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CITY LEADERS TO "WELCOME BACK FERRY" ON SUNDAY
Free Ferry Rides for Cars and Pedestrians All Day to Celebrate the Ferry's Return

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 10, 2013 – After undergoing Coast Guard-mandated routine maintenance and inspection since December, the St. Johns River Ferry will officially resume regular operating hours on Sunday, Jan. 12. Passage on the ferry all day Sunday will be FREE of charge. A formal welcoming ceremony will kick-off the all-day "Welcome Back Ferry" event.

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 12
               12 p.m.

WHERE: Mayport Ferry
               4780 Ocean St., Atlantic Beach -- 32233

WHO: Mayor Alvin Brown
               Council President Bill Gulliford
               Council Member John Crescimbeni, St. Johns Ferry Commission Chair
               Atlantic Beach Mayor Carolyn Woods
               Neptune Beach Mayor Harriet Pruette
               St. Johns Ferry Commission Members
               Friends of the St. Johns River Ferry

WHAT: The official "Welcome Back Ferry" opening ceremony will kick-off a day of celebration featuring music on the ferry, food trucks at both ports, balloon art for kids, drawings for free ferry tickets and much more!

"The Ferry Commission is delighted to have the ferry back in business, and we apologize for the inconveniences caused to our riders while it was out of service for its inspection," said Council Member and St. Johns River Ferry Commission Chair John Crescimbeni. "Please join us in Mayport as we celebrate the ferry's return and ride for free on Sunday."

Please visit the *JaxFerry* mobile app for up-to-the-minute, real-time information about the St. Johns River Ferry including departure times, travel time remaining, fares, alerts and more. The application was developed by the City of Jacksonville's Information Technologies Division in partnership with the St. Johns River Ferry Commission. The free mobile application is available for Apple and Android devices.

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