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SIGNS OF RECOVERY

New businesses, location changes defy economy

After months of stagnant growth, business development might once again be stirring in Gulf Breeze.

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According to Shane Carmichael, City of Gulf Breeze Community Services Director, a new hotel, three restaurants, and the expansion and relocation of an existing restaurant could soon shake up the city's sedentary core business area.

Already approved to join the Sea Shells Collection Shopping Center is a Rotolo's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant. The Louisiana-based pizzeria will occupy 3,100 square feet including an interior bar, dining room, kitchen and outdoor seating. Total occupancy will be 156 seats, 118 of which will be at interior tables.

"The outside seating area will be fully fenced to accommodate the serving of alcohol," Carmichael said. "The gate will also be landscaped or screened. This project is a tenant build-out and is already approved."

Carmichael said representatives of Roly Poly restaurants also have

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The wrecking ball soon will demolish the historic but dilapidated Benson Building in the heart of Gulf Breeze's business district to make way for a Dunkin' Donuts franchise.

Driver's license location hopping

■ South Santa Rosa Service Center is new site for Gulf Breeze

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Santa Rosa County Tax Collector Stan Colie Nichols surveyed the crowded waiting room and was glad to see his South Santa Rosa County office humming.

Monday was the first day that the tax collector's office offered driver's license services at the South Santa Rosa Service Center since the Department of Motor Vehicles office closed in Gulf Breeze, and the parking lot was overflowing.

Inside, a customer service representative greeted each entrant to make sure they had the appropriate documents, speeding along the process that

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Scott Page/GBN
Rotolo's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant plans to occupy a corner location in the Sea Shells Collections Center.



Scott Page/GBN
Popular hangout Santino's Pizza will be moving to the old Blockbuster Video store on Gulf Breeze



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GB Police nab another top honor

■ Coastwatchers initiative results in FPCA Pomerance

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The success of the City of Gulf Breeze's Coastwatchers oil response program has resulted in the Gulf Breeze Police Department receiving yet another award – the Rocky Pomerance Excellence in Policing Award, given by the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

Chief Peter Paulding received the award at a June 28

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■ Police catch 'backpack bandit' on bridge, 2A

Gulf Breeze scientist honored at White House

■ Green energy sector leader recognized as 'Champion of Change'

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Two Santa Rosa County residents was honored at the White House on Tuesday for their efforts to strengthen the local economy, create jobs and help the Gulf Coast recover from the Deepwater

Horizon oil spill. Gulf Breeze's David Robau was recognized as a "Champion of Change" for his work promoting energy efficiency and alternative forms of energy with the Gulf Coast Energy Network (GCEN) – which he founded – and for serving as the project lead on the Energy Technology Center (ETC), a green jobs incubator and learning center.

Robau – a graduate of the

University of West Florida's Environmental Studies Program and leader in the clean energy sector – was shocked by the honor.

"I received an e-mail from a White House staffer, notifying me about the award, and I was absolutely elated," Robau said. "What an honor, when you consider how many amazing people are doing extraordinary things to rebuild their communities along the Gulf Coast."

The White House Champions of Change initiative recognizes Americans from all walks of life that are helping the country rise to the challenges of the 21st Century – one of the most important of which is clean, sustainable energy.

Robau, an environmental scientist for the U.S. Air Force, was joined in Washington, D.C., by Daniel Hahn, plans chief for the

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David Robau (left) of Gulf Breeze and Daniel Hahn of Pace share a laugh Tuesday at the White

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GROWTH: Walmart Market targets March 2012 debut

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expressed interest and met with city staff, but documentation to open in an interior area of the shopping center has not yet been submitted and approved.

Roly Poly calls itself the "original national rolled sandwich" chain and has stores in 24 states. Its first Pensacola-area store opened within the past year near Cordova Mall. The restaurants are locally-owned franchises.

Developer's packets, including renderings, elevations, landscaping plans and documentations are in hand for the Dunkin Donuts, scheduled due to go in at Gulf Breeze Parkway between Live Oak Avenue and Northcliff Drive. E-mails from the associates of the property owner, RMC Property Group, indicate that tenant Antiquarian Traders will vacate the building today (July 21), and demolition soon will commence. Asbestos removal will be required and begin July 25, and the demolition contractor is to follow as soon as possible. Cason Environmental is the asbestos removal contractor, and DKE Marine Services is the demolition contractor.

