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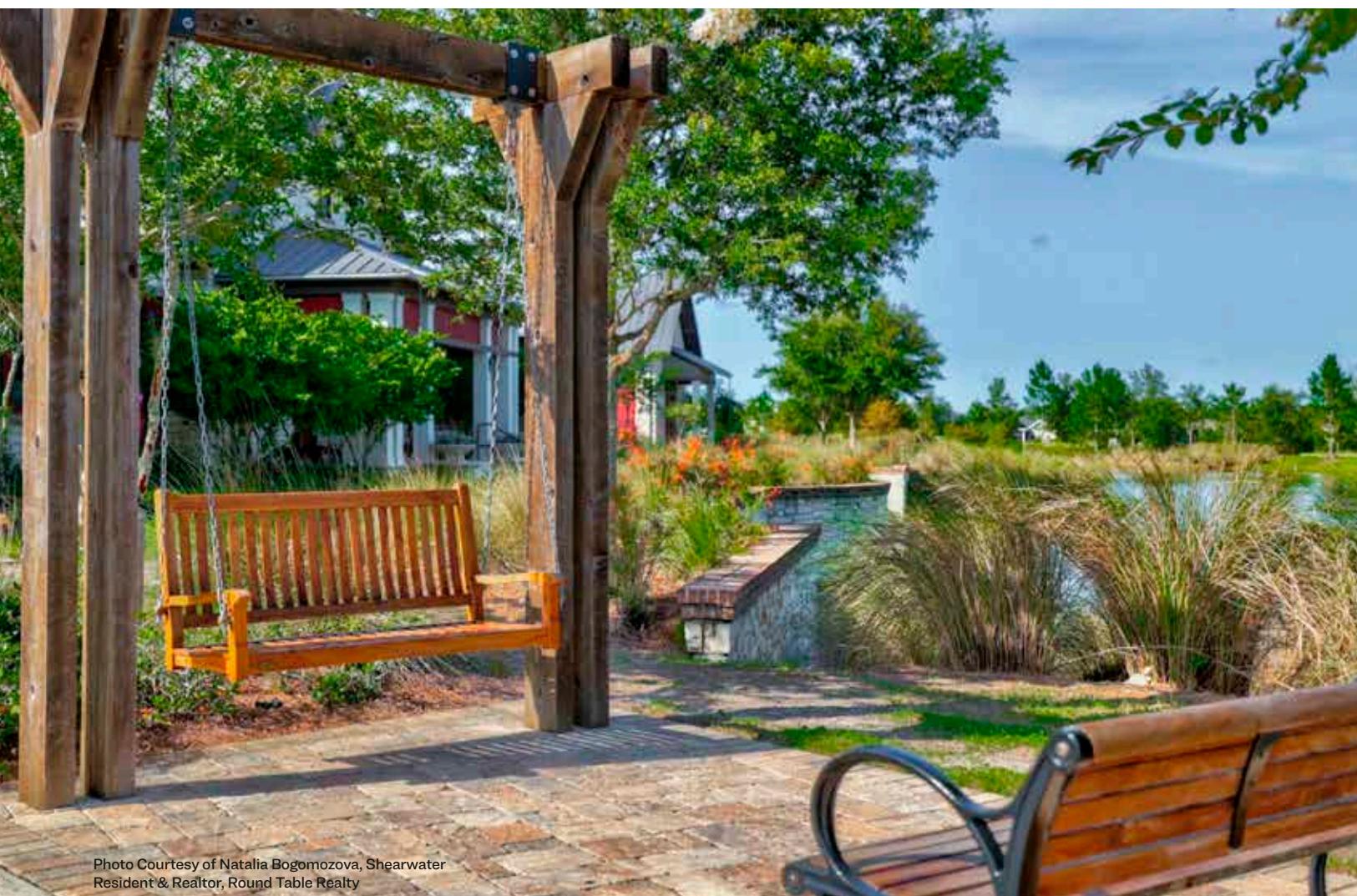


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AS NOVEMBER ARRIVES and the air turns a touch cooler here in Northeast Florida, it's a natural time to pause and reflect on all we're grateful for. This season always reminds us how special Shearwater truly is—a community built not just on beautiful homes and winding trails, but on connection, kindness, and the people who make it feel like home.

