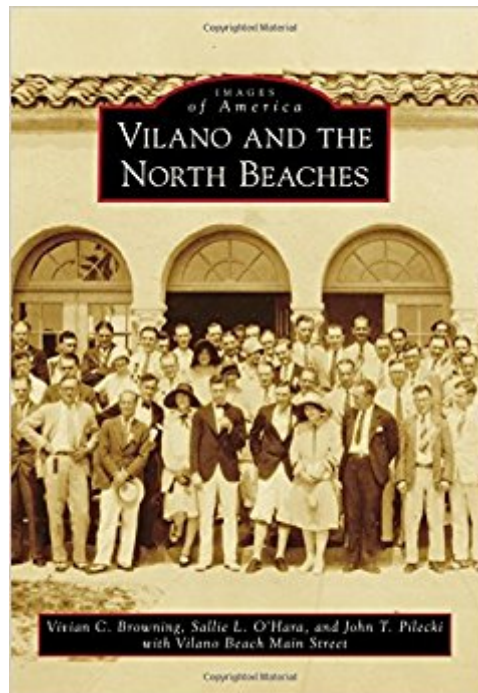




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# Vilano And The North Beaches (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Vilano and the North Beaches are perhaps most known as small, eclectic beach communities within sight of St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city. For centuries, people have flocked to this coastal playground by horse-drawn trolley, ferry, and more recently Florida's Coastal Highway, State Road A1A. They came for recreation, jobs, and sunny weather in the late 1800s, when Henry Flagler attracted Northerners to his "new and novel" hotels. Visitors were excited to learn the ocean was just across the bay. Tourism provided jobs for settlers, like the Minorcan, Usina, and Capo families, offering fun excursions. Nowhere else were horse-drawn trolleys delivering beachgoers across sand dunes to the sea. Like Ponce de Leon, who was smitten with the pristine beaches, the area's story is one of developing the land along an isolated coastline. Road and bridge construction after World War II encouraged migration as well as visitors to the beaches, fish camps, and Art Deco motor courts. This nostalgic 1950s look remains today, attracting those curious about the region's multicultural history.

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Vilano Beach Main Street leaders Vivian C. Browning, Sallie L. O'Hara, and John T. Pilecki present these images, compiled from local residents and area archives, as a glimpse into the intriguing past of Vilano and the North Beaches.

Good local history

This book's collection of photographs is a treasure. It is unique, educational and enlightening. At first reading, I question some of the introductory "history." If there is a second edition, I would like some of the claims made to be source verified. Overall, it is an obvious labor of love and sheds light on a rich life and lifestyle of one of Florida's lesser-known neighborhoods.

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