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The Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in St. Augustine was built in 1874. The sisters plan to build a new motherhouse on their property in historic St. Augustine. SISTER CAROL STOVALL

The Sisters of St. Joseph will stay, build new motherhouse

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In October, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine said that they were selling their Motherhouse, Our Lady of Lourdes Convent and St. Joseph Renewal Center in downtown's historic district, to move to a modern facility that would better suit their evolving needs.

On July 10, Sister Kathleen Carr, general superior of the sisters, announced that the congregation will not move. Instead, they will construct a new motherhouse on campus at the former site of St. Joseph's Academy. The sisters are in dis-

cussion with the St. Augustine Dioceses as to what buildings on campus will be sold.

"Renovating three aging buildings — the 1874 Motherhouse, the historic Villa Flora (built 1898), and the Our Lady of Lourdes Convent (built in the 1960s) — would ultimately be an inefficient use of limited financial resources," they said on their website. "Building new offers a cost-effective, future-ready solution, one that honors the sisters' mission while ensuring a sustainable and supportive home for the years to come."

According to a news release, the decision to remain at the St. George Street property was made after prayerful dis-

cernment. Carr said that leaving never "sat quite right."

"For nearly 159 years, these sacred grounds have been our home, our spiritual center, and the heart of our ministry," she said. "I'm honored to share that we are not leaving. We are building a new home for our sisters — right here where it all began."

The new energy-efficient, modern structure with "significantly lower" maintenance costs will remain deeply "respectful" of the neighborhood's historic character. A roundabout will be added to prevent traffic backups onto St.

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Enjoy sweet, summer foods at free Publix tasting events

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Want to try some sweet, hot new summer food for free?

Publix is having two summer tasting events to sample food like sweet heat green chili cornbread, sweet heat summer fruit salad, iced cinnamon swirl cake and more. There's one event in July and one in August.

"Sampling is a great way to try new foods and get a feel for what you might like," according to a Publix press release. "So, whether you're looking for something special for summer gatherings or want to treat yourself, we have you covered."

When are the free sampling events at Publix?

Saturday, July 12 and Saturday, August. 16. Both events are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What is being served at the Publix summer sampling events?

- Saturday, July 12**
- **Bakery** — Sweet Heat Green Chili Cornbread
 - **Deli** — Sweet Heat Peach Hot Honey Ham Croissant
 - **Grocery** — Asian-Inspired Barbecue Sauce with our Chicken Nuggets
 - **Meat** — Hand Breaded Panko Shrimp with Sweet Heat Sauce
 - **Produce** — Sweet Heat Summer Fruit Salad
- Saturday, Aug. 16**
- **Bakery** — Iced Cinnamon Swirl Cake
 - **Deli** — Korean-Style Noodle Salad
 - **Grocery** — Lactose-Free Chocolate Peanut Butter Pretzel Ice Cream and Peanut Butter & Fudge Cookies
 - **Meat** — Italian-Style Marinated Boneless, Skinless, Chicken Breast Cutlets
 - **Produce** — Sweet Heat Summer Fruit Salad

Building bans, rooster limits run afoul of new state law

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TALLAHASSEE — One county has postponed plans to ban roosters in some neighborhoods; others worry about pausing new construction or repairing damaged wetlands.

Local governments across Florida are confronting a powerful new state law

this summer which critics say clearly favors developers by encouraging building and rebuilding — even in areas hit by hurricane damage and floods.

"It defies logic," said Jamie Cole, a Fort Lauderdale attorney in discussion with several local governments about a possible lawsuit challenging the new measure.

"We can learn from a hurricane, say, that certain areas flood terribly," he add-

ed. "So, if a city wants to pass an ordinance that says that if you redevelop, you've got to make houses a little higher. Well, now, we can't do that."

The measure (SB 180), signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis on June 26, is a broad emergency management law backed almost unanimously in the Legislature. It blocks local governments from making "more restrictive or burdensome" changes to their comprehensive plans

or land development codes.

Every Florida county affected by new emergency law

The bill targeted Florida counties listed in last year's federal disaster declarations for the three hurricanes that hit the state: Debby, Helene and Milton. But

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