Each month, we have the privilege of sharing your stories—of families, friends, pets, and milestones—and every submission reminds us that *Stroll Shearwater* is so much more than a magazine. It's a reflection of the heart and spirit of this neighborhood.

A heartfelt thank you to our business partners who make each issue possible through their continued support and partnership. Their investment allows us to celebrate the people and places that make Shearwater shine. And to our residents, thank you for opening your homes, sharing your stories, and helping us bring this publication to life. You are what makes this community so vibrant and inspiring.

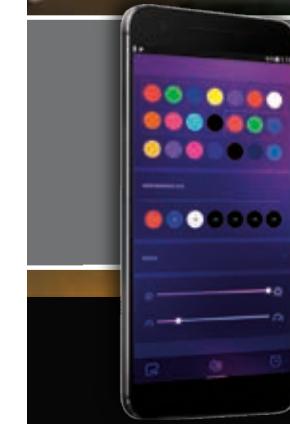
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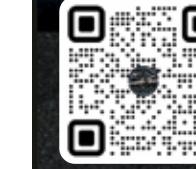
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the BOGOMAZOVA family

What began as a family adventure across continents has blossomed into a beautiful life in Shearwater - where friendships, faith, and new traditions make every day feel like home.

Please introduce your family and share a bit about them, including names, ages, and where they go to school?

My family is made up of four of us — me, my husband, and our two daughters. My husband works in data analytics at Crowley Maritime, where he has been for 23 years. Our older daughter, Alena, just started as a freshman at Beachside High School, and our younger daughter, Barbara, is in 8th grade at Trout Creek Academy. I've been working in real estate with Round Table Realty for the past 4 years, and it's been such a rewarding experience balancing career and family.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? Where are you and your family originally from, and what brought you here?

We've lived in the neighborhood since 2017. My husband and I are originally from Russia. About 15 years ago, we moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where our older daughter was born. Two years later, we relocated to Houston, Texas, and that's where our younger daughter was born. Eight years ago, we moved here to Florida. Each move has been connected to my husband's company relocating us.

What college / university did you attend? What subject(s) did you major in, and what degree(s) did you obtain?

I earned two bachelor's degrees: one in Management and Organization of Railroad Transportation from the Railroad Transportation College in Khabarovsk, Russia, and another in Management and Organization from the Academy of Economics and Law. My husband holds an MBA from Alaska Pacific University, as well as a master's degree in Economics Education from Sakhalin State University and another master's degree in Finance and Credit from Plekhanov University.

How did you and your spouse meet?

My husband is from an island and I'm from the mainland. We were introduced to each other by a mutual friend at a Christian conference. After four years of a long-distance relationship, we got married.

What's your profession(s), and where do you work? Do you own a local business?

I'm a licensed Realtor with Round Table Realty, where I work as a single agent. That means I provide my clients with full obedience, confidentiality, loyalty, and disclosure - in other words, I put their interests first and represent them fully. My passion is helping people relocate to Florida and not just find a house, but also the right community and lifestyle that fits their family. Over the past 4 years, I've helped more than 45 families purchase homes here in Northeast Florida. I specialize in new construction homes and have in-depth knowledge of

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Tell us about your kids, if applicable. What educational or extracurricular pursuits are your children involved in?

Alena is a freshman at Beachside High School. She swims for the school team and with Planet Swim for four years, now training with Sporting Jax. She's enrolled in AP classes, is part of the Advanced Curriculum (AC) program and the Biomed Academy, and is also involved in DECA and the Best Body Club. Barbara is in 8th grade at Trout Creek Academy. She's been swimming with the same swim club for four years, and at school

she's involved in Sources of Strength, is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and participates in speech and debate. She's also in the school's Mega Honors classes, which keep her challenged and engaged academically.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we do! We have a Russian Toy Terrier named Marsal. He's almost 2 years old and actually came to us all the way from Russia, flying through Paris to get here. We all absolutely adore him - he's a big part of our family. We also have a parrot, a Green-Cheeked Conure named Tofu. He brings so much personality and fun into our home with his playful nature.

Can you highlight any unique talents or interests that each family member brings to the mix?