The City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

will be offsetting the deconstruction with \$20,000 of CRA investment.

Another ripple of change will be the relocation of long-time local hangout Santino's Pizza to the old Blockbuster Video store in Dolphin Square Shopping Center, increasing its seating area and visibility along Gulf Breeze Parkway. The original Blockbuster square footage will be subdivided to accommodate the restaurant.

"I am so excited to stay in the Gulf Breeze area," said Laura Russell, co-owner of Santino's. "We look forward to continuing to serve our current customers as well as attract more tourists and passersby with our Highway 98 frontage and increased visibility."

There are still some hurdles to cross, but a new Hampton Inn Gulf Breeze could go in directly adjoining the Bay Beach Inn by Bay Beach Inn owners, Bay Beach II, LLC. The wing of the existing hotel that sweeps toward Chantelaire subdivision along Gulf Breeze Parkway will come down to accommodate the new Hampton Inn Gulf Breeze.

"A new four-story Hampton Inn will hug the roadway with landscaping," Carmichael said. "The reception floor will be 10-foot tall. The following three

floors will each be only 8 feet, 6 inches tall to keep the building in line with our 35-foot height limit."

Plans include architectural features above the roofline extended above the 35 feet as code allows at the top of the proposed Hampton Inn. The northern L-shaped portion of the Bay Beach Inn, including the Unique Café and pool area, will remain.

"Hampton Inn will be a great asset to the community," said Banyan Tree Fund Founder and Chairman Pravin Chauhan. "It is located in the Gateway area and will be a very lovely site."

Carmichael cautioned that some delays could arise from the fact that the property owners had already subdivided the property at the county level, but had bypassed city approval.

That's merely an oversight, according to a very upbeat Chauhan.

"Who would know?" he said. "I really thought I was doing the right things. I hired engineers and architects and never knew I had to go to the city first. I will abide by all the rules and do what the city needs. I already have county approval and want to work quickly to have city approval."

He said his goal is to have the

construction completed prior to next summer.

"It will be a good sign in a tough time," he said.

"I anticipate approximately 90 rooms in the hotel," Chauhan estimated. "We already have Hampton's approval. The hotel will have its own pool and access to the beach along the bay. Hampton is very understanding of any potential delay; we are working with all as best we can. It will be good for the city and generate bed-tax revenue for us that currently all goes to Pensacola and Pensacola Beach."

Chauhan has no plans now to tear down the Bay Beach Inn to allow further expansion of another new hotel.

"I'll see how it goes with our Hampton," he said.

Carmichael said that another, unidentified, restaurant owner has called about the vacant Burger King in Gulf Breeze Shopping Center.

"I'm sure something will move in there," he said. "We've got the Walmart Market going into the old Bruno's, and they are targeting a March 2012 opening. Someone is calling but not identifying themselves. So, we could see the addition of a new restaurant there, too."

Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 21

SRC School Board Budget Presentation 6:30 p.m., School Board Building, 5086 Canal Street, Milton

Monday, July 25

Santa Rosa County Commission Committee 9 a.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

Gulf Breeze Book Club 6:30 p.m., Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge, 661 Pensacola Beach Boulevard., Pensacola Beach

Tuesday, July 26

SRC Budget Workshop - Constitutional Officers 9 a.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

SRC Budget Workshop - Board of Commissioners 1:30 p.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

Gulf Breeze Board of Adjustments 6:30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze

Wednesday, July 27

Gulf Breeze Toastmasters noon, Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church of Gulf Breeze, 555 Fairpoint Drive, Gulf

Breeze

Santa Rosa County Public Safety Coordination Council 11:30 a.m., SRC Sheriff's Department Training Room, 5755 East Milton Road, Milton

Gulf Breeze City Council Executive Committee 6:30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze

Santa Rosa Island Authority Committee 5 p.m., SRIA Headquarters, 1 Via de Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach

SRC Parks and Recreation 5:30 p.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

Thursday, July 28

Santa Rosa County Commission Regular 9 a.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

Santa Rosa County Commission Special - Rezoning 6 p.m., County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

SRC School Board Budget First Public Hearing 6:30 p.m., School Board Building,

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Report

Information provided by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.

