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Also, be sure to catch **Okaloosa Today** on Cox 6 where Public Information Manager Doug Rainer hosts guests to discuss important city issues, events and programs that take place in Destin.



- **Tuesday** at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** at 9 a.m.
- **Friday** at 6 p.m.
- **Sunday** at 8 p.m.



## In the News



On April 19, Mayor Sam Seevers officially proclaimed April 15th to April 21st Boys & Girls Club Week.



The Destin Dog Park received the 2012 Community of Excellence Award from the Northwest Florida League of Cities on Friday, May 11, in Panama City Beach, Fla. Councilwoman Sandy Trammell accepted the award on behalf of the city. (Northwest Florida League of Cities Past President Kurvin Qualls; City of Destin Councilwoman Sandy Trammell; Northwest Florida League of Cities President Charles Baugh, Jr.)

## The City of Destin Opens the Boardwalk Along Destin Harbor!

The City of Destin and its partners along Destin Harbor cut the ribbon on the new boardwalk on Wednesday, June 20. The ceremony included comments from Shane Moody, CEO/President of the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Sam Seevers; Father Mike Hesse; Sen. Don Gaetz; Sandy Trammell, CRA Board Chair; and Pastor Steve Vaggalis.

The boardwalk project broke ground on Jan. 5, 2012, and includes 1,600 feet of new decking and pavers, landscaping, lighting and seating. The city worked with seven property owners (nine properties) along the harbor to implement the project. The new boardwalk provides continuity along beautiful Destin Harbor with easy access to local fishing charter boats, great restaurants and a multitude of water activities - fun for the entire family.

The City of Destin is proud of this new addition to the harbor and looks forward to all residents, businesses and visitors enjoying it for years to come. For more information about the boardwalk and to see a map of the harbor, visit [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com).



**Participating Properties (East to West):**  
Harborview Properties  
Heron Harbor  
Destin Fishing Fleet Marina  
City of Destin  
Tim and Wendy Krieg  
Davis Companies, LLC.  
Galati Brothers of Florida, Inc.  
AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar  
Emerald Grande & Harborwalk Village



## Norriego Point Sea Oats Planting

On May 12, the City of Destin, along with more than 100 volunteers, planted 36,000 sea oats and installed 4,000 feet of sand fencing on Norriego Point in an overall effort to rebuild Norriego Point to provide a natural wildlife habitat and to protect the harbor. Over the years, the point has been damaged and eroded by heavy wave action and storms. The city is planning to permanently stabilize Norriego Point and is currently moving a plan through the permitting process with Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



**The City of Destin would like to especially thank the following businesses and individuals for their dedication, donations and hard work to make this project a reality:** AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar; Ann Louise Anderson; Bob Price; Col. Ronald Johnson & Sheila Johnson; Destin Water Sports; Dr. Kevin Wells (Wells Vision & Laser Eye Center); East Pass Towers Marina Association; Garver Engineers, LLC.; Gloria Moulton; Harborwalk Village; Jim & Nick's BBQ; Life's a Beach Publications; Marlin Grill; Maryann Ustick; Matthews Marine; SOS Printing & Graphics; South Bay Ace (John & Jay Pugh); Southern Star; Steve Schmidt; Tropical Smoothie; Will & Lucille Rogers; Winn Dixie

## www.cityofdestin.com City of Destin Launches New Website!

The City of Destin is proud to announce its new and improved website. Representatives from all city departments worked diligently over past eight months to create the new website that provides comprehensive information in a format that is inviting and easy to navigate. The development of the site also aligns with the city's Quality Improvement Process.

### Some new key features:

- Accessible public records and searchable archives
- Most used information on the homepage
- Easy to navigate
- Interactive component - process for requests, questions and complaints
- Up-to-date FAQs
- Social media links including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube
- Email and text notifications for news, agendas and events
- Comprehensive document center

If you are not familiar with our website, we encourage you to take a tour. You just may find something that interests you. If you are a returning guest, we hope you enjoy the new format and information.