Each of us brings something unique to our family. My husband has a deep interest in studying everything related

to AI, and he also enjoys cooking - often surprising us with different dishes, especially Asian-inspired meals. Both of our daughters are fluent in Russian and English. While they weren't always excited about reading in Russian, once I published children's books for bilingual kids, they started to read with much more interest. Between swimming and school, their schedules are so full that sometimes I wish the day had more than 24 hours! As for me, since moving to Shearwater, I finally fulfilled a childhood dream of playing tennis. I joined the community league, and it's been such an amazing journey. Four years ago, we started as a D team and earned 1st place, then moved up to C1 and placed again, and now we've advanced to B3. All of the women on our team are from Shearwater, and we're proud to represent our community together.

How do you celebrate holidays or special occasions as a family? Any family traditions?

Our families live far away, but over time our community has truly become like family to us. When we first moved here, it was just us and our neighbor Olga from the next street, who also speaks Russian. Now, there are more than 70 Russian-speaking families in our community! We even created a Russian-speaking group, and we celebrate all the holidays together. The most special holiday for us is New Year. We bring in Russian traditions with Father Frost and his granddaughter Snegurochka, who help the kids celebrate and have fun. We also love honoring both Russian and American traditions - for example, we celebrate Christmas twice, once on the Gregorian calendar and again on the Julian calendar. These gatherings have become a beautiful way to stay connected to our roots while also embracing life here in the U.S.

What are your favorite places to visit around the community (restaurants, food markets, shops, parks, clubs, hangout spots, etc.)?

One of our favorite places is Fruit Cove Baptist Church, which has been our home church for the past eight years. Our kids especially enjoy volunteering there every summer for Vacation Bible School. I also love meeting clients and neighbors over coffee at Kinder Kafe, a cozy local spot. Another special place for us is the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens - I worked there for three years, and it's still one of our go-to places for Friday family nights. And of course, we can't leave out St. Augustine. It's perfect for walking, exploring, and playing tourist in your own city. The Nights of Lights celebration there has become one of our favorite Christmas traditions year after year.

Do you participate in any social activities or events in the neighborhood?

Our community has so many wonderful events, and we always enjoy being part of them. One of my favorites is Coffee on the Porch every second Wednesday - it's such a great way to connect with neighbors. One time, our Russian-speaking group even provided traditional Russian food for the community breakfast, which was a lot of fun. The Christmas events

with Santa and all the holiday spirit are another highlight for us. We love volunteering together and sharing those moments with our neighbors. In addition, every year I organize a Client Appreciation Picnic at the Outpost for my real estate clients, which has become a special tradition and a way to bring people together.

How does your family contribute to fostering a sense of community spirit in the neighborhood? Do you participate in any philanthropic events or work with any charity organizations?

For the past two years, I've served on the board of the Shearwater Sharks swim team as the event coordinator, helping to organize activities and connect with sponsors. It's been a great way to support our young athletes and bring families together. Whenever we have the opportunity, we volunteer at community events. Giving our time and energy is important to us, and we enjoy contributing to the spirit of togetherness that makes our neighborhood so special.

Describe your favorite family memory in the neighborhood so far. What's your favorite part of living in the neighborhood?

One of our favorite family memories in the neighborhood goes back to the lockdown period, when everyone was in social isolation. We loved participating in the birthday parades for kids - all of us on golf carts and in cars, cruising around the birthday child's house, honking, cheering, and making lots of noise. One time, even the police cars joined in, which made it extra special and fun for the kids.

What do you like to do to relax or have fun? Do you have a favorite vacation destination or family trip?

Before we moved to Florida, we used to travel every summer to Russia to visit our family. Now that we're here, our family visits us as often as they can, which has been wonderful. For fun, the kids love spending time in Orlando, Miami, or New York, and as a family we try to discover a new country every year. One of our most memorable trips was to Britain last summer — we all especially loved exploring London.



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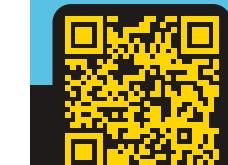
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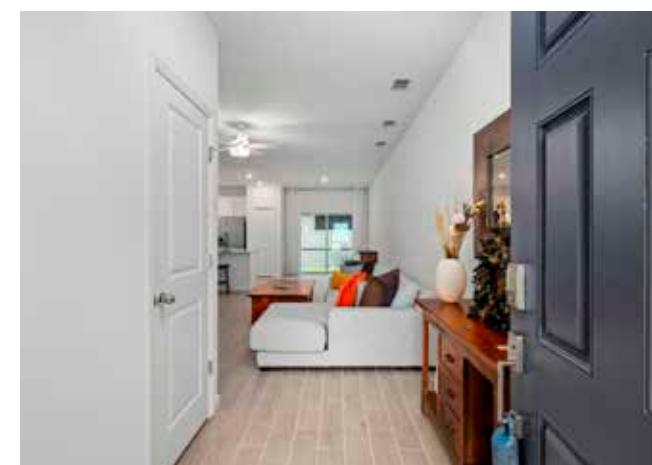




