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Tolomato Owners Org. Newsletter

Merry Christmas & Season's Greetings

There are some 20 religious and festive holidays celebrated in late fall and early winter, almost all centered on family, honored traditions, and the expectation that good things are about to happen. Let us be one of many that wishes you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a joyous New Year.

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Santa's Visit

As some of you know, Santa started coming South several years ago, the cold, the snow, the ice, at the North Pole, got to be too much year-round. Southeast Georgia, Darien and Tolomato Island are some of his favorite places to vacation, and on his way north for his worldwide Christmas Eve tour, he stopped to check on some folks that were rumored to be particularly good, or wonderfully naughty. While Mrs. Claus was unavailable, and the reindeer were being groomed, Santa found a substitute driver and he checked in with a few folks:



The visit began about 4:30 and extended into the early evening. There was no time for folks to prepare, there were no warnings sent out days ahead. It was Santa's intention to greet followers in their natural conditions as they wrapped up their day, prepared for dinner, or got ready for an evening with friends.

As expected, Santa pleasantly surprised lots of people, dogs of all sizes and children of all ages. A few people were not at home, so Santa, waved at security cameras. No Amazon deliveries were disturbed!! For all pictures of Santa's visit, please follow our link:

<https://tolomatoowners.org/index.php/know-your-neighbor/photos/photo?albumid=238&photoid=140>



In the joy of the season, let us not forget family, friends and neighbors who may be alone or under stress, or simply need your support. Reach out, comfort, and listen. A personal touch is perhaps the greatest gift we can share.

May your lives be blessed with peace and grace. Amen.

A Wonderful Web-Site Addition

The history of Southeast Georgia is an amazing confluence of nature and peoples from First Americans to conquerors, to settlers, and beyond. In a new collection, the Tolomatoowners.org web site will be providing access to documentation, independent research conducted by Phil Sikora and others, and will provide a vehicle for discussion, challenges, and questions. Hints of the information have been made available in the past, on the official Tolomato website, and during presentations at Board of Director's

meetings. The volume of information and research will be greatly expanded. We expect history buffs, those who question obvious elements in our place, and those who had no idea how rich our history is, will find information of interest and a vehicle to ask questions or add to the collection.

To support this addition, a new web-site Group was formed – “*Our Thicket / Tolomato History – Documentation, Research and Discussion*”. Over the next several days, website visitors will see fleeting signs of construction, as we test various methods of providing the data in a meaningful way, and organizing blogs that will hold additional information and more importantly, people’s attention.

We expect most of the information will be made available to the Community (registered users), but there may be some information that is limited to official representatives of the Historical Preservation Committee, and /or curators. If you have not registered on our web site, please join us, and remember to check in frequently, add friends, and participate in the blogs. Things change rapidly.

<https://tolomatoowners.org/index.php/know-your-neighbor/register>

If you know owners who do not receive our Newsletter and wish to receive a copy, simply reply to the email with their name and contact information.