**As always, we want to know what you think! Be sure to take our online poll and provide your feedback on the new website.**



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# City Happenings!

## COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS

**ADULT BASKETBALL (OPEN GYM):** Mondays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**DESTIN DOLPHIN CHEERLEADING:** The program is designed for youth ages 5 through 12 years as of July 31, 2012. Cost is \$35 per resident and \$40 for non-residents plus uniforms. Practices begin early August and the first game is August 25, 2012. Register at the Destin Community Center.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE:** Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at 12:20 p.m. begin in September.

**JAZZERCISE:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. The class includes warm-up, high-energy aerobic routines, muscle toning and a cool down stretch segment. Cost is \$10 per week or \$36 per month for residents.

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT:** July 13 and August 17. Parents, now is your time to have fun while the kids spend a supervised evening full of games, movies and pizza. For ages 5-12. One Friday per month from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 per non-resident, per child.

**MEN'S 17+ FALL BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** The City of Destin's Men's 17+ Fall Basketball League will begin on Thursday, August 30, 2012, at the Destin Community Center. The league is open to anyone age 17 and up. Games will be played on Thursday nights starting at 6:15 p.m. Teams must pay the \$275 team sponsorship fee to be placed on the schedule. Individual registration fees are \$20 for residents (with proof of residency) and \$30 for non-residents. A mandatory captain's meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012, at the Destin Community Center at 7 p.m. and will cover league rules, department policies, schedules and uniform requirements. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. For more information or to register a team please call the Destin Community Center at 654-5184.

**PICKLE BALL:** Available anytime. Cost is \$2.

**SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July. \*The fall league is August through November.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 9 a.m. Tables are also available at other times.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$2 for non-residents. Free to Destin residents.

**WALKING CLUB:** Walk in the comfort of the Community Center gym with music Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**WOMEN'S FALL BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** The City of Destin's Women's Fall Basketball League will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at the Destin Community Center. The league is open to anyone age 17 and up. Games will be played on Wednesday nights starting at 6:15 p.m. Teams must pay the \$275 team sponsorship fee to be placed on the schedule. Individual registration fees are \$20 for residents (with proof of residency) and \$30 for non-residents. A mandatory captain's meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at the Destin Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and will cover league rules, department policies, schedules and uniform requirements. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. For more information or to register a team please call the Destin Community Center at 654-5184.

**WOODCARVING:** Fridays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per class.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** The City of Destin is holding a Youth Basketball League for youth ages 3-15 (as of September 30, 2012). The league will be held at the Destin Community Center. Registration will begin on Monday, July 16, 2012. Evaluations will be held on October 16, 18 and 20. A coaches meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, at 6 p.m. Practices will start the week of November 5. Fees are \$40 for Destin residents and \$50 for non-residents. Team sponsorships are available at \$125 with sponsor name on jersey. Registrations taken at the Destin Community Center. Please call 654-5184 for more information.

**ZUMBA:** Will resume in the fall. Cost is \$5 per class.

**GAME ROOM/OPEN GYM:** The Game Room and Gymnasium at the Destin Community Center are open to children 10 and older Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Games include a ping-pong table, a pool table, a foosball table, an air hockey table, and a basketball & volleyball court.

The Community Center is currently taking names of those interested in **tennis lessons, baton lessons and zumba for kids.** If you are interested, please call the Community Center at 837-5184.

**For more information about summer programs at the Community Center, please call 654-5184.**

## SUMMER CAMPS

**KIDS' CAMP:** Begins June 11 for ages 5-12. Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp lunch program is from noon to 1 p.m.

**COOKING AND SERVING CAMP:** July 10-12, from noon to 3 p.m. for ages 8-15. Cost is \$45 for Destin residents and \$55 for non-residents.

**CHEERLEADING CAMP:** August 6-7, from 1-3 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cost is \$25 for Destin residents and \$30 for non-residents.