Felonies

7/12/2010

Baringer, Mark Edson, W/M, 47, 2700 block of Bay Club Drive, Navarre, violation of probation.

Lynn, Christopher Andrew, W/M, 30, 200 block of Pensacola Beach Boulevard, Gulf Breeze, violation of probation.

7/13/2010

Farr Jr., Edward Christy, W/M, 27, 1900 block of Ambassador Drive, Gulf Breeze, violation of probation.

7/14/2010

Ezell, Cheryl Lee, W/F, 33, 2100 block of Calle de Castellar, Navarre, drug possession.

Ezell, Jonathon Kurt, W/M, 41, 2100 block of Calle de Castellar, Navarre, drug possession.

7/15/2010

Thompson, Jerr Lee, W/M, 33, 8100 block of Fortworth Street, Navarre, aggravated assault and cruelty toward a child.

7/16/2010

Owens, Wendell Brian, W/M, 35, 2000 block of Bright Water Drive, Gulf Breeze, violation of probation.

Kilpatrick, David Earl, W/M, 31, 2200 block of El Dorado Court, Navarre, battery and aggravated battery.

DUIs

7/18/2010

Blair Jr., Thomas Homer, W/M, 42, 2000 block of Windtrace Road South, Navarre, DUI.

James Jr., Bobby Wayne, W/M, 41, 5500 block of Millbend

Emergency Reports

Information provided by Gulf Breeze Fire & Rescue and Midway Fire District

GB Fire & Rescue

For the week ending July 15, Gulf Breeze Fire & Rescue was called for 11 emergencies. These incidents included 4 medical calls, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 water rescue, 1 mutual aid to Midway Fire District, and 1 dispatched and canceled en route.

To learn more about Gulf Breeze Fire & Rescue, log on to www.cityofgulfbreeze.com/firedept/index.html.

Midway Fire District

For the week ending July 14, Midway Fire District was called



for 66 incidents. These emergencies included 46 medical emergencies, 1 building fire, 4 motor vehicle accidents with no injuries, 1 hazardous condition (no fire), 1 service call, 11 good-intent calls, and 2 false-alarm calls.

For more information about Midway Fire District, visit www.midwayfire.com.

Police Report

Information from Gulf Breeze Police Department

Backpack bandit arrested

At 3:45 a.m. on July 18, Gulf Breeze Police Officer Jason Denney observed a man bicycling across the Pensacola Bay Bridge toward Pensacola. Denney was concerned about the welfare of the man, who was traveling without any lights.

After questioning the man about his evening, Denney requested a look inside the man's bulging backpack, and the man consented. Inside were several in-dash car radios, cameras, tools and other items.

Clinton Preston England, 29, of Pensacola was charged with three counts of burglary, and one count of larceny and is being held on \$30,300 bond.

Items recovered were reported missing from residents on Chantelaire Circle, Pinetree Drive and Fairpoint Drive and were valued at between \$895 and \$5,595.

On July 18, Gulf Breeze High School's football practice fields were vandalized by what was

described as a white pickup truck. Damage to the fields was estimated at \$1,000.

On July 19, a man was arrested for brandishing a weapon in a threatening manner to a fellow driver. George M. Stefan, 43, of Mary Esther was reportedly driving aggressively when he cut off another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle reported that he made an obscene hand gesture then waved an unholstered gun out of the top of the Jeep he was driving. Stefan was arrested and charged with aggressive assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and other firearms charges.

On July 12, a Washington Street resident reported that approximately \$75 worth of gasoline was taken from a vehicle parked in the driveway.

On July 13, Ronnie James Cochran, 22, of Pensacola was arrested for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

HONOR: Coastwatchers' impact can't be overstated

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ceremony held by the Florida Police Chiefs Association at its annual Summer Conference in Orlando.

The Rocky Pomerance Excellence in Policing Award is a mechanism for the Florida Police Chiefs Association to recognize member agencies for developing and implementing an innovative approach to policing. This marks the 9th time in 10 years the GBPD has received this recognition.

"This is a very gratifying and significant accomplishment. To receive the recognition of one's peers in this fashion is a high honor," Paulding said. "It would not have been possible without the support of the city fathers

and the entire Gulf Breeze Police Department."

