

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks



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Sheriff Mike Williams at Tiger Bay Club August 16, 2019



Our first program following the summer hiatus features newly re-elected **Sheriff Mike Williams**. In terms of visibility, the sheriff is second only to the mayor in Jacksonville politics. The **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** meeting on **August 16th** focuses on the successes and setbacks during his first term as well as his plans for the second one.

Following John Rutherford, Mike Williams won his first race for sheriff in a close contest in 2015. In his re-election this year he easily defeated Tony Cummings with 62% of the vote and outspent him \$240,000 to \$97,000 (excluding outside expenditures).

Sheriffs in large urban areas face a plethora of challenges and Jacksonville is no exception. As of late July there were 79 murders in Jacksonville this year and 106 in 2018. Overall, violent crime in the past year is down 4% and property crime down 7%. For a detailed crime map of the city see: <http://www.jaxsheriff.org/Your-Resources/crime-mapping.aspx>

Other areas of concern especially involve police/community relations and many of these have racial overtones.

In his first term Sheriff Williams' initiatives in-

involved a pilot program for police Body Worn Cameras as well as promoting transparency with detailed data in highly controversial areas like officer-involved shootings, homicides and access to an extensive array of other data. See: <http://transparency.jaxsheriff.org/>.

Mike served in the Air National Guard before beginning his career in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1991 and worked at every level of the agency. He expects to leverage newer technology like gunfire detection systems to solve crime and promotes diversionary programs with particular emphasis on increasing mental health and special needs awareness among officers and the public.

We invite you to join our dialogue on **August 16th** with the Sheriff as he shares his ideas about policing in Jacksonville. What are his plans to promote racial harmony? What types of officer training are involved? What are his major outreach programs? What does he see as the greatest challenges facing law enforcement locally? And you are also invited to explore the two internet links listed above. The first gives you tools to view a detailed crime map of Jacksonville with all sorts of ways to see what is going on in your neighborhood. The second is the Open Data & Transparency link with detailed information about citizen interactions with the police. These links provide ample data for a robust dialogue with the Sheriff. We hope to see you on August 16th.

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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) 404-5471 or E-Mail: fcTigerbay@gmail.com

May 2019 Straw Poll Results

(n=29)

1 - Do you think that it is a good idea to have a separate ballot in November to place a ½% sales tax to support building and renovating Duval County schools?

72% - Yes

14% - No

14% - Not sure

2 - Do you support levying Impact Fees in Duval County to help funding new Schools?

86% - Yes

14% - No

0% - Not sure

3 - What is your opinion of how good the Duval County Public Schools are?

3% - Excellent

69% - Medium

14% - Not good

14% - Not Sure

4 - Are advanced placement courses something you feel is beneficial to the students?

76% - Very beneficial

24% - Somewhat beneficial

0% - Not sure

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

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**Reservations are REQUIRED. Please RSVP by
Tuesday August 13, 2019
E-mail: fctigerbay@gmail.com or 904-404-5471**

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