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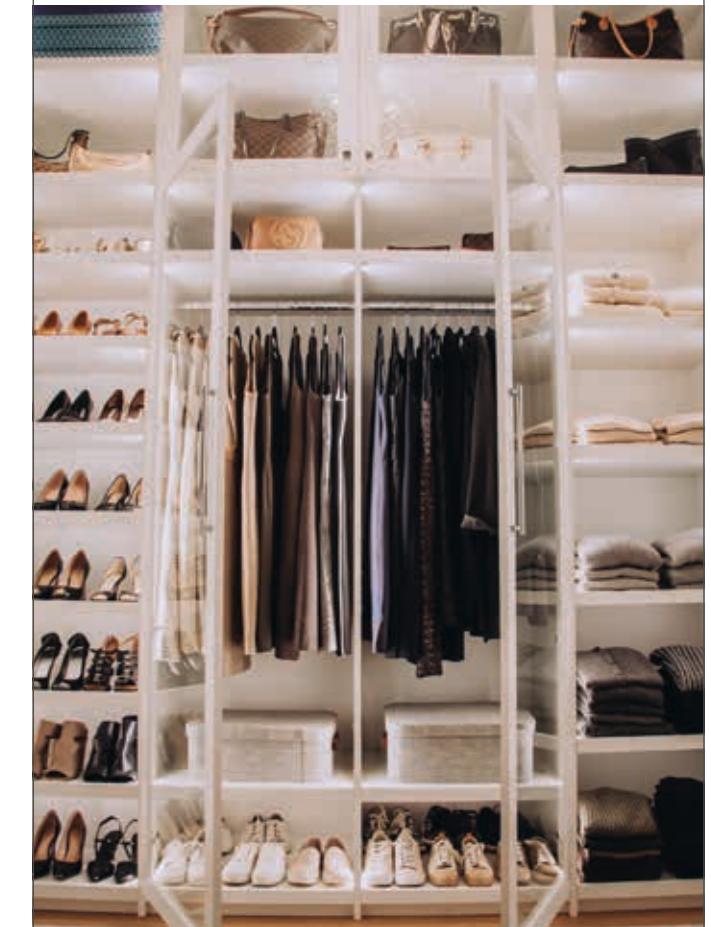
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A Family Original

Ace joined his family when he was just four months old, and he's been a loyal companion ever since. His name, lovingly chosen, has a sweet story behind it: "Ace, full of grace." It fits perfectly for a dog who exudes both calm and kindness.

As a young pup, Ace was a whirlwind of excitement—energetic, curious, and ready to play at all hours. Over time, he's mellowed into a distinguished gentleman, content to soak in the sunshine from the family's front porch. Even as the years have passed, Ace's zest for simple pleasures—like car rides with his head out the window or his beloved Dentastix treats—remains unchanged.

The Perfect Host

One of Ace's most endearing qualities is his role as the "professional greeter." Whether you walk through the door once or ten times in an hour, Ace will make sure each entrance feels like the

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most important one of the day. His tail never tires, and neither does his enthusiasm for company.

"He just has this joy about him," his family shares. "You can't help but smile when he welcomes you."

A Heart of Gold

Beyond his cheerful greetings, Ace has always been remarkably intuitive. One of his family's favorite memories goes back to when their daughter was a baby. Whenever she cried in her crib, Ace would trot up to her room, glance at the baby monitor, and tilt his head toward it—as if to say, *'Are you coming up to tend to her or not?'* It was his gentle way of looking out for the tiniest member of the family.

Though his hearing and vision have faded with age, Ace's connection to his family hasn't missed a beat. He remains their loyal shadow, happiest when surrounded by his people and basking in the warm Florida sun.

Life in the Neighborhood

Ace's favorite spot is the front porch, where he can lounge peacefully and take in the world. While he doesn't have many canine friends in the area, he loves his quiet moments outdoors, soaking in the breeze and watching the world go by. On special days, you might spot him at Riverside Park, his favorite local outing, tail wagging as he enjoys a leisurely stroll.

