

KEY NOTES

NEWS FROM
THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



September 2017

Help for Houston!

There will be two or three trucks and trailers leaving for the Houston area from Perdido Key on Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, to take supplies to Houston for those in need following Hurricane Harvey. Items can be dropped off at the Flora-Bama, most likely on the Gulf-side of the complex near where the taco stand is located. Items donated should be non-perishable and include diapers, baby food, canned goods, sheets, towels, pet food, pet supplies, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, bottled water, batteries, and clothes of all sizes.

International Coastal Cleanup Day is September 16

It would be great to have a bunch of PKA members at the PKA-sponsored International Coastal Cleanup Day event on September 16, 2017. The cleanup will be from 8 AM to Noon at the West Use Area of the Perdido Key State Park and is cosponsored by the Friends of Pensacola State Parks and Florida State Parks personnel. Event T-shirts, water, and bags for pickup will be provided.

Underground Utilities Survey Results

Except for newer subdivisions, much of Perdido Key - including the entire stretch of Perdido Key Drive - has electrical utilities above ground. During the second half of July 2017, PKA conducted a survey of members on the extent to which they would support helping to finance underground utilities on Perdido Key. Of the 160 members who participated in the survey, 80.4% agreed with some level of financial support while 19.6% were unwilling to provide funds for the project. Of those in favor of helping to fund the project, 53.4% favored matching the contributions of their Orange Beach neighbors at \$6 a month for 10 years while the rest would support contributions of \$20 or \$40 per month. The results suggest considerable support for funding underground utilities and reflect the results of the 2015 Perdido Key Property Owners' Survey where 87.6% agreed that underground utilities would improve the appearance of the Key. The results of the July 2017 survey are being passed on to Escambia County officials. PKA member participation in the survey was much appreciated.

Membership Mail-Out

The 2017 membership mail-out has been packaged and should be in the mail by September 1, 2017. Please ensure you open the package even if you have already renewed your membership because additional items have been included.

Perdido Key Development and Construction

Several Perdido Key development and construction related issues have evolved in recent months. Among them:

- Escambia County's expected purchase of the beachfront land parcel just west of Beach Access 3 on Perdido Key Drive did not occur; at the last minute, another buyer purchased the property.
- The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners approved a request by developer GPD to vacate the right of way on its portion of Semmes Street, a dead-ended roadway off River Road. The land is adjacent to GPD's Perdido Gardens development to be constructed along Gardenglen Drive, also off River Road.
- Construction is ongoing on a parking garage on the north side of Perdido Key Drive to support the La Riva condominium complex on the Gulf side of the road.
- WCI, the developer of the Lost Key Resort complex on Perdido Key, is now a "Lennar Company" following a September 2016 buyout agreement. Miami-based Lennar is the second largest homebuilder in the United States and a Fortune 500 company. For more on the transaction, go to the September 26, 2016 Bloom.com article "Lennar agrees to buy WCI Communities for about \$637 million" by Heather Perlberg at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-22/lennar-agrees-to-buy-wci-communities-for-23-50-a-share>.

September Calendar

September 2 - Gulf Coast Summer Fest - Jazz Edition at Pensacola Community Maritime Park
September 3 - Okaloosa Island Fireworks on Labor Day
September 4 - Mullet Festival presented by Optimist Club at the Lillian Community Club
September 7 - Emerald Coast Beer Festival at Seville Quarter Pensacola
September 8-9 - Bulls on the Beach at Flora-Bama
September 9 - Pensacola Dragon Boat Festival, Bayview Park
September 9 - Prostate Cancer 5.8K Race at Ole River Bar/Flora-Bama
September 9 - Bonfest Festival of Japanese Culture, Booker T. Washington High School
September 9 - Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Art Market at Waterway Village in Gulf Shores
September 10 - Hispanic Fest 2017 at Emerald Coast Convention Center Ft. Walton Beach
September 14-16 - Uncorked Food and Wine Festival at The Wharf in Orange Beach
September 15-16 - Taste of the Beach at Pensacola Beach
September 16 - International Coastal Cleanup Day at Perdido Key State Park and elsewhere
September 23-24 - Annual Jubilee Festival in Daphne
September 29-30 - Pensacola Seafood Festival at Seville Square Park Pensacola

Blue Angels practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, NAS Pensacola
Bands on the Beach every Tuesday, Pensacola Beach

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

www.visitpensacola.com/
<http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/>
www.visitperdido.com/
www.mulletwrapper.com
[www.myescambia.com\](http://www.myescambia.com)

www.emeraldcoastfl.com/
<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>
www.cityofmobile.org/calendar/

Regards,

Perdido Key Association Board of Directors