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## Advocacy Tip Of The Week



**Do you know your elected officials?** In order to be an effective advocate, it is important to get to know your elected officials and where they stand on issues related to nutrition and physical activity. Through understanding how their personal experiences relate to their work, we can better communicate with our leaders. Visit [COJ.net](#) and click on precinct finder to learn more about your elected officials.

## Upcoming Events

### Duval County Food Policy Council Meeting

Thursday, February 28

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Duval County Health Department  
First Floor Auditorium  
900 University Boulevard North  
Jacksonville, FL 32211

### Community Garden Build

Saturday, March 2

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1232 Pierce Street

## >WHAT IS HAPPENING?

### Jacksonville City Council to Consider Eliminating the Mobility Fee for Three Years

Earlier this week, the Jacksonville City Council discussed a proposed ordinance to expand the mobility fee moratorium for three more years. The mobility fee as outlined in the JAX 2030 Mobility plan is designed to fund projects that will improve the city's transportation infrastructure, encourage business development and promote health and wellness. Read more about the JAX 2030 Mobility Plan, the mobility fee moratorium and how you can voice your opinion at [HJCOPC.org](#).

### Help Second Harvest North Florida Grow its Garden Program

On Saturday, March 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., join the Second Harvest North Florida Community Garden Initiative for the launch of its new garden on Pierce Street. Volunteers are needed to build beds, install in-ground garden roads and build a shed. Register today at [Second Harvest North Florida](#).

## >WHAT IS AHEAD?

### The Community First Hale & Hearty 7K Travels to Fernandina Beach

Join the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Saturday, March 16, at the inaugural Hale & Hearty 7K in Fernandina Beach. The race celebrates the Fernandina Beach area as a healthy community committed to happy and healthy places. Fernandina Beach leaders and residents developed a vision years ago to connect the

Jacksonville, FL 32209

[Register today to volunteer.](#)

**Healthy Jacksonville  
Childhood Obesity  
Prevention Coalition  
Monthly Meeting**

Friday, March 8

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Nemours Children's Clinic

10th Floor Auditorium

807 Children's Way

Jacksonville, FL 32207

**Small-Scale Poultry  
Production**

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Duval County Extension Office

1010 North McDuff Road

Jacksonville, FL 32254

**Community First  
Hale & Hearty 7K**

Saturday, March 16

7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Central Park

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

relationship between economic, social and political factors with a health and mental well-being status.

Fernandina Beach joins the Riverside community as the second race site for the series. [Register](#) today for the race.

## >DID YOU KNOW?

### Be a Play Maker for Kids

Put Jacksonville's parks and playgrounds on the map and help increase access to safe places for kids to play. KaBOOM! offers resources to help cities map their play spaces and help visitors quickly identify playgrounds in the community. You can be a play maker for kids by helping them conduct an audit on the quality, location and accessibility of playgrounds in the community. An audit is an important tool that is used to help fix, repair or expand playgrounds in the community. Download the [toolkit](#).

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