



**Navarre Beach Leaseholders and Residents Association**

**October 2009**

### **GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE PRESENTS FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT**



On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Gulf Islands National Seashore will present a free concert – Soundside Serenade- from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at the

Naval Live Oaks picnic area. A string ensemble from the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra will perform musical selections from a variety of classical composers. In addition, this year's event will include a performance by the Santa Rosa Strings Student Orchestra.

"Autumn is the perfect time of year to enjoy the outdoors at Gulf Islands National Seashore, and this event gives friends and families a chance to gather and enjoy music in a beautiful setting" remarked Superintendent Jerry Eubanks. This event will take place on the lawn and under the trees along the shore of Santa Rosa Sound. Visitors are

invited to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to sit on and may bring their own picnic lunch and/or cold beverages. All programs are free and open to the public.



The Naval Live Oaks picnic area is located south of U.S. Highway 98, east of the City of Gulf Breeze. For more information call 850-934-2634 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis).

### **COASTAL CLEANUP NOT HAMPERED BY WEATHER**

On the Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day the weather was rainy and miserable but it didn't deter over 300 volunteers to come out to Navarre Beach and help clean up. Almost 200 volunteers alone were local Navarre High School students from Junior ROTC and the Marine Science Sanctuary.



John Lewis, left, Larry Sims and Jim Taylor survey some of the debris they collected during the Annual Coastal Cleanup Day last month on Navarre Beach

*Picture provided by John Richardson*

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

10:00 a.m.

**October 17  
November 21  
December 19**

All meetings will be held at the  
Fire Department  
Please bring your neighbors!

# ***Letter from the President***

*Hello Everyone,*

*September and October has been a very active month with many issues going on that affect all of us.*

*First, I want to thank everyone that participated in the beach clean-up in September. More than 300 volunteers showed up to remove trash and debris from the Island. I understand more than 3,000 lbs. of trash was removed and our leaseholder crew, in conjunction with Terry Wallace's crew from the water department, removed tons of concrete, rebar, and other debris from vacant lots. As a result of this effort we voted to spend up to \$1,000 for rental of a front end loader to remove even more debris from the island later this fall.*

*We reported previously that a group led by Cinnamon Holderman is asking the county to implement an ordinance to require beach-goers to remove their tents and tent frames each night so that they do not interfere with turtle nesting and beach clean-ups. Another meeting of this group was held last week and Commissioner Gordon Goodin and Roger Blaylock from the beach administration attended. They are in support of an ordinance and one will probably be enacted before next Spring. I hope they will focus on the tent problem and not take this as an opportunity to expand their control over the public beach in front of the Condominiums and private homes. There was talk of requiring umbrella and chair vendors to submit bids to the county for concessions to operate the service in front of the condos. Most of the condos have an agreement with the umbrella and chair vendors to meet the specific needs of the Condo guest. I believe that TDC and gross receipts taxes are paid by the condos to the county, if not, it should be enforced, but I would not like the county controlling the umbrella stands in front of the condos.*

*The Ad Valorem lawsuit moves on at a slow pace. Depositions were held in September for several of the plaintiff's and Greg Brown and County Attorney Dannheiser. AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE LEASEHOLDERS WILL BE AT OUR MEETING. We are encouraging a good turn-out to hear more about the lawsuit.*

*Please refer to the article on Page four concerning Mr Odgers' letter. The County's solution to this problem that was brought to their attention by Mr. Odgers is to re-negotiate the lease agreement at Summerwinds to the standard 4/10% and not rebate the lease fees to anyone. If this happens it will result in a windfall to the county of several hundred thousand dollars. It should be our position that if the county goes ahead with this the extra lease fees should be earmarked to go to beach projects such as future re-nourishment, beach beautification or other projects benefitting the leaseholders and NOT GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND.*

*Please attend this month's meeting if possible. As you can see, there are a lot of issues out there affecting Navarre Beach Leaseholders.*

*Robert Coley*

# September Minutes

Jane Johnson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Angela Veal gave the Treasurer's report