**BABYSITTING Safety:** July 17, from 1-5 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Cost is \$30 for Destin residents and \$35 for non-residents.

**DODGEBALL CAMP:** July 30 through August 2, from 1-3 p.m. for ages 9-14. Cost is \$15 for Destin residents and \$20 for non-residents.

**BASKETBALL CAMP:** This camp will be held July 16-19 and is for ages 5-13. Cost is \$40 per child.

**BIKE RODEO:** July 24, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Destin Community Center. Bring your bikes and helmets to this free event. Learn about safety from local police and wash your bike up for summer! Free bike tune-ups by Coastal Cruisers. Free hot dogs!

**YOLO CAMP:** July 26-27, from 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-16. Cost is \$40 for Destin residents and \$45 for non-residents. **For more information about summer camps at the Community Center, please call 654-5184.**

## COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER EVENTS

**BIG TRUCK DAY:** August 10 from 9-11 a.m. For all ages. Admission is free.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE:** August 24 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$5.

**For more information about summer events at the Community Center, please call 654-5184.**

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

Lots of activities each month for Destin's active seniors. Please call Senior Coordinator **Pat Markey** at 685-5310 for more information.

### List of regular activities:

- Cruises
- Biloxi day trips
- BINGO at the Community Center
- Golf at the Golf Garden and Sandpiper Cove
- Water color paint lessons
- Free tennis lessons at Buck Destin Tennis Courts
- Monthly pot luck birthday party
- Monthly lunch bunch
- Senior Book Club
- New release movies at the Community Center

## PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

**DESTIN YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL** is having registration June 1 - July 31. Register online at [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) or in person at Morgan Sports Center or the Destin Community Center Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$67 for Destin Residents and \$77 for non-residents. The tackle football program is designed for youth ages 5-12 years old as of July 31, 2012. A birth certificate is required for all participants. The last day to register will be Tuesday, July 31, at 5 p.m. A mandatory meeting for persons interested in coaching will be held June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Morgan Sports Center office.

**DESTIN YOUTH SOCCER** is having registration May 31 - August 10. Register online at [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) or in person at Morgan Sports Center or the Destin Community Center Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$52 for Destin Residents and \$62 for non-residents. The soccer program is designed for youth ages 3-16 years old as of July 31, 2012. A birth certificate is required for all participants. The last day to register will be Friday, August 10, at 5 p.m. All games will be held on Friday nights. The Youth Soccer Program needs coaches!! Please sign up to coach at the Morgan Sports Center office.

**DESTIN BASH AT THE BEACH ONE PITCH TOURNAMENT:** Morgan Sports Center will host a one-pitch softball tournament (Bash at the Beach) to kick off the upcoming softball season. The tournament will be held Friday, July 27, 2012. Hit your own Classic P. Format will be double elimination with a 3 home run limit per team. The entry fee will be \$75, entries are due by Wednesday, July 25. There is a six-team minimum for this tournament. There is a two-game guarantee, no refunds, and it is Friday night only. Game times will be available Thursday, July 28 at noon. Awards will be given to the top two teams. For more information call 850-650-1241 or email [ncoleman@cityofdestin.com](mailto:ncoleman@cityofdestin.com).

**ADULT FALL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Wednesday August 1, 2012, at Morgan Sports Center in Destin. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at Morgan Sports Center. Team fees are \$300 and must be paid before teams are placed on the schedule. Individual fees are \$16 for Destin residents (with proof of residency) and \$31 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least 17 years old to participate. For more information, please call 650-1241 or email [ncoleman@cityofdestin.com](mailto:ncoleman@cityofdestin.com).

**ADULT COED FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at Morgan Sports Center in Destin. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at Morgan Sports Center. Team fees are \$275 and must be paid before teams are placed on the schedule. The last day to register your team is Friday, August 10. Registration Fees are \$16 for Destin residents (must show proof of residency) and \$31 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least 17 years old to participate. For more information, please call 654-5184 or email [recreation@cityofdestin.com](mailto:recreation@cityofdestin.com).

