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As the end of the year approaches, the PKA Board of Directors is beginning to focus on the Association's 2017 election cycle. As directed by the PKA By-Laws, the Board will create a Nominating Committee to solicit PKA Director Candidates. After candidates are determined, ballots will be sent to PKA members along with the PKA Annual Membership Meeting notice approximately 30 days prior to the February 25, 2017 meeting where the voting will take place.

The Nominating Committee will be led by Board Secretary Marsha Young and will convene in early-December 2016. We would like to have at least two additional PKA members on the Committee. If interested, please contact Marsha or any other Board member.

We would also like to solicit candidates to run for the Board of Directors. There are seven members on the current Board, though the PKA By-Laws authorize nine members - so there is room for new Directors. Because many PKA members use their Perdido Key residences as second homes, there may be some hesitancy in becoming Directors since they might consider it difficult to participate in PKA Board activities. This is really not a problem; the Board of Directors has very good conference call capabilities and routinely conducts business with some Directors participating remotely.

So if you would like to help ensure Perdido Key remains a wonderful place in which to live and visit, please consider running for a Board position.

Update on Perdido Key Drive Resurfacing Project.

Perdido Key Drive has had some lengthy traffic delays as construction crew's work through the road's resurfacing project. Application of the first coat of material seems nearly done. This will be followed by a period of a few weeks during which construction workers will address various peripheral enhancements generally alongside Perdido Key Drive, such as drainage improvements, sidewalk replacement, and ADA upgrades, where traffic delays should be less of a problem. Following these activities, however, crews will be laying down a final coat and restriping the roadway - likely causing delays similar to those experienced with the initial coat.

Perdido Key Multi-Use Trail Moves Forward!

The Perdido Key Multi-Use Trail initiative received a substantial boost with the award of \$1.1 million for design work from FDOT's SUN Trail Program - i.e., funds set aside for the development of non-motorized trails separate from traffic areas. The trail will run the length of Perdido Key on the north side of Perdido Key Drive and will have feeder sidewalks on the south side. While construction funds have not yet been assigned to the project, the current award was a significant step toward making Perdido Key more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. For more information, see Pensacola News Journal article <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2016/10/11/perdido-trail-awarded-11m-fdot/91917664/>.

More on Dune Restoration.

Escambia County needs a Right of Entry Agreement (ROE) from at least 80% of Gulf-front property owners to begin the Perdido Key Dune Restoration project, but is still well short of that goal. To provide more information and facilitate participation, Escambia County officials have set up a Dune Restoration Project page at <http://myescambia.com/perdidokeydunes> on the County's website. At the same locations, owners with beach front property can download the ROE form used to allow the dune restoration to take place.

Leave No Trace.

Article X of Escambia County's Chapter 42 Environment Code implements "Leave No Trace" rules for beaches, requiring in particular that beach users remove whatever they brought to the beach from beach. As written, however, the ordinance applies only to Pensacola Beach, not Perdido Key. This may change this winter as discussed by Commissioner Douglas Underhill and Escambia County Environmental Programs Manager Tim Day in a recent "Underhill Update" video. The video is available through the My Escambia website at <https://myescambia.com/news/news-article/2016/10/24/latest-underhill-update-episode-available>.

More Health Care in the Perdido Area

The Perdido area is about to receive a substantial increase in the availability of health care services. As most owners and residents probably know by now, Sacred Heart Health Systems is building a new facility near its current location on Sorrento Road to be completed in 2017. According to a Pensacola News Journal article

(<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/2016/02/18/sacred-heart-announces-two-medical-facilities/80546028/>), it will have six physicians for practicing family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology - with rotating specialists available in fields such as cardiology and orthopedics. It will also have extended hours and walk-in capability.

More recently, West Florida Healthcare announced plans to build a "freestanding emergency room" just to the northwest of the Rt. 98/Blue Angel Parkway intersection. According to an article in "The Pulse" (<http://pulsegulfcoast.com/2016/10/west-florida-healthcare-plans-freestanding-emergency-room-perdido>), groundbreaking is expected in March 2017 with the facility operational by August 2017. It will have a 24/7 staff of emergency medical physicians, supporting healthcare professionals, and 11 private patient beds - along with laboratory and imaging capabilities.

PKA Annual Holiday Get Together!

Please place the Perdido Key Association's Annual Holiday Get Together on your calendars. It will take place from 6 PM to 9 PM on Monday, December 12, at the Seafarer Condominium, 16401 Perdido Key Drive, Pensacola, FL. See you there!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

November Calendar

Nov 3-13: Annual Frank Brown International Songwriter's Festival, Perdido Key/Orange Beach

Nov 3-14: Foo Foo Fest Celebration, Pensacola

Nov 4-5: Oyster Cook Off at the Hangout, Gulf Shores

Nov 4-6: Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival, Seville Square, Pensacola

Nov 5: Fall Festival Perdido Key, Villagio Complex

Nov 11: Veterans Day Parade and Program, Pensacola

Nov 11-12: Blue Angels Homecoming Shows at NAS Pensacola

Nov 11, 12, 23, and 26: Pensacola Ice Flyers at the Pensacola Bay Center

Nov 12: Stockton [Alabama] Sawmill Days

Nov 13: Pensacola Marathon

Nov 19: Mobile International Festival, Mobile Civic Center

Nov 20: Pensacola Winterfest begins - to conclude Dec 21

Nov 24: THANKSGIVING

Nov 25: Bellingrath [Gardens] Annual Magic Christmas in Lights begins - to conclude Dec 31

Nov 29: Dolly Parton, Pensacola Bay Center

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/>

Regards,
The Perdido Key Association Board of Directors

Please use these websites to find other activities:

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