If Ace could plan the perfect adventure, it would be simple: a long car ride with the windows down and the wind in his snout—his favorite kind of freedom.

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Shearwater Homeschool | Virtual School Co-Op

BY JESSICA JOHNSON, SHEARWATER RESIDENT

IT ALL STARTED with a Back to Homeschool Party, a Curriculum Swap, and the idea to pool our resources and work together. At the start of the 2025-2026 school year, Jessica Johnson,

Cassie Thomas, and Ada Salie realized that there was a need for a community-wide co-op to bring together the over 150 homeschool families living in Shearwater. The Shearwater Homeschool & Virtual School Co-Op was born

from a simple but powerful idea: to invest in the local homeschool community rather than spend hours driving in search of connection. What began as a few moms with a dream has quickly grown into a vibrant, inclusive hub for families seeking meaningful and enriching experiences.

The co-op's mission is simple...to support and facilitate cooperation amongst Shearwater homeschool families and to enrich the lives of our children. The co-op welcomes learners from PreK through Grade 12, and provides resources, advice and guidance to families considering homeschooling. The group is committed to bringing children's interests to life through shared effort and creativity. Monthly special events like the Fall Festival, Science Fair, and Field Day offer opportunities for learning, socializing and celebration. Interest-specific meetups such as "Breakfast and Beads" for tweens and teens, and the "Trailblazers" hiking group, foster deeper friendships and exploration. Pop-up social events like pool days and park meetups add spontaneity and fun to the calendar.

What makes Shearwater's co-op special is its grassroots spirit. Membership is free, with every parent contributing twice per semester, whether by planning events, helping with setup, or providing supplies. This collaboration ensures that everyone has a hand in shaping the experience.

One of our primary goals is to be responsive to the needs of our community. "If there's something you'd love to see happen," says co-founder Jessica Johnson, "we'll do everything in our power to get the ball rolling." That spirit was on full display during the recent addition of "Breakfast and Beads". One of our teen girls and her mom asked to create something for teens and tweens to work together on friendship bracelets, keychains and other crafts. A bit of



brainstorming and a few hours later, a date was booked, a flyer published, and "Breakfast and Beads" was born.

The co-op meets regularly: the second Friday of each month for large events at the Kayak Club, the last Friday for teen/tween meetups, and the first Wednesday for Trailblazers hikes. And with new ideas constantly emerging, the calendar is always growing. Shearwater Homeschool and Virtual School Co-Op isn't just a group, it's a place where lifelong friendships are formed, memories are made, and children thrive.

To learn more or get involved, reach out to Jessica Johnson at 913-904-2768 or visit the Shearwater Homeschool/Virtual School page on Facebook.

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Hello Lovely Salon & Boutique - Where Luxury Meets Comfort & Confidence Shines Through.

From stylist to educator to successful salon owner, Melinda Barba's vision for Hello Lovely Salon & Boutique goes beyond great hair—it's about empowering others, uplifting the community, and creating beauty that lasts.

Behind the welcoming doors of Hello Lovely Salon & Boutique, located in Towne Center, Jacksonville, is a place where artistry, education, and empowerment come together to create something truly special. Founded in 2017 by master stylist and educator Melinda Barba, Hello Lovely has become a haven for both stylists and clients—a space where beauty is approached with heart, expertise, and purpose.

A Passion for People and Possibility

A mom, salon owner, master stylist, and Shearwater resident with more than 17 years behind the chair, Melinda has built her career on passion, education, and people. Over the years, she's earned numerous certifications and now shares her expertise by educating other stylists in extensions, advanced techniques, and business growth. Her goal is simple but powerful—to help others thrive both creatively and professionally.

"I wanted to create a space where talented, education-driven stylists could do what they love while building a successful, forward-moving career path in this industry," she shares. That vision became the foundation of Hello Lovely.

The Hello Lovely Experience

Hello Lovely Salon & Boutique isn't just a salon—it's an experience that blends luxury and approachability. Offering a range of services including luxury color, modern blonding, precision cuts, professional extensions, and boutique shopping, the team specializes in creating effortless, elevated looks that enhance each client's natural beauty. But what truly sets Hello Lovely apart is its atmosphere. "Our balance of luxury and comfort makes every client feel right at home," says Melinda. "We want people to know that high-end service can still feel welcoming and personal."

