

August 2016 Keynotes

News from the Perdido Key Association

Perdido Key Issues

A good many Perdido Key property owners and managers attended the July 28, 2016 public meeting on dune restoration held at the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

Escambia County District Two Commissioner Doug Underhill and Environmental Programs Manager Timothy Day informed the audience that funds provided in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster will be used to restore approximately 20 acres of depleted beach dune habitat by planting salt-resistant vegetation.

The restoration will be from the Alabama border to the Perdido Key Area of the Gulf Islands National Seashore (Johnson Beach) and will likely take place in spring 2017.

Perdido Key beach-front property owner participation is requested in accordance with the following two paragraphs drawn from the meeting handout:

1. Allow Escambia County to access the sandy beach and dunes on the southern portion of identified property and plant dune vegetation on the seaward edge of the primary dune at no cost to the landowner

Or

2. Allow Escambia County to access the sandy beach and dunes on the southern portion of identified property to access neighboring properties, but not allow planting of dune

vegetation.

The speakers emphasized that participation was voluntary and that the County would work with owners on the portions of their land that would or would not be replanted.

Dune restoration is part of an incremental approach to improve the Perdido Key beach-front. It is not a sand replenishment project and does not involve easements.

A "Right of Entry Agreement" with the County is required, however, which - according to the County officials in attendance - could be changed at anytime.

For the project to go forward as scheduled, however, obtaining the Agreements from owners in the next few weeks would be advantageous.

For more information, contact Timothy Day ([850 595-1144](tel:8505951144); trday@myescambia.com), Craig Martin ([850 453-4700](tel:8504534700); craig@wetlandsciences.com), or Matt Posner (miposner@myescambia.com)

The next opportunity to elect members to the PKA Board of Directors will be in conjunction with the Association's Annual Membership Meeting in late-February or early March 2017.

There are currently seven Board members, some of whom will run for reelection in 2017. With a maximum of nine Board members allowed by the PKA By-Laws, there is consequently room for new members on the Board!

A formal Nominating Committee will be convened in late-December 2016, but having a list of interest members prior to then would be of considerable advantage to the election process. Your current Board of Directors strongly encourages PKA members to consider running for a Board position as a great way of serving your Association and Perdido Key.

If interested, just contact any current PKA Director.

As in past years, PKA will co-sponsor a cleanup of Perdido Key beaches on International Coastal Cleanup Day. This year the cleanup will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016. More information will be provided in the weeks just prior to the event, but please put the date on your calendars so we can have a big turnout to help keep our beautiful beaches clean!

Six PKA members and friends participated in the July 23 cleanup of Rt. 98 between Trout Rd and Dog Track Rd, collecting eight full bags of trash and assorted debris in very hot and then rainy conditions. The next cleanup is planned for mid-October 2016. Only a few PKA members have joined various PKA Directors in these volunteer efforts to improve the appearance and cleanliness of the Perdido Key area. We would really appreciate more member participation in this PKA community service; if interested just E-mail charles.krupnick@gmail.com. Thanks!

August Calendar

Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Monday Night Blues at the Seville Quarter, Downtown Pensacola

Aug 1-4, 11-15, 22-31: Blue Wahoos at home, Pensacola Bayfront Stadium

Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Bands on the Beach, Gulfside Pavilion, Pensacola Beach

Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Okaloosa Island Fireworks, Okaloosa Fishing Pier

Aug 5: First Friday Art Walk, Fairhope

Aug 6: Bellingrath Gardens Founders Day Celebration, Mobile

Aug 12 and 13: Star gazing with the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association, Gulfside Pavilion, Pensacola Beach

Aug 19-29: South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic, Ozark, Alabama

Aug 26-28: Gulf Coast Seafood Festival, Seville Square, Downtown Pensacola

Most Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Blue Angels practice at NAS Pensacola beginning at 11:30 AM

The following websites provide additional information about events taking place in our great Gulf Coast region:

<https://www.visitpensacola.com/>

<http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/>

<http://www.visitperdido.com/>

www.mulletwrapper.com

www.myescambia.com

<http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com/>

<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>

<http://www.cityofmobile.org/calendar/>

<http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/>

<http://www.visitperdido.com/>

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www.myescambia.com

Please use these websites to find other activities

PKA's newly updated website has provisions for a link to Facebook. There is a Perdido Key Association Facebook site, but no one on the Board of Directors is aware of who is managing it! If anyone knows, please contact any PKA Director. Many thanks

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