

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks



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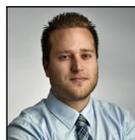
Jacksonville Elections and What's Next: A.G. Gancarski and Nate Monroe April 12, 2019

Once every four years Jacksonville voters select most of the legislative and executive officers through a unitary election. Here the primaries and general elections are replaced by a unitary election in which all candidates—regardless of party—participate. If no candidate wins a majority in this first election, a second round is held between the two leading candidates for each office eight weeks later. To help us understand the intricacies of this process and what it means for our future the **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** program scheduled between the first and second round of the city-wide elections turns to two leading media analysts: **A. G. Gancarski** and **Nate Monroe**. This duo is not only known for their deep insight into politics but their colorful and engaging writing style, a sharp contrast to an election that so far has been uninspiring and unusually nasty. Their pithy self-descriptions follow:



A.G. Gancarski has been a working journalist for over two decades, with bylines in national and local publications alike on subjects ranging from pop music to national and global politics.

Gancarski has been a correspondent for <http://floridapolitics.com/> since 2014, and has held a column in Jacksonville, Florida's Folio Weekly for two decades. In 2018, he was a finalist for an Association of Alternative Newsweeklies "best political column."



Nate Monroe has covered City Hall at the Florida Times-Union since 2013, following reporting stints at the Pensacola News Journal in the Panhandle and the Daily Comet in Thibodaux, La., where he covered public corruption, hurricanes, Army Corps screw ups, crime, bingo nights at the senior-citizens center and just about anything else that happens in small-town America. He graduated from Louisiana State University and grew up just outside New Orleans.

You will certainly find this presentation informative and entertaining as we discuss the recent campaign highlights and lowlights. How does this tie-in with what is happening across the state and the nation? How do social media affect the elections? Are campaigns really getting more inane and rancorous or is this just a continuation of past trends? Has there been a Trump Effect on politics in America? What have been the major political trends? No question is off limits for our dynamic duo.

Normally we hold our meetings on the third Friday of the month but with that falling on Good Friday this year we moved it up one week. We hope you will join our democratic dialogue at the River Club on **April 12th**.

For an up-to-date list of **all 2019 Jacksonville election candidates:**
(including campaign contributions but not candidate PACs)

https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/candidate_pr.php?c=Duval

Due to our normal meeting day is on Good Friday, the meeting will be held on Friday April 12th

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Henry Cordes, Secretary
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FIRST COAST TIGER BAY CLUB meets for lunch every month, except June, July and December, on the 3rd Friday at 11:30 at The River Club, 1 Independent Drive, 35th Floor. Cost for the event, which includes the wonderful buffet and parking, is \$28. 00
Reservations are required: Call (904) 571-5337 or E-Mail: fcctigerbay@gmail.com

March 2019 STRAW POLL Results

(n=27)

1 - If the Landing is demolished, what do you think would be the best plan for that area?

26% - A park

33% - An aquarium

7% - Restaurants

11% - Residential

4% - Retail

19% - Do not demolish the Landing, just fix it

2 - Where do you think the jail should go?

52% - Near the courthouse

30% - On the outskirts of town

18% - Leave it where it is

3 - Do you think more new buildings in the downtown area would be a good thing?

81% - Yes

19% - No

4 - Do you think that demolishing part of the Hart Bridge's elevated ramps between the bridge and downtown will benefit the city?

12% - Yes

4% - Yes, but other uses of that money are more important

84% - No

2019 Meeting Changes for The First Coast Tiger Bay Club

This year the number of meetings per year will change from eleven to nine. The months we will not meet will be **June, July** and **December**. This change is being made to accommodate the vacation and holiday plans of the members. All other meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Dues will be reduced to **\$75.00** for the year. Due to an increase in the cost of the meal, lunch will be **\$28.00**.

The First Coast Tiger Bay Club is a multi-partisan political forum that promotes free and open debate but does not support any candidates or issues.

Dr. Stephen Baker, Newsletter Editor

Henry Cordes, Publisher

**Reservations are REQUIRED. Please RSVP by
Tuesday April 9, 2019
E-mail: fctigerbay@gmail.com or 904-404-5471**

The First Coast Tiger Bay Club is a multi-partisan political and civic forum designed to explore crucial issues of the day by interacting with outstanding speakers in an open format. The club is non-partisan, never supports particular candidates, nor take sides on issues.