

KEY NOTES

NEWS FROM
THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

It is the time of year for visiting family and friends and reflecting on the year past and the one to come.

The PKA Board of Directors wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

"You must live in the present, launch yourself on every wave, find your eternity in each moment."

Henry David Thoreau

Many members kicked off the season with a very pleasant PKA holiday get together at the Seafarer Condominium on Monday, December 12, 2016. We were honored to have Commissioner Doug Underhill and his wife attend the gathering.

Final Call for PKA Board Candidates

In mid-January 2017, we will be sending PKA members notification of the Annual PKA Membership Meeting to be held on February 25, 2017 at the Eden Condominium.

Along with material about the meeting, the notification will contain information about candidates for election to the Association's Board of Directors. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in becoming a PKA Director and working for Perdido Key's future, please contact Marsha Young, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at mly1674@gmail.com, or anyone else on the PKA Board of Directors prior to January 6, 2017.

Update on Helipad Stand Down

A temporary stand down of the Perdido Key Helipad was ordered by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners in September 2016 while issues such as needed reviews and inspections were completed. According to Escambia County officials, several administrative actions, procedural changes, and alterations have been made at the facility since that time. These include implementing daily and weekly inspections, revised approach and departure routes, and additions and changes to various markings and warning devices. While material

modifications to the facility should be completed shortly and FAA administrative action is advisory in nature, obtaining final registration and site approval from FDOT will likely be several months away.

Commissioner Underhill Now Chairman of the BOCC

Escambia County District 2 Commissioner Doug Underhill is now the Chairman of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, taking over the rotating position from Commissioner Grover Robinson. Among his goals, Commissioner Underhill hopes to "move the county away from identity-based politics, and toward a citizen-led governance characterized by transparency and professionalism." He also plans to take a zero-based budgeting approach to County finances. For more on his views, see Pensacola News Journal December 12, 2016 article "Escambia County Commission Chairman Doug Underhill's Priorities" at <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2016/12/12/underhill-prioritizes-cutting-fat-county-budget/95330768/>.

Beach Renourishment and Underground Utilities

As issues of continuing interest, PKA summary articles on beach renourishment and underground utilities for Perdido Key are filed in the Archives page of the PKA website at <https://www.perdidokeyassociation.org>. The articles will be updated as developments emerge on the issues.

Difficult Infrastructure Funding Environment Likely in 2017

According to a recent article in the Pensacola News Journal, Escambia County officials anticipate heavy scrutiny to secure funding for infrastructure projects in 2017 because of a new rule in the Florida state House. County Administrator Jack Brown recently met with state representatives to discuss the County's priorities for the coming year while anticipating the new procedures. For more on the issue, see Pensacola News Journal December 19, 2016 article "Escambia to Push for Infrastructure Funding" at <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2016/12/19/escambia-push-infrastructure-funding/95616312/>.

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

Thanks to all for a very productive year.

January Calendar

Jan 1: Night in Bethlehem, St. Luke United Methodist Church, Nine Mile Drive

Jan 1: Pensacola's Walk to End Alzheimer's, Bayview Park

Jan 1: Polar Bear Dip, Flora-Bama Lounge

Jan 1-14: Ice Rink at the Wharf

Jan 6: Pensacola's 12th Night, Mardi Gras Kickoff

Jan 6,13, 14, 28, 29: Pensacola Ice Flyers at the Pensacola Bay Center

Jan 11-29: Gulf Coast Classic Company Pensacola Winter Series, Escambia County Equestrian Center

Jan 12: Birds of the Alabama Gulf Coast lecture by Dr. John Dindo, Gulf Coast Cultural Center

Jan 17: Songwriter Series at the Point Restaurant, Innerarity Point Road

Jan 17: Glenn Miller Orchestra, National Naval Aviation Museum
Jan 21: Annual Snowbird Fest at the Wharf, Orange Beach
Jan 28: Senior Bowl in Mobile
Jan 29: Big Beach Marathon and Half Marathon, The Hangout in Gulf Shores

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