

BRICKBATS + BOUQUETS

BOUQUET to City Sanitation Workers

Since the city's curbside recycling program ceased operation in early October, the men and women who already have the thankless job of collecting residents' trash also had to contend with ginormous recycling bins jam-packed with empty wine bottles and Amazon boxes. With curbside recycling returning April 4, let us take a moment to thank those who have picked up ... when others dropped the ball.

BOUQUET to Late Bloomers Garden Club

An offshoot of the Garden Club of Jacksonville, the volunteer group works to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through programs and action in horticulture, conservation and education. Most recently, members took part in Weed Wrangle, a national event to remove non-native invasive trees, vines and flowering plants, by uprooting botanical invaders at Walter Jones Historical Park in Mandarin. Their deeds were even more heroic considering it was in the 40s that day with wind gusts up to 50 MPH.