Each appointment is customized, guided by a team of highly educated stylists who pride themselves on delivering results that are as technically flawless as they are transformative.

More Than a Salon—A Community

Beyond great hair, Hello Lovely is deeply rooted in connection. The salon regularly hosts events and collaborations with other local businesses and charities, showcasing small businesses and creating opportunities to uplift others. From pop-up



shopping events to community fundraisers, these gatherings bring people together in an atmosphere that's as warm and inclusive as the salon itself.

That sense of community has been a constant since day one.



A CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Clients of Hello Lovely echo that authenticity and care. As Emma M. shared after a recent visit:

"I had such an amazing experience at Hello Lovely Salon! The color transformation was absolutely flawless, and the extensions blend seamlessly with my natural hair. The staff made me feel completely at ease—they truly care about their work and their clients. If you're looking for a salon that truly knows color and extensions, look no further—this place is a gem!"

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Pumpkin Pizza

When the weather cools and pumpkin season hits full swing, this Pumpkin & Ricotta Pizza with Roasted Mushrooms takes center stage. Creamy ricotta, earthy roasted mushrooms, and sweet pumpkin create a fall-flavored showstopper that's as cozy as it is crave-worthy.

BY KALIE SCHWAMB, SHEARWATER RESIDENT & OWNER, FULLFORLIFE



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound prepared pizza dough, room temperature
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree (NOT canned pumpkin pie filling)
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 1/2 cup ricotta
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon dried chives
- 2 tablespoons pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
- 1/2 cup pecorino cheese (can substitute with Parmesan cheese)
- drizzle balsamic vinegar
- 8 ounces baby bella mushrooms, sliced
- 1-2 pinches Himalayan pink salt
- 1-2 pinches pepper

Pro Tip: Dough Makes the Difference
A great pizza starts with great dough. You can make your own with one of the tried and true homemade recipes at FULLforLife.com, or stop by a local V Pizza and pick up a fresh dough ball. They freeze beautifully, so you can stock up and have pizza night ready anytime.

INSTRUCTIONS

Roasted Mushrooms

1. Add olive oil to a medium to large nonstick pan over warm to medium heat.
2. Add mushrooms, salt, and pepper. Cook for 4 to 6 minutes, until slightly tender.
3. Remove mushrooms from heat.

Pizza

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F or whatever temperature is suggested on your dough package.
2. In a medium bowl, combine pumpkin, maple syrup, ricotta, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix well and set aside.
3. Roll the dough into a 14-inch oval on a floured surface. Transfer to a lightly oiled baking sheet.
4. Leaving a 1-inch border, spread the pumpkin ricotta mixture over the dough. Top with roasted mushrooms, then sprinkle pepitas and pecorino cheese.

5. Bake on the middle rack for 15-18 minutes (or follow the time on your dough package) until the crust turns golden brown.

6. Remove from the oven and let cool for 2 to 3 minutes. Drizzle with balsamic, slice, and serve warm. Add a sprinkle of crushed red pepper if you like a little kick!

OUR TAKE:

When we first tried this recipe, we doubled the pecorino cheese and quickly learned it overpowered the delicate pumpkin and creamy ricotta. Even if you are a cheese lover, we do not recommend adding extra. The ricotta mixture gives plenty of cheesy flavor and comfort all on its own.

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THE GREAT WEALTH TRANSFER: What Every Woman Needs to Know

BY MARK MOSS, PLLC

OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES, trillions of dollars will shift hands, and women are set to inherit a large portion of it. By 2030, women are expected to control \$34 trillion in investable assets. Yet, according to a 2025 Citizens Bank survey, 84% of women say they lack confidence in managing inherited wealth. Also, one in three don't have an estate plan at all. These stats aren't about ability, but they're about access, encouragement, and planning.

