

# Footprints



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## NEW FLORIDA LAW AFFECTS YOU

Effective October 1, 2008, you are required to carry insurance coverage to provide for special assessment coverage of \$2,000 per occurrence. This is in the event of the association having a special assessment related to storm damage. Others have collected on this. However, I have found it difficult to collect this coverage, and the state is unwilling to permit arbitration on denial of this claim.

Another amendment changes the terms on the board of directors from three years to one year. There were other changes but these are the significant ones. You can go to the SOA website for all of these changes.

## DROWNINGS CLAIM TEN LIVES

So far in 2008, ten people have drowned in the gulf waters of Bay County. Many of these drownings are during double red flag conditions. Bay County recently passed an ordinance to cite swimmers who refuse to exit the water under double red flags. This would only apply to unincorporated Bay County. The Summit, as is the majority of the tourist area, is in the city limits. City officials have discussed the problem but have not approved an enforcement ordinance yet. Beach vendors are required to be trained to only go out as far as the sandbar to rescue swimmers. A big thumbs up to our beach vendors who were involved in a rescue behind Spinnaker.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES

Krista Navarro did not seek re-election to the board. We thank her for three years of dedicated service to the owners association. The three directors elected at the annual meeting were Jerry Jiles, Bruce Adams, and David McNeilly. Congratulations are in order. We appreciate all those who give their time serving on the board.

## SUMMIT HAS WEB CAM

A web cam is now in operation at The Summit. Go to the web site, [www.summit-resorts.com](http://www.summit-resorts.com) and click on Web Cam. Whenever a hurricane threatens Panama City Beach, you can get information at the web site. You can also read the minutes from board meetings.

## STORMS

The Summit escaped damage from the series of storms passing through the gulf. Even though Hurricane Ike was over 300 miles away, it created enormous waves and reduced the size of the beach. The Corp of Engineers will evaluate the beach to determine how much permanent damage occurred.



**Beach Lighting** – The city drafted an ordinance on beach lighting. Existing beach properties would be required to use amber or red bulbs by May 1, 2013, or to turn off lights at night during the turtle nesting season. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service would have to approve any lighting ordinance.

**White Sale** – This past summer’s white sale will continue into the fall.

**Circus by the Sea** – The Florida State University Flying High Circus program had to close on July 10 due to disappointing ticket sales.

**New Shopping Center** – St. Joe Company announced that they are planning a large shopping center across the road from Pier Park.

**Dog Fly Plane** – You won’t see the old plane flying overhead spraying for those biting dog flies. In a budget cutting move, the state discontinued the program. The Beach Mosquito Control folks will try to pick up the spraying in their helicopter.

**Festival** – First it was the Indian Summer Seafood Festival. Then it became known as the Indian Summer Festival. Now it is known as Panama City Beach Seafood, Wine & Music Festival. It will be held October 10 through 12.

**Roadwork Ahead** – US 98 will gain a lane on the east bound side of the Hathaway Bridge. Eventually, the state wants to build a flyover to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The city has plans to widen state highway 79 at Front Beach Road. Cameras are slated to be installed in Panama City to help control traffic.

**Now You See Them** – Now you don’t. The wildlife officials discovered a turtle nest at The Summit only to discover that, when they came to remove it to protect it from Fay’s high water, there were no eggs there.

**Walkway Carpet** – A decision is expected soon on what to do with the walkways. The carpet has become an eyesore.

**Treadmills** – Two new replacement treadmills were purchased.

**Voice Mail** – Voice mail has been installed, so you can now leave a message for Vance and others.

**Contract Change** – Student Breaks will now occupy the south side of the west end building rather than the north side as previously reported.

**New Owners** – We are constantly getting new owners at The Summit. We will be compiling information that would be helpful to new owners. If you are a new owner or just have some suggestions on what would be good to include, please e-mail it to Gerald at RentPCB@aol.com. This is a good time to recommend that all owners subscribe to *Condo Owner* magazine. It is free to condo owners. To subscribe, go to [www.condo-owner.com](http://www.condo-owner.com) or call 251-968-5300 or 800-968-0712.

**Clutch Performer Dies** – Lloyd Faust, Jr., better known as “Buttercup”, died of heart attack at the age of 56. He was a musician/singer with Clutch, a longtime popular band in Panama City Beach.

#### **Future meeting dates for SOA BOD:**

December 13, 2008

February 28, 2009

May 23, 2009

September 19, 2009 (Annual Meeting)

*Dates are subject to change.*

#### *Upcoming Events...*

##### **Thunder Beach Autumn Rally**

**September 25-28**

[ThunderBeachProductions.com](http://ThunderBeachProductions.com)

##### **Schooners’ Annual Lobsterfest**

**September 19-21**

[Schooners.com](http://Schooners.com)

##### **Oktoberfest**

**October 3-4**

Downtown PC

##### **Super Boat Grand Prix**

**October 3-5**

[SuperBoat.com](http://SuperBoat.com)

##### **Panama City Beach Seafood, Wine & Music Festival**

(formerly Seafood Festival, Indian Summer Festival)

**October 10-12**

Frank Brown Park

[PanamaCityBeachFest.com](http://PanamaCityBeachFest.com)

##### **Emerald Coast Sprint Triathlon**

**October 11**

##### **Ironman Triathlon**

**November 1**

[IronmanFlorida.com](http://IronmanFlorida.com)

Boardwalk

##### **Emerald Coast Cruizin’**

**November 3-8**

[EmeraldCoastCruizin.com](http://EmeraldCoastCruizin.com)

Frank Brown Park

The Summit is a host for this event.