The Coastwatchers program also earned the 2010 Community Policing Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The awards recognize the City's innovative effort to partner with community members and organizations to solve a local problem.

The Coastwatchers, or "volunteer navy" as they are affectionately known to Gulf Breeze residents, answered the call to prevent the BP Oil Spill from reaching city shores.

The response was initiated by City Manager Edwin "Buz" Eddy and Fire Chief Shane Carmichael, who patrolled the waters around the peninsula every day before more volun-

teers joined the effort.

The volunteer navy eventually was led by retired U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Bill Clark, who, with more than 30 other volunteers, used the GBPD vessel to patrol Pensacola Bay daily and protect Gulf Breeze's shores from impacts - checking and maintaining boom and locating and reporting oil.

Without the Coastwatchers' efforts, Eddy says city shores, which were never impacted, likely would have been oiled.

"The impact of that program really can't be overstated," he said. "(Oil impacts) would have happened had the Coastwatchers not been out there."

Clark also recognizes the crucial role played by the

Coastwatchers.

"In retrospect, we were the precipitators of BP locating a command center in the Pensacola area," Clark said. "Our actions - locating and reporting oil in the bay - really got the response efforts moving in the area. (The program) was 100-percent effective."

Coastwatchers was organized as an extension of the GBPD's existing volunteer program, which Clark says made it easier for the "volunteer navy" to begin patrolling right away.

"GBPD already had a volunteer program, and we just adapted it for water patrols," Clark explained. "The policies, training and procedures were already in place. That helped us get on line in a hurry."

CITY OF GULF BREEZE

BID ADVERTISEMENT

TRAVELING BRIDGE SAND FILTER REHABILITATION

Sealed bids for Rehabilitation of Travelling Bridge Sand Filter will be received at Gulf Breeze City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561 until 2P.M., Local Time on August 11th, 2011. Bids submitted after said time will not be accepted.

A copy of the specification package may be examined or obtained at Gulf Breeze City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL. The request may also be viewed at www.city-ofgulfbreeze.com/rfp.htm.

The City of Gulf Breeze reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to re-advertise when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Questions can be addressed to Jason Randell (850) 916-4186 or jrandell@ci.gulf-breeze.fl.us.

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City of Gulf Breeze

Bid Advertisement

Ground Storage Tank Renovation/Repair

The City of Gulf Breeze Florida wishes to receive bids to repair, pressure wash and repaint our 1.5 MG ground storage tank located at the field operations site of South Santa Rosa Utility System. The tank is a pre-stressed concrete design that has been in service for 13 years. The tank is located at 1116 Coronado Drive in the Villa Venyce subdivision in Santa Rosa County.

A bid package is available at City Hall or online at www.city-ofgulfbreeze.com/rfp.htm. Contact for questions or to arrange a site visit shall be made through Jon Kanzigg at 850-934-4056 or jkanzigg@ci.gulf-breeze.fl.us. Firms must submit bids by 2:00 pm central time on August 11th, 2011. Bids shall be submitted to City Hall, Attention Thomas Lambert, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32506.

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Legal # 1594

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.08-11

Please be advised that Proposed Ordinance No. 08-11 was presented to the City Council of the City of Gulf Breeze for first reading on Monday, July 18, 2011, and will be presented for final reading and adoption at a City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida.

The title of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, ADOPTING NEW, ORDINANCES AND MODIFYING EXISTING ORDINANCES SO AS TO COMPLY WITH LAWS OF FLORIDA CHAPTER 2011-109, INCLUDING ADOPTING SECTION 1-17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE CLARIFYING THAT NO PROVISIONS OF THE CODE ARE INTENDED AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 790.33, INCLUDING REVISIONS THERETO AS CONTEMPLATED BY CHAPTER 2011-109, LAWS OF FLORIDA; ADOPTING SECTION 8-87 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE CLARIFYING THAT NO PORTIONS OF THE CITY'S NOISE AND EXCESSIVE SOUND REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARE INTENDED OR IN ANY MANNER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISION OF FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 790.33, INCLUDING REVISIONS THERETO CONTEMPLATED BY CHAPTER 2011-109, LAWS OF FLORIDA; REPEALING SECTION 11-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CITY OF GULF BREEZE REGARDING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Interested parties may appear at the Council meetings and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA
BY: MARITA RHODES
CITY CLERK

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