**ADULT MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at Morgan Sports Center in Destin. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, at Morgan Sports Center. Team fees are \$300 and must be paid before teams are placed on the schedule. The last day to register your team is Friday, August 24. Registration Fees are \$17 for Destin residents (must show proof of residency) and \$31 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least 17 years old to participate. For more information, please call 654-5184 or email [recreation@cityofdestin.com](mailto:recreation@cityofdestin.com).

**ADULT MEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT REAL SKILLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Thursday, August 16, 2012, at Morgan Sports Center in Destin. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, at Morgan Sports Center. Team fees are \$300 and must be paid before teams are placed on the schedule. The last day to register your team is Friday, August 10th. Registration Fees are \$16 for Destin residents (must show

proof of residency) and \$31 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least 17 years old to participate. For more information, please call 654-5184 or email [recreation@cityofdestin.com](mailto:recreation@cityofdestin.com).

**ADULT MEN'S COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Thursday, August 16, 2012, at Morgan Sports Center in Destin. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at Morgan Sports Center. Four teams are needed for this league to make. Fees are \$300 and must be paid before teams are placed on the schedule. The last day to register your team is Friday, August 10th. Registration Fees are \$16 for Destin residents (must show proof of residency) and \$31 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least 17 years old to participate. This league will be hitting the Classic M softball with a limit of eight home runs per game. For more information, please call 650-1241 or email [recreation@cityofdestin.com](mailto:recreation@cityofdestin.com).

## DESTIN LIBRARY SUMMER CALENDAR

### JULY

**Tuesday, July 17:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, July 19:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Kids Summer Scene Movie Series

**Friday, July 20:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Summer Digital Photography Workshop

**Saturday, July 21:** 10 a.m. Writers in Sandals

**Tuesday, July 24:** 3 p.m. Special Event - Pat Nease, Storyteller  
3:30 p.m. Story time

**Wednesday, July 25:** 3 p.m. Kids Summer Scene Movie Series - "Megamind"

**Thursday, July 26:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Non-fiction Book Club  
5 p.m. Kids' Got Talent Show

**Friday, July 27:** 10 a.m. - Noon: Young Writers Workshop Series

**Tuesday, July 31:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

### AUGUST

**Wednesday, August 1:** 3 p.m. Kids Summer Scene Movie Series - "We Bought a Zoo"

**Thursday, August 2:** 9:30 a.m. Story time

**Friday, August 3:** 9:30 a.m. Expanding Horizons Book Club  
10 a.m. - Noon: Summer Digital Photography Workshop

**Tuesday, August 7:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Wednesday, August 8:** 10 a.m. Seniors of Destin Book Club

**Thursday, August 9:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Happy Readers Book Club

**Friday, August 10:** Noon: Friends of the Destin Library Luncheon (election of officers)

**Tuesday, August 14:** 9 a.m. Destin Garden Club  
3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, August 16:** 9:30 a.m. Story time

**Saturday, August 18:** 10 a.m. Writers in Sandals

**Tuesday, August 21:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, August 23:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Non-fiction Book Club

**Tuesday, August 28:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, August 30:** 9:30 a.m. Story time

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday, September 3:** Library CLOSED

**Tuesday, September 4:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, September 6:** 9:30 a.m. Story time

**Tuesday, September 11:** 9 a.m. Destin Garden Club  
3:30 p.m. Story time

**Wednesday, September 12:** 10 a.m. Seniors of Destin Book Club

**Thursday, September 13:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Happy Readers Book Club

**Saturday, September 15:** 10 a.m. Writers in Sandals

**Tuesday, September 18:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, September 20:** 9:30 a.m. Story time

**Tuesday, September 25:** 3:30 p.m. Story time

**Thursday, September 27:** 9:30 a.m. Story time  
3 p.m. Non-fiction Book Club

**For more information about the summer programs and activities at the Destin Library, please call 837-8572.**



# DESTIN focus SUMMER 2012

