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And the results of the inaugural Best of the Beaches are ...

The Recorder presents the results of its inaugural Best of the Beaches, featuring readers' favorite businesses, professionals, nonprofits and more in Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach! Eligible nominees were located within ZIP codes 32250, 32266, 32233 and 32082.

Between Oct. 6 and Nov. 12, readers nominated their favorites in various categories online, such as: Auto & Transportation, Business, Community, Eat

& Drink, Education, Home & Finance, Medical, Professionals and Shopping & Commerce. Between Nov. 13 and Dec. 4, readers voted for their top choices in each category.

More than 8,000 votes were cast in 249 total categories. The votes were counted, and the names of the winners are listed in this special section. The winners will be happy to know that people in their community who rely on their goods and services selected them.

The Recorder wants to thank the voters who took the time to participate. The strong response reveals a community of individuals willing to add their voices to the public conversation and reward those who put forth their best efforts every day.

In the coming year, readers will want to keep this section handy. When seeking out a product or service for the first time, it's helpful to know which businesses other members of the community recommend.

Best Overall

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BEST LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESS

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Business

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BEST DAY SPA

Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa

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Brown Family YMCA -
Ponte Vedra Beach

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Liz Stewart Floral Design

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Pilates on 3rd

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BEST SELF-STORAGE FACILITY

Atlantic Self Storage

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BEST EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

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Direct Orthopedic Therapy offers elevated physical therapy approach

Contributed photos



Jonson Yousefzadeh PT, DPT started his physical therapy practice in 2020 and, ever since, Direct Orthopedic Therapy (DOT) has piqued curiosity for its unique and elevated approach to providing physical therapy services.

“We started with a mission to serve our community in a way that aligned the goals of the patient, providers and the practice,” Yousefzadeh said. “After a decade working in traditional high volume outpatient physical therapy practices and traditional home health, we noticed trends that we wanted no part of. Insurance was driving how providers were able to make

decisions. As a result, the personalization and continuity of care that is so important to getting great outcomes was lost.”

According to Yousefzadeh, the concept for DOT came from taking the best of outpatient and home health practice models and then adding a heavy emphasis on the patient experience.

DOT offers personalized one-on-one care and a high-touch experience whether you come to their clinic in Jacksonville Beach or one of their specialty trained doctors of physical therapy who provide care at your home or office.

As Yousefzadeh puts it: They help peo-

ple regain the mobility to get where they want to go, the functional ability to do the things they want to do and the confidence to live active and independent lives.

“The human body is an amazing thing” Yousefzadeh said. “It’s the vehicle that allows us to get around and experience life; if we aren’t as mobile or are dealing with pain and injury, then our quality of life, ability to stay active and perform at work and in our social lives can all be hindered.”

Their unique model of one-on-one care where a patient can be seen in the clinic, at home or in the office has been in place

since day one, overcoming common barriers and complaints patients have when accessing physical therapy services, be that transportation, mobility or simply being time-strapped.

DOT has 10 specialty trained providers who are passionate about delivering a high quality of musculoskeletal care and improving patients’ abilities to live active lives. Their energy is contagious, and patients often forget that they arrived in pain or with a problem by the end of their session. The DOT goal is the patient’s goal, which Yousefzadeh calls “refreshing.”

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BEST PARK

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BEST PICKLEBALL

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Beach

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First Coast Cultural Center

BEST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Vicar's Landing at Sawgrass

BEST SPORTS LEAGUES

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BEST SYNAGOGUE

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BEST TENNIS FACILITIES

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Food & Drink

BEST AMERICAN

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BEST WATERFRONT DINING

Refinery Jax Beach

BEST WINGS

Mr. Chubby's Wings

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SoNapa Grille

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Education

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Palms Preschool & Childcare Center

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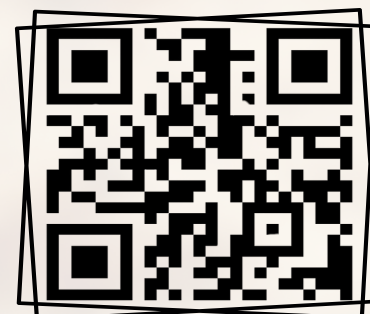
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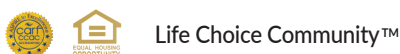
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