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NEW WALKWAYS

After much debate, the walkway project is finally a reality. VH Granite and Tile began work in mid-November. The carpet was removed and a coating is being applied. By the time you read this, the project should be close to completion.

BUDGET APPROVED

The 2010 budget was approved. Quarterly fees are \$956 (1BR), \$1012 (2BR), and \$1181 (3BR). In other BOD news, the rate for in-house maintenance was increased from \$32 per hour to \$36 per hour. The Tiki Bar is now permitted to stay open until 1:00 a.m. nightly.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES TO ADD PANAMA CITY

In a major announcement on October 21, Southwest Airlines, a popular discount carrier, revealed their plans to fly twice a day from Panama City to four different destinations. The agreement is for three years. St. Joe Company's incentives were key to obtaining Southwest for the new airport, which will be known as Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. The flights will begin when the airport opens in May 2010. The four cities had not been named in time for this publication. When they are announced we will post them on the summit-resorts.com web site. This announcement is expected in mid-December. In other airport news, the FAA approved a runway extension to 10,000 feet which will allow for direct European flights.

PAINTING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The Summit received a much needed coat of paint. This included the elevator towers, the balcony edges, and the east and west sides on the building. A lamp was installed at the west end grilling area. The east end pool was re-surfaced and tiled and now matches the west pool. The exercise area, new snack bar dining area, and the postal area all received new tile. The guard house was remodeled. The gate at the tennis court was replaced. The large compactor was repaired. The broken water heater in the commercial laundry was replaced with an on-demand heater.



Water Main Breaks – A water main broke at the Thomas Drive/Joan Avenue intersection on October 9. On November 28, a water main broke at the North Lagoon Drive/Joan Avenue intersection causing a sink hole.

Drownings – After a relatively safe summer, there were three drownings in PCB in October.

Grand Lagoon Bridge – The Thomas Drive bridge at Grand Lagoon near Captain Anderson's is being replaced with a four-lane bridge that will be 8 feet higher. The project began in October and is expected to take 18 months.

Spring Break Marketing – The Tourist Development Council will not commit the huge amount of money to market spring break as they have in the past. A group of business owners are raising money to market it themselves and have created an organization for that purpose. (Well, it will be nice seeing the bar owners spending their own money to gather spring break consumers instead of bed tax money.) The TDC will be concentrating more on year round tourism and families but will provide \$25,000 to the fledgling organization.

New SEI Hire – Anne Rosamond has been hired by SEI and will oversee marketing, housekeeping, gift shop, Tiki bar, and laundry. A new website is coming as part of a new marketing strategy.

CRA Work – The work crew is burying utilities on South and North Thomas Drive. This work will not include The Summit at this time.

Tub Work – Need a new tub job for your unit for \$650? Contact Heather in the rental office for details.

More Police at Spring Break – In an effort to better control spring break, the city will bring in 24 off-duty state troopers for spring break to augment local law enforcement. The plan is for 12 troopers for the last two weeks of March and 12 during the first two weeks of April. By that schedule, they would seem to miss the biggest college spring break week of March 8-12.



Bikini Bob's – Bikini Bob's Restaurant is undergoing some kitchen renovation to streamline the food serving process.

Frommer's Travel Guide – Frommer's Travel Guide is one of the best known travel guides in the world, and they have named Florida Panhandle Beaches one of the top 12 destinations in the world for 2010. From Frommer's: *Dubbed the "Redneck Riviera" by dismissive northerners, northwest Florida, in fact, contains some of the most diverse recreation choices along Florida's drastically under-appreciated Gulf coast, and some of the best options for visitors seeking an affordable family vacation.*

You can read more at www.frommers.com.

New Owners – The Summit takes on new owners regularly. If you did not receive a copy of the SOA's *New Owner Guide*, you can get a copy from the website at www.summit-resorts.com. You can also get a free subscription to *Condo Owner*, a useful magazine targeting the northwest Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi coastal area. For the free subscription, go to www.condo-owner.com or call 1-800-968-0712.



Upcoming Events...

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Beach Ball Drop at Pier Park sponsored by Southwest Airlines

Mar. 13-14 – Spring Fling Car & Truck Show at Frank Brown Park (www.springflingcarshow.com)

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