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## SUMMIT IMPROVEMENTS

When Hurricane Ivan visited in 2004, the recently built boardwalk along with the wheelchair accessible platform were washed away. A new and smaller walk was built back. In January of 2008, a replacement boardwalk to the beach was built using SOA employees along with free volunteer work from owner Russell Goodwin and GM Vance White's son-in-law. The new structure has four showers and is wide enough to accommodate the six furnished Adiron-dack chairs as well as wheelchairs.

The old playground has been removed and a new and improved one will be built after spring break.

Other improvements include 15 new luggage carts, 10 new grocery carts, 15 lounge chairs repaired, new arm at the gate extended to block unauthorized pedestrians, and new carpet in the rental office.

## SWIMMING POOL CHANGES

The west swimming pool underwent major repairs. As a result, the dark tiles that created the diamonds and perimeter designs on the bottom were removed in compliance with Florida regulations. The reason given is that a child could be on the bottom of the pool and not be seen. The dark tiles will remain on the east pool until necessary repairs are made to it sometime after the summer. A lighter tile is permitted and SOA will test several legal shades and colors and consider what to do before the repair of the east pool. Both pools are fully operational.

## ROOF LEAK

The center elevator tower roof leaked causing problems in two units on the 15th floor. Repairs are to be completed using reserve funds.

## HIGH-SPEED WIRELESS INTERNET

The wireless high-speed internet access should be available in each Summit unit by the end of April. This will be a valuable addition for those owners who desire internet hook-up as well as an added value for the rental program. Access will be limited to owners and guests of The Summit.

## CABLE TV

The old cable coax is in need of replacement. So far, no local contractor has stepped forward to bid on the job.

**DVD Rentals**—The DVD vending machine was removed by the vendor.

**It's Hot**—Adding a/c to the elevator was deemed unviable due to humidity. Air circulation improvements will continue to be looked at.

**Termination Authority**—The board voted that the hiring and firing of the General Manager and the Bookkeeper must be by board vote.

**Plumbing Leaks in Units**—This one has been batted around before. The decision of the board in the February 2008 meeting was that the individual owner would pay for any plumbing leak in their unit—not the SOA.

**Facials**—Add facials to the concession lineup this summer. The facials will be done at the old ice cream shoppe on the west end of the property. The hair braiding will be back for 2008. These vendors will pay SOA 40%.

**Spring Break**—Spring Break rentals are expected to be down from 2007 due to a shorter season.

**Thomas Drive Roadwork**—We wrote in the last newsletter that work on Thomas Drive in front of The Summit is in the plans but will not be done in the foreseeable future. Work will begin this summer, however, on South Thomas Drive (this is the area by Pineapple Willy's) and the stretch of Front Beach Road to the Middle Beach Road/North Thomas Drive intersection.

**Faircloth Estate Auction**—Roebuck Auctions had a sale on March 14 for the Charles Faircloth Estate. The various real estate holdings on the block had an estimated value of \$250 million.

**State Hwy 79**—Florida DOT plans to four-lane Highway 79 from County Road 388 to the Washington County line. This will take about two years.

**Sewage Spill**—On March 3, a sewage line broke while the city was doing work along Joan Avenue. A story in the *News-Herald* quoted the Dept. of Environmental Protection office as reporting that raw sewage was sent into North Lagoon, Grand Lagoon, and St. Andrews Bay.

**Beach Chairs**—Annual rental of beach chairs for 2008 is \$645, taxes included. If you want a set, please call Judy at 850-235-8799.

**Condo Sales Up**—Florida Association of Realtors reported that Panama City-area existing condo sales rose 37 percent in 2007, the highest increase in the state.

**Jim Rains Passes**—Rev. James C. Rains died on March 2 at the age of 83. He was the founder of Noah's Ark.

**Pier Park**—Pier Park stores continue to open and the open-air mall is now a vibrant part of the PCB community. Check it out on your next visit.

**US Airways**—US Airways is planning to offer flights between Panama City and Charlotte.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- March 29 USAF Thunderbirds at Tyndall AFB [www.tyndall.schultzairshows.com](http://www.tyndall.schultzairshows.com)
- April 19 and May 31 Emerald Coast Triathlon
- April 23-26 Gulf Coast Horse Show & Music Festival at Frank Brown Park
- May 1-4 Thunderbeach Motorcycle Rally
- May 10 Gulf Coast Triathlon
- **May 17 SOA Quarterly Board Meeting**



### **Summit Family Deaths**

Eveline (Evie) Hartzog (formerly McCain), of Georgia, owner of Unit 414, passed away September 16, 2007, at the age of 66.

Hubert Lee Brock, of Georgia, passed away December 7, 2007, at the age of 86. He and his wife, Joan, were two of the earliest owners at The Summit.

Our deepest sympathies go out to these families.