Wealth Isn't Just Financial, It's Emotional

When inheritance arrives, it often brings more than assets. It brings different family dynamics, grief, and big decisions. Many women assume their spouse "has it handled," but here's

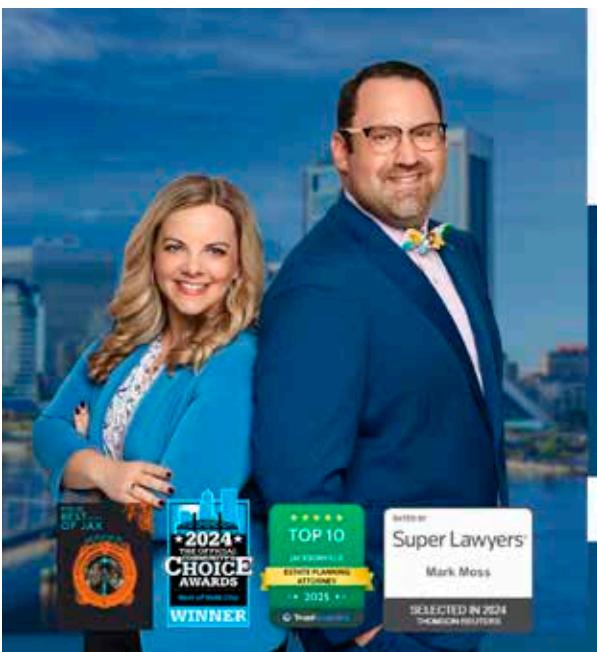
the reality: women statistically outlive men and are likely to be the final financial decision-makers.

That's why being proactive matters.

Life Planning Brings Clarity

Having a will, trust, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives gives structure to your wishes. These documents protect what matters to you. They also help reduce confusion or conflict during an already emotional time.

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37 Rushing Dr	South Creek	\$816,839	\$816,839	08/26/25	5	4.5	3 Car Garage	3,319
843 Windley Dr	The Falls	\$799,000	\$755,000	10/06/25	4	3.5	3 Car Garage	3,051
211 Rushing Dr	South Creek	\$724,900	\$675,000	08/25/25	4	3.5	3 Car Garage	3,061
323 Glenneyre Cir	The Woodlands	\$679,000	\$657,000	09/25/25	4	3	3 Car Garage	2,943
163 Windswept Way	The Hammocks	\$580,000	\$580,000	09/17/25	4	2.5	2 Car Garage	2,342
90 Yardley Ct	Brookside	\$580,000	\$575,000	09/19/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	2,461
99 Cobalt Ln	The Falls	\$513,900	\$505,000	10/10/25	4	2.5	2 Car Garage	2,294
91 Dade Ct	The Falls	\$515,000	\$505,000	09/30/25	4	2	2 Car Garage	1,866
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527 Kingbird Dr	Brookside	\$484,985	\$474,985	08/26/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	1,943
471 Kingbird Dr	Brookside	\$469,985	\$469,985	08/25/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	1,943
592 Kingbird Dr	Brookside	\$471,480	\$460,000	09/25/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	1,943
573 Kingbird Dr	Brookside	\$459,985	\$459,985	08/26/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	1,943
615 Kingbird Dr	Brookside	\$429,485	\$450,000	08/28/25	4	3	2 Car Garage	1,943
255 Dalton Cir	The Falls	\$425,000	\$410,000	10/09/25	3	2	2 Car Garage	1,752
262 Ashbury St	The Falls	\$429,900	\$400,000	08/26/25	3	2	2 Car Garage	1,752
48 Gilchrist Way	The Hammocks	\$404,000	\$392,000	09/15/25	3	2	2 Car Garage	1,675
47 Hogan Ct	Pinewood	\$379,990	\$370,000	09/17/25	4	2.5	2 Car Garage	2,005
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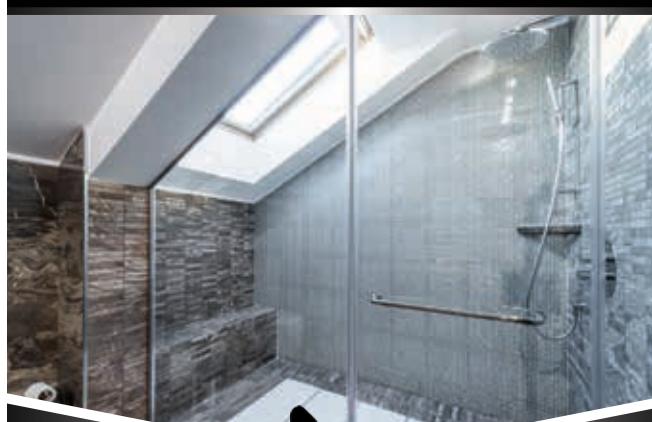


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