

KEY NOTES

NEWS FROM
THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



October 2022

Commissioner Bergosh Town Hall Meeting Tuesday October 25

District 1 Commissioner Jeff Bergosh will hold a Perdido area Town Hall meeting from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at the gymnasium of the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church, 13660 Innerarity Point Road. Among the topics to be covered will be the apartment complex being built just north of Theo Baars Bridge discussed in the following entry.

Innerarity Apartment Development

Many residents of Innerarity Point and Perdido Key were surprised when land was cleared at the north end of the Theo Baars Bridge for a massive apartment complex. From the Escambia County's "Development Order Details" web page, the 13450 Perdido Key Drive site was approved for development in January 2022 as follows (partial quotation):

Construction of a multi-family apartment complex providing 325 dwelling units within 12 buildings on a 28.07-acre parcel. The complex will include a separate leasing office, clubhouse, and maintenance building, and two garages. Site development will provide paved parking, a graveled area for tenant RV and boat storage, and one paved access each to Canal Dr. and Monterey Ave.

The complex of 3-4 story buildings is being developed by Kore/Amplo and name "Altura." No information has been found on any Escambia County plans to improve the hazardous Perdido Key Drive/Canal Rd intersection likely to be used by residents of the new apartments. For more on the project, go to <https://myescambia.com/our-services/development-services/development-orders/details/perdido-key-drive-multi-family>; for a partial rendering of the 3-4 story apartment units, go to the Amplo website at <https://www.amplocapital.com/projects>.

International Coastal Cleanup Day 2022!

On a beautiful September 17th, 25 volunteers participated in a cleanup of Perdido Key beaches sponsored by the Perdido Key Association and Florida State Parks and supported by the Friends of Pensacola State Parks, Perdido Rotary Club and Perdido Key Chamber

Foundation. The gathering was part of local celebration of International Coastal Cleanup Day – a worldwide event for the past 35 years now held in over 150 countries. Trash collected during the event was deposited in a container provided by ECUA.

Recycling Available

Repairs are completed at ECUA's Escambia County recycling facility so its customers can begin recycling material. The city of Pensacola will begin collecting recycling material on October 3. For more on the issues, go to the September 27, 2022 *Pensacola News Journal* article "ECUA Materials Recycling Facility back up and running, Pensacola collection resume Monday" by Tom McLaughlin at https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2022/09/27/ecua-recycling-plant-up-and-running-pensacola-resume-collections/10439496002/?utm_source=pnj-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_briefing&utm_term=list_article_headline&utm_content=PPEN-1063NJ-E-NLETTER65.

When to Vote 2022

As found in the *AARP Bulletin* September 2022 and escambiavotes.gov, Florida voting dates for the 2022 general election follow:

Deadline to register – Tuesday, October 11

Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballot requests – Saturday, October 29

Early voting – Monday, October 24 through Saturday, November 5

Election Day – Tuesday, November 8 from 7 AM to 7 PM

Garden Party at Perdido Key Coastal Demonstration Garden

Escambia County is planning a "Garden Party" for October 14, 2022 to prune, weed, and get the Perdido Key Demonstration Garden at the Visitors Center (14500 Perdido Key Drive) in shape for fall. To help, please sign up for one of the 30 spots available at <https://perdidokeygardenparty.eventbrite.com>.

2022 Lionfish Challenge

During the 7th Lionfish Challenge contest to help control the invasive and destructive lionfish in Northwest Gulf of Mexico waters, 196 divers conducted 676 trips over a three month period and brought in 25,299 lionfish. First Place in the Recreational Division was Isaac Jones with 1018 lionfish and First Place in the Commercial Division was Paul DeCuir with 1092 lionfish. From *Sea Grant Notes* September 23, 2022.

Tico the Brazilian Manatee

While Florida's manatees are struggling to survive with reduced food supplies, we should be encouraged by the 2500-mile journey of Tico – a rescued Brazilian manatee. For his great adventure, read the September 6, 2022 *BBC* article "Tracking Tico: Manatee rescued after frantic search" by Anselm Gibbs at <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-62792026>.

Manatee Internship

The panhandlemanatee.org program is seeking an intern to assist with our area's manatee project through the winter of 2022. It requires 10-15 hours per week and is a paid position

through the National Wildlife Federation. For more information, e-mail bibzaj@nwf.org. Drawn from September 16, 2022 *Sea Grant Notes* by Rick O'Connor.

Diving Safety Symposium

Escambia County Marine Resources will have a SCUBA Diving Safety Symposium beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 10, 2022 at the Escambia County Central Office Complex on West Park Place just off Fairfield Drive.

Snakes in Our Homes?

A number of area residents have recently reported snakes in their homes. Though mostly in garages, a gray rat snake was found on a living room couch! Since it is too early for snakes to go into reduced activity, consider checking out the September 16, 2022 *UF/UFAS Florida Panhandle* article "Fall Snake Encounters" by Rick O'Connor at <https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/nat/2022/09/16/fall-snake-encounters/>.

October Calendar

Oct 01 – Oktoberfest at OWA

Oct 01 – Zarzaur Law Santa Rosa Island Triathlon 2022 on Pensacola Beach

Oct 01-31 – Destin Fishing Rodeo

Oct 05-09 – Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival at various venues on Pensacola Beach

Oct 06-09 – Shrimp Festival in Gulf Shores with Sand Sculpture Demo/Training on Oct 07 and 5K/10K Run/Walk on Oct 08

Oct 08-09,15-16,22-23,29-30 – Halloween at OWA

Oct 08 – Pensacola Dragon Boat Festival at Bayou Texar

Oct 08 – First City Art Center Pumpkin Patch at Blue Wahoo Stadium

Oct 09 – Pensacola Half Marathon and 5K road races in downtown Pensacola

Oct 14 – Taste of the Beach Festival on Pensacola Beach

Oct 15 – Bridge to Bridge 5K Road Race Pensacola to Gulf Breeze

Oct 15 – Bud Light Charity Challenge Tennis Tournament at Roger Scott Tennis Center

Oct 20-30 – Pensacola Interstate Fair at 6655 Mobile Highway

Oct 20,22,29 – Pensacola Ice Flyers at Pensacola Bay Center

Oct 21 – Beach-O-Ween at Pensacola Beach

Oct 22 – Perdido Key Witches & Werewolves Halloween Paddle Ride at Galvez Boat Landing

Oct 25 – Commissioner Bergosh Town Hall meeting at Perdido Bay United Methodist Church

Oct 28 – Zarzaur Law Zalloween Halloween Event in downtown Pensacola

Oct 30 – Pensacon Halloweenfest at Museum Plaza in downtown Pensacola

Blue Angels practice at NAS Pensacola October 12,18,19,25, and 26

Bands on the Beach at Pensacola Beach every Tuesday, 7-9 PM from April to October

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

<https://www.visitpensacola.com/>

<http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/>

<http://www.visitperdido.com/>

<http://mulletwrapper.net/>
<https://myescambia.com/>
<http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com//>
<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>

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