

# KEY NOTES

NEWS FROM  
THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



## January 2018

### PKA-Funded Environmental/Wildlife Panel Upgrade on Johnson Beach

In keeping with its education purpose, the Perdido Key Association contributed to an upgrade of three interpretive wayside panels near the Perdido Key Discovery Trail at the Perdido Key Area of the Gulf Islands National Seashore (Johnson Beach). The December 8, 2017 "Gulf Islands News" release stated (in part): "Several interpretive wayside panels were recently upgraded and installed at the national seashore's Perdido Key Area thanks to the Perdido Key Association (PKA). The wayside panels and some associated hardware had weathered badly since it was first installed. The PKA approached the National Park Service earlier this year to provide financial support for the upgrade. 'We are grateful to the Perdido Key Association for their generous donation in support of the national seashore,' said Superintendent Dan Brown. 'Interpretive wayside panels are a critical tool of the National Park Service to share the important stories of the national seashore.' At Perdido Key these waysides interpret the natural beauty and dynamic wildlife of the area, provide trail guidance and safety reminders, and tell the story of important figures like Rosamond Johnson."

### United Kingdom Travel Guide Names Perdido Key "Wildlife Destination of 2017"

As released by the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce, The Luxury Travel Guide recognized Perdido Key as its "Wildlife Destination of 2017." The December 15, 2017 Chamber news release noted: "With the area being covered with 60 percent protected park lands, the prestigious and highly experienced judges from the U.K. wanted to share our little piece of lost treasure with the world." The release went on to say "The Luxury Travel Guide Awards represent the pinnacle of travel and tourism achievement,

championing the best in their respective fields; therefore to come out on top is truly an achievement."

### **Blood Donation Drive on Perdido Key on Friday, January 26**

The Perdido Key blood donation opportunity scheduled for October 27, 2017 was cancelled because of mechanical problems with the servicing vehicle. The FirstService Residential sponsored drive, to be conducted by local blood bank OneBlood, is now scheduled for 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday, January 26, 2018 and will be held in the Shrimp Basket restaurant parking lot at [14620 Perdido Key Drive](#) near the FirstService Residential Perdido Key offices. With January typically a slow month for donations, a good turnout could have a significant impact on the Pensacola-area community.

### **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on Saturday, January 20**

Volunteers are needed to help with the next PKA cleanup of Rt. 98 from Trout Road to Dog Track Road. Looking at the amount of litter gathered along the road over the holiday period, there is a good bit of work to do. The cleanup will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 8 AM until about Noon. If interested in helping out, please contact PKA president Charles Krupnick at [charles.krupnick@gmail.com](mailto:charles.krupnick@gmail.com).

Manatee Sightings - As reported in the December 22, 2017 Sea Grant Note, numerous sightings of manatee have been reported in the Pensacola area; as mentioned elsewhere, this includes Big Lagoon. If you see a manatee, you can report its location to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Manatee Sighting Network at [1-866-493-5803](tel:1-866-493-5803) and <http://manatee.disl.org/>.

### **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 24, 2017 at the Eden Condominium, [16282 Perdido Key Drive](#), Pensacola FL. The featured speaker will be Mr. Steve Hayes, the President of Visit Pensacola, the Pensacola Bay Area's destination marketing organization. Additional information about the meeting, including its final agenda and proxy forms, will be mailed to members in mid-January 2018.

### **PKA Holiday Party**

PKA members and invited guests gathered at the Seafarer Condominium on December 11 for the Association's annual Holiday Party. Excellent beverages and food were in good supply as was plenty of bonhomie. The party was privileged with the attendance of District 2 Commissioner Doug Underhill and his wife. With many members catching up on the year's activities with their PKA colleagues and other good conversation, the party provided an excellent beginning to the Holiday Season.

### **Very Best for the New Year!**

There is much to look forward to in the New Year. Our island continues to grow yet it should still remain a haven for family enjoyment of wonderful beaches, plentiful wildlife, unspoiled environment, and good times. Your PKA Board of Directors wishes all a very Happy New Year.

## **January Calendar**

Jan 1: Polar Bear Dip at the Flora-Bama Lounge  
Jan 1-14: Ice Skating at The Wharf  
Jan 2: Meet the Artist, Lyn Gentry at Perdido Key Community Center  
Jan 5: Pensacola Mardi Gras Kickoff in downtown Pensacola  
Jan 12-14, 26-27: Pensacola Ice Flyers at Pensacola Bay Center  
Jan 12: Winter Guest Fest at Ft. Walton Beach  
Jan 13: Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event at Gulf State Park Pavilion  
Jan 13: Gulf Coast Art Alliance art market, art classes, and Ballyhoo Festival at First Presbyterian Church, Gulf Shores  
Jan 13-14: Coastal Hunter Jumper Horse Show at Escambia County Equestrian Center  
Jan 13: Mardi Gras Festivities begin in Mobile  
Jan 23: Snowbird Fly In at NAS Pensacola Aviation Museum  
Jan 27: Snowbird Fest at The Wharf, Orange Beach  
Jan 27: Senior Bowl in Mobile  
Jan 28: Big Beach Marathon and Half Marathon in Gulf Shores  
Jan 31: Garden Brothers Circus at Escambia County Equestrian Center

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

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

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