## **TREASURER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

**AUGUST CHECKING BALANCE 6350.91**

### **Income**

Ads	20.00
Dues	205.00
BBC Donations w/dues	120.00
Total	345.00

### **Debits**

Express Printing & Mailing–Sept	167.21
Devra Edwards	
Newsletter	63.00
Website	24.00
Postage	88.00
Check to BBC for donations made	
w/dues 5/28/09 – 9/19/09	140.00
Total	482.21

**CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE 6213.70**

C.D. #469422232 – Issue Date 5/1/06

Renew Date 1/1/09

Balance 1/9/09 **11190.00**

**TOTAL ASSETS 17403.70**

### **BBC**

Judy Lewis gave a financial report on the BBC

John Lewis said that they are looking to replace several palm trees that died. The group has also installed stone around several palm tree islands.

### **Tax**

- ✓ John Richardson reported that our attorney, Danny Kempner will be in attendance at the October meeting.
- ✓ Depositions of leaseholders will begin the next few weeks
- ✓ A letter is being prepared by the committee which will be sent to all leaseholders.
- ✓ A request by Gerald Odgers for a review by the Attorney General of the practice of the county re turning lease fees for Summerwind
- ✓ and some other condos was being presented at the County Commissioner's meeting on Sept 21.
- ✓ Update – County Attorney Tom Danheiser suggested to the commissioners that he rewrite the leases of Summerwind condo's. That apparently will end the issue.

Robert Coley gave an update on the Navarre Pass. The report from the pass study was not adopted in its entirety by the commissioners.

Robert also reported that a 'Leave no Trace' ordinance will be discussed at a town hall meeting with Gordon Goodin on Sept 29.

Larry Sims, Jim Taylor and John Lewis gave an update on the work they did during the coastal cleanup. They wanted special thanks to go out to Terry Wallace for loaning a front end loader to the group. They were able to remove telephone poles and cement slabs left from Hurricane Opal.

Jim Taylor proposed spending up to \$1000 to hire some heavy equipment to remove more debris from empty lots. The motion was passed.

Robert Coley has asked Tracey Terry from the Chamber to address the NBLRA on incorporation in November.



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***Gerald Odgers Letter to the  
Board of County Commissioners***

*Many of you are aware that Mr. Gerald Odgers wrote a letter to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney maintaining that the rebate of Lease fees to Summerwinds and other condos was in conflict with the Florida Attorney General opinion that rebates at Pensacola beach were illegal. The reason that there was a rebate was because in 1999 (pre-taxation of Navarre Beach) Summerwinds developers reached an agreement with the county that if the county would change the land use zoning for the Summerwinds properties to build the present 3 buildings, the Summerwinds Leaseholders would pay lease fees equal to ad valorem taxes. Then, in 2001, when taxes were imposed, the county agreed to forego lease fees if the leaseholders paid their ad valorem taxes. To not do so would have resulted in double taxation.*



Here's your chance to let us know what **YOU** would like to see in the newsletter!

Any ideas or suggestions?

If you have anything you'd like to see  
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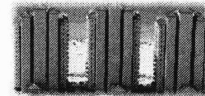
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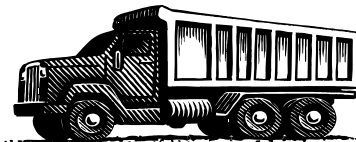
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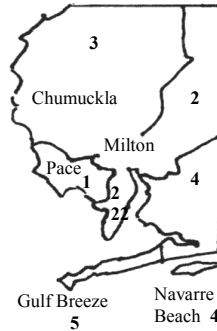
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### MEETINGS AND AGENDA

Regular commissioner meetings are the second and the fourth Thursday of each month. Regular meetings are preceded by committee meetings on the Monday prior to the regular meeting. All meetings begin at 9 a.m.

Agendas will be posted online on Friday before the Monday committee meeting; and on Wednesday before the Thursday regular meeting at [www.santarosa.fl.gov](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov)

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**19TH ANNUAL  
JUANA GOOD TIME  
REGATTA**

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13TH

The sound was filled with colorful catamarans as they prepared to begin the race during the 19th Annual Regatta.

*Photo taken and provided by John Richardson*

**October 2009**

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



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