



**RAP**  
RIVERSIDE  
AVONDALE  
PRESERVATION

# 2019 Highlights

Our Riverside Avondale Preservation board members, volunteers and staff work throughout the year to preserve our neighborhood's historic character and promote programs and services that will improve our quality of life. Through your memberships and contributions, RAP is able to organize and support our neighbors' work. Here are just a few of the results of their efforts.

## RAP & COJ BRING TREES TO DISTRICT

"I can't say enough about this program - not only did they plant [the trees], but they're watering them... they're so tall and mature. I'm really grateful."

*- Maria Guenther, RAP ReLEAF recipient of two Drake Elm trees*



## RAP SUPPORTS FARMERS AND MAKERS

Produced by Riverside Avondale Preservation, the Riverside Arts Market is a weekly event hosted on Saturdays from 10 am – 3 pm, rain or shine. RAM features a variety of small businesses from farmers to artists to makers and bakers. Located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, it's a family-friendly event that attracts 4,000+ visitors every Saturday. The riverfront amphitheater seats 350 people and features hours of live music. In 2019 RAM served as a vehicle for 300+ small businesses to showcase their product, voice their mission and engage with their community.

RAM is one of several Florida markets that participates in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP recipients have an opportunity to purchase local produce and double their dollars through our partnership with Florida Organic Growers' incentive programs.

Every first Saturday of the month, enjoy a brew while sitting along the St. Johns River or while exploring the market. RAM also features Morning Yoga at 9 a.m. on the river stage from March until it becomes too chilly for us Floridians, normally in October.

## RAP FACILITATES A BETTER VIEW

Andrew Cordon and Pamela St. John Lynde love their home on Lydia Street. Their two-story home is tucked behind the CenterState Bank and across from lush greenery hiding Parkside Surgery Center on Park Street. When Parkside applied for a permit to expand its facility, Andrew, Pamela and a few of their neighbors became concerned about how the addition would affect their view. Plans called for a large tree to be eliminated and a parking area, now obscured with foliage, would be expanded. RAP worked with the facility's representative and the neighbors to arrive at the best resolution for both parties using concepts developed by RAP board member Rick Pariani.

## RAP SHOWCASES LOCAL HOMES

"You don't have to live in a big house for it to feel big. People walk into my house regularly and think it's 1,000 sq feet instead of 477... You can take advantage of a small space and make it feel a lot bigger."

- Beth McGovern, owner of a Tiny House, one of the most unique homes on the 45th Annual Home Tour



## RAP PROMOTES 5 POINTS COLLABORATION

Riverside Avondale Preservation listens closely to its merchants, residents, arts, and spiritual communities to find ways to work together to achieve common goals. On a listening tour this year it became apparent that many of these entities had a common vision but were not talking to each other. The merchants of 5 Points wanted to improve the streetscape to attract more customers. A group of citizens, and leaders of Riverside Presbyterian Church and Riverside Park Methodist Church wanted to beautify Riverside Park. The Memorial Park Association, The Cummer Museum and Gardens, The Jacksonville Garden Club wanted to connect its visitors to the 5 Points merchants. RAP facilitated several meetings of the local entities. Late this year they voted to work together on four key areas: 1) Develop an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the 5 Points merchants to improve the streetscape; 2) Develop a Riverside Park master plan; 3) Create a brand and wayfinding signage for the area; and, 4) Create a plan to help incorporate a new boat dock on Post Street to the rest of the 5 Points area with the goal of improving the experience of visiting 5 Points.

## COMING SOON

Mark your calendars for these special dates in 2020:

- February 20, 2020 - RAP Annual Meeting
- April 25-26, 2020 - 46th Annual Tour of Homes
- October 2020 - 100th/150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

