

KEY NOTES

NEWS FROM
THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



September 2018

International Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday September 15

The Perdido Key Association, Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and the Florida State Parks are hosting a cleanup of Perdido Key beaches and the Old River waterfront from 8 AM until Noon on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Volunteers for this International Coastal Cleanup Day event can meet at the Perdido Key State Park West Use Area to pick up material and receive information on their assigned portion of beach. Please come and help keep our beaches among the most beautiful in the world!

August 28, 2018 Primary Election Results

Of interest to Perdido Area voters, the August 28, 2018 Florida Primary Election resulted in the following major party candidates vying for positions in the November 6, 2018 General Election:

Florida US Senator – Rick Scott (R) vs. Bill Nelson (D)

Florida Governor – Ron DeSantis (R) vs. Andrew Gillum (D)

Florida Attorney General – Ashley Moody (R) vs. Sean Shaw (D)

Florida District 1 US Representative – Matt Gaetz (R) vs. Jennifer Zimmerman (D)

Florida District 1 Florida House – Mike Hill (R) vs. Vicki Garrett (D)

Escambia County District 2 Commissioner – Doug Underhill (R) vs. Scott Trotter (D)

Pensacola Mayor – Runoff election between Grover C. Robinson (R) and Brian Spencer (R)

Habitat Conservation Plan Presentation

On Wednesday, August 29, 2018, the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce hosted an Early-Risers Breakfast presentation on Escambia County's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) at the Perdido Key Visitors Center. Tim Day, Escambia County's Environmental Programs Manager, was the featured speaker and covered the specifics and functioning of the HCP. The Plan created a "feasible development model" with a streamlined permitting process given the restraints of the Perdido Key beach mouse and other environmental issues that allows for 11 acres of development every five years for a total of 66 acres in the 30 year term of the program. For more on the HCP, go to <https://myescambia.com/our-services/natural-resources-management/water-quality-land-management/perdido-key-habitat-conservation-plan>.

Help for PKA Adopt-A-Highway Cleanups

The next PKA Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of Rt. 98 between Trout Rd. and Dog Track Road will be on Saturday, October 20, 2018. The PKA Board of Directors decided to take on an Adopt-A-Highway obligation from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) about three years ago with the expectation that a good number of PKA members would be interested in participating. This has not been the case; most cleanups have involved PKA Board members and one or two friends or relatives to help out. With few participants, cleanups can take many hours to complete. We would very much like to have a list of PKA members who would enjoy contributing to this Perdido Key Association community effort. If interested, please contact PKA president Charles Krupnick at charles.krupnick@gmail.com.

Eden Condominium and Wounded Veterans

Several owners at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key are making their units available to "Wounded War Heroes" for a weeklong vacation beginning September 15, 2018. Donations of household items, such as paper goods, bottles of water, and snacks would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact the Eden at 850 492-3336 or rental@perdido-key.com.

Gulf State Park Lodge to Open November 1

The Gulf State Park Lodge being built along the beach near where Orange Beach meets Gulf Shores should be open on November 1, 2018. The Lodge, a 350 room Hilton hotel, will be part of a conference center complex that will accommodate up to 1000 people along with “new park enhancements, the Interpretive Center and Learning Campus.” The previous lodge and convention center were destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. For more on the new facility, see the *Mullet Wrapper* August 29, 2018 article “Gulf State Park Lodge projected opening is Nov. 1” at <http://mulletwrapper.net/gulf-state-park-lodge-projected-opening-is-nov-1/>.

Pensacola Waterfront

Three architects from the firm SCAPE were in Pensacola August 20-21, 2018 for a series of lectures and working sessions with local officials and other interested stakeholders to provide ideas for the future of Pensacola. As part of the CivicCom series, the architects noted that – despite being a waterfront community – it was difficult “to actually get to the water” in Pensacola. Gene Wirth, the design principal for SCAPE, noted that “... with a couple of tweaks, a couple of street section reconfigurations, bridges, a couple places of road diets and adding more pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, the waterfront would really be unlocked.” For more on this issue, see the *Pensacola News Journal* August 21, 2018 article “CivicCom: SCAPE Reimagines Pensacola with bay-side boardwalk, Bluffs greenway” by Kevin Robinson at <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2018/08/21/civiccon-scape-team-present-plans-pensacola-waterfront/1045797002/>.

More on Bruce Beach

Bruce Beach, the undeveloped land between Joe Patti’s and Blue Wahoos Ballpark, is unlikely to become the site of the Gulf Coast Marine Fisheries Hatchery & Enhancement Center, but could become a place with improve public access and activities. The City of Pensacola hopes to open the 10 acres for public use by fall 2018 and intends to continue seeking grants to improve access and infrastructure. For more on the issue, see the *Pensacola News Journal* August 23, 2018 article “Pensacola’s Bruce Beach will open to public in fall” by Jim Little at <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2018/08/23/bruce-beach-open-public-fall/1068313002/>.

September Calendar

- Sept 01: OWA Labor Day Car Show at OWA in Foley
Sept 02: US Navy Banks Country & Bluegrass at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola
Sept 03: Labor Day with a Labor Day Parade in downtown Mobile
Sept 05: Lecture "From the Seafloor to the Stars" at Institute for Human and Machine Cognition in Pensacola
Sept 07: Big Lagoon State Park Concert Series with Cliff Eberhardt and Louise Mosrie
Sept 07-08: Bulls on the Beach at the Flora-Bama
Sept 08: Brett Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon at The Hangout in Gulf Shores
Sept 08: Regional Roundup, dispose electronics, hazardous waste, etc., at Washington High School, Pensacola
Sept 08: Dragon Boat Festival at Bayview Park in Pensacola
Sept 08: Vettes on the Beach at Pensacola Beach
Sept 08: Little River Band at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola
Sept 13: Science Hour lecture "Snakes" by Rick O'Connor at Escambia County Central Office Complex
Sept 13-15: The Wharf Uncorked Grand Tasting at The Wharf in Orange Beach
Sept 15: Southern Wake Series Finale at Flora-Bama
Sept 15: International Coastal Cleanup Day at Perdido Key State Park and elsewhere
Sept 15-16: Pensacola Cycling Classic at Pensacola Beach
Sept 22: Pensacola Wounded American Veterans Event at Pensacola Yacht Club
Sept 18-22: THE HUB Music Fest at Bartram Park in Pensacola
Sept 28: Annual Seafood Festival at Seville Square Park downtown Pensacola

Blue Angels practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, NAS Pensacola
Bands on the Beach Tuesdays at the Gulfside Pavilion, Pensacola Beach

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

<https://www.visitpensacola.com/>
<http://mygulfoastchamber.com/>
<http://www.visitperdido.com/>
<http://mulletwrapper.net/>
<https://myescambia.com/>
<http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com//>
<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>
<http://www.cityofmobile.org/calendar/>

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