

# KEY NOTES

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THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



December 2016 Key Notes

**News from the Perdido Key Association**

**Perdido Key Issues**

**PKA Annual Holiday Get Together!**

The Perdido Key Association's Annual Holiday Get Together is coming up in just a few days! It will be from 6 PM to 9 PM on Monday, December 12, at the Seafarer Condominium, 16401 Perdido Key Drive, Pensacola, FL. Please RSVP at [atperdidokeyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:atperdidokeyassociation@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**Perdido Key Beaches.**

On Tuesday, November 22, 2016, the Pensacola News Journal published a front page article titled "Project would shore up

beaches." It discussed Escambia County's dune replanting initiative for Perdido Key and that \$500,000 of restitution money from BP would be used to plant sea oats and other plants along Perdido Key beaches, but that only about 40% of beachfront property owners had thus far agreed to the project.

The article went on to discuss private ownership of Perdido Key beachfront and that beach renourishment, i.e., bringing new sand to the beaches, was much more controversial than dune replanting. Citing PKA president Charles Krupnick, the article stated that while most Perdido Key owners favored beach renourishment in the 2015 Survey, opinion was divided on easements and using eminent domain to achieve it and that new beachfront created by renourishment would belong to the state. While noting that Perdido Key beaches were critically eroded, the article did not mention the current concerns of beachfront property owners, such as at the Indigo Condominium, about beach erosion that had reached dune crossovers. Dune replanting and sand from dredging Pensacola Pass may help improve Perdido Key beaches, but it is not clear that Perdido Key beaches can be restored to health without beach renourishment.

The article is available  
at <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/perdido-gulf-shores/2016/11/21/project-shore-up-perdido-beaches/93956284/>.

### **Deepwater Horizon and the Food Chain.**

A recent BBC article by Victoria Gill, citing the journal Environmental Research Letters, discussed the discovery of "traces of oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill in the feathers of birds [seaside sparrows] eaten by land animals." According to scientists mentioned in the article, it is an example of how oil spills can be passed up the food chain and into other ecosystems. For more on the topic, go to <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-37988438>.

### **\$500 Million Amusement Park Coming to Foley!**

According to The Pulse, a new attraction being developed by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and named "Owa" for "big water" will feature "a 14-acre lake at its center, surrounded by a themed amusement park, a 150-room Marriott Town Place Suites hotel, and a wide selection of restaurant and shopping opportunities." It will be adjacent to the City of Foley's sports tourism complex near the Foley Beach Express and County Road 20. For more information, go to <http://pulsegulfcoast.com/2016/11/poarch-creek-indians-unveil-new-entertainment-destination-foley>.

### **Zipline Anyone?**

The zipline attraction formerly located at Gulf State Park on the way to Gulf Shores lost its lease. The State of Alabama plans to use the land for parking and a pedestrian crossover to the Gulf State Park Lodge being built across the beach road. Gulf Adventure Center (the zipline people), however, has reached agreement to relocate the attraction at The Wharf located on Canal Road in Orange Beach - subject to final approval. For more information, go to <http://pulsegulfcoast.com/2016/11/gulf-adventure-center-reopen-wharf-orange-beach>.

### **Carnival Cruise Lines in Mobile.**

After a several year absence Carnival Cruise Lines is again offering cruises from Mobile, featuring four and five day trips to tourist destinations in Mexico. For more information, go to <http://pulsegulfcoast.com/2016/11/carnival-cruise-lines-returns-mobile>.

PKA Annual Membership Meeting. Please place the PKA Annual Membership Meeting on your calendars. It will take place from 10 AM until Noon on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Eden Condominium, 16282 Perdido Key Drive, Pensacola FL.

**Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!**

#### December Calendar

Dec 1-4: Snowball Derby Stock Car Races at Five Flags Speedway

Dec 1-21: Pensacola Winterfest

Dec 1-31: Bellingrath Gardens "Magic Christmas in Lights"

Dec 1-31: Ice Skating at The Wharf

Dec 2, 16, 17, 27, and 30: Pensacola Ice Flyers at the Pensacola Bay Center

Dec 3: Handel's Messiah at the Saenger Theater in Downtown Pensacola

Dec 3: Championship Match NAIA Women's Soccer Tournament, Orange Beach Sportsplex

Dec. 5: Baldwin Pops Free Christmas Concert at the Foley Civic Center

Dec 10: Christmas Lighted Boat Parade from LuLu's to the Cobalt Restaurant

Dec 10: Santa Drop (skydive) at the Flora-Bama

Dec 17: Wreaths Across America at the Barrancas National Cemetery

Dec 23: Dollar General Bowl at Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile

Dec 25: CHRISTMAS

Dec 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE and Pensacola Pelican Drop

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](http://www.mulletwrapper.com)  
[www.myescambia.com\](http://www.myescambia.com)  
<http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com/>  
<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>  
<http://www.cityofmobile.org/calendar/>

Regards,

The Perdido Key Association Board of Directors

*Please use these websites to find other activities:*

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