

**By-Law Change** – If a proposal by Don Stephens passes the board, a by-law change will be submitted to the owners to change from two-thirds vote to a majority vote to amend the by-laws in the future. Stephens explained that the reason he is proposing the change is due to the difficulty in the past in getting 300 of 449 unit owners to respond.

**Playground Returns** – The playground is back and buzzing with activity. It is located on the beach on the east side of the boardwalk. Thanks to Russell Goodwin for building this at no charge except for materials.

**Landscaping Improvements** – Much improvement was made to the landscaping over a short period of time thanks, in part, to the efforts of owners Marilyn Goodwin and Mary Jane Reid.

**Technological Improvements** – GM Vance White is working on website improvements. When completed, owners will be able to log in to a secure owners area for access to information not available to the general public. Another advancement in the works is to mass e-mail messages to owners with updates in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. Improvements to the phone system are also planned. This, along with the wireless project, has delayed the implementation of the movies on the beach.

**Ashtrays** – Many of the ashtrays by the elevators were destroyed during the spring break period. New ashtrays have been ordered and may be installed by the time you read this.

**New Tenant** – The north end of the west end building (formerly the ice cream shop) has been leased to Student Breaks, LLC, for \$600 per month for 12 months beginning September 1, 2008.

**Tenant Renewal** – The restaurant space on the east end was advertised. The lone bid was from Bikini Bob's, so they will return for two more years. The amount is a total of \$20,000 per year including utilities. Utilities will be subject to adjustment the second year.

**Walkway Carpet** – SOA will try cleaning the walkway carpet using a machine loaned from owner David Hicks.

**Best Beach** – St. Andrew's State Park was ranked number 2 best beach by TripAdvisor.

**Rough Seas** – A tragic start to the tourist season saw two drownings in PCB.

**Whale Sighting** – Wildlife officials reported seeing a humpback whale near Destin on May 24.

**New Trolley Service** – Bay Town Trolley plans to add an express route on weekends this summer. The plan is to run between Wal-mart and Pier Park on weekends from 10 a.m. to midnight.

**Pedestrian Struck** – On Mar 4, just shy of 4:00 a.m., a pedestrian was hit by an SUV on Thomas Drive near The Summit. He later died from his injuries.

**Pier Park** – New additions coming later this year are Olive Garden, Baja Café, Guy Harvey's Island Grill, and Tootsie's Orchid Lounge. The original Tootsie's is a legendary Nashville lounge.

**Oaseas** - Former SOA GM Mike Griffin is VP and part owner of Oaseas Resorts, a new property and rental management company in PCB.

**City Election** – All incumbents were re-elected in the recent PCB election for Mayor and two council seats.

**New Visitor Center** – A new visitor center opened at Beckrich Centre. Go by and check out The Summit's video ad.

**Twin Piers** – The city and county piers will both be replaced and will be identical.

**Jazz** – Seabreeze Jazz Festival is moving from Walton County to Pier Park's amphitheater next year.

**The Beach** – Tourist and business officials from Bay, Gulf, Walton, and Okaloosa counties have joined together to brand the entire 100 mile stretch as "The Beach" in marketing initiatives. Check out [thebeachfla.com](http://thebeachfla.com) for more information.

**Pets Banned** – In 2006, owners voted 318 to 30 to ban pets at The Summit. Since then, there have been five cases where guests were caught with pets at The Summit. One case was a service dog. The other four guests removed their pets within a day. Pets, including cats, are not allowed on Summit property – inside or outside the unit. If you have renters, family members, friends, or others who stay in your unit, they may not be aware of The Summit's pet policy. It is each owner's responsibility to advise their guests of this policy before they arrive.

**Feral Cats** – For many years, feral cats have roamed the area around The Summit. Please do not feed these cats.

### **Annual Meeting**

Summit Owners Association

Saturday, September 13

Also, the quarterly board meeting will be held earlier that morning. Watch for your notice in the mail.

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## BAD ECONOMY HITS BEACH HARD

The number of visitors at the beach is in decline, and The Summit is no exception. Rocked by higher gas prices and uncertain job security, vacancies are widespread. One source reported in the local paper that summer vacations were down as much as forty percent from 2007. The Tourist Development Council shifted their target audience from the upper Midwest to Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. The Summit rental office is participating in TDC's Summer White Sale by offering plenty of discount coupons available at check-in plus free gas, free drinks at the Tiki Bar, and a \$25 gift card for the gift shop. Summit TV ads were purchased in Albany and Atlanta, Georgia. The lack of rental income coupled with the expense of enticements, such as free gas, are likely to have an effect on funds owed to the association from Summit Enterprises unless there is a quick turnaround.

## WIRELESS HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

Wireless internet access has been installed and is free to guests and owners. Passwords will be available from the office at each visit. The reception is limited to the south (beach) side of the condo units.

## DAVID SUGGS RECOGNIZED



David Suggs (L) was recognized by Board President Don Stephens (R) for twenty years of faithful service to SOA in a May 17 assembly of employees. Earlier that day, in the board meeting, a letter from an owner was read praising Stan Wierzchowicz, of Security, for his exceptional service.

