A large amount of my career has been with causes focused on intervention, prevention and diversion efforts for youth. My goal is to ensure Jacksonville's youth and their

parents and guardians have constructive opportunities and helpful resources. I am also looking forward to sharing how the arts and creativity can play a significant role in youth development."

Haile, an Avondale resident, has a long history of involvement in nonprofits which focus on youth, including arts education director for the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, senior campaign and leadership giving manager for United Way of Northeast Florida, communications director for Communities in Schools, and development director for PACE Center for Girls prior to joining CAP in 2013. He holds both graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of North Florida.

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