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Ocean Isle Property Owners Association Newsletter

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FYI

The Odell
Williamson
Bridge will be
repared from
April 26 to
mid June.
Both lanes
open during
daylight
hours.

Sand!!!!!! Sand!!!!!! And More Sand!!!!!!



510,000 cubic yards of sand was moved during the renourishment project that started April 29th and ended May 15th. And cost \$5,923,077.00.

\$3,850,000.00 Federal Money

\$1,036,538.50 State Money

\$1,036,538.50 Local Money

Concerts on the Coast 2010

Museum of Coastal Carolina, Friday Nights

May 28 - Sept.3

6:30PM – 8:00PM

5/28/2010

6/4/2010

6/11/2010

6/18/2010

6/25/2010

7/2/2010

7/9/2010

7/16/2010

7/23/2010

7/30/2010

8/6/2010

8/13/2010

8/20/2010

8/27/2010

9/3/2010

The Entertainers

The Imitations

Goldrush

Legends of the Beach

The Attractions

Mark Roberts and Breeze

Craig Woolard Band

Continental Divide

Band of Oz

GB4 Band

Bailout

The Holiday Band

Jim Quick & Coastline

Craig Woolard Band

The Tams

President's Letter

The warm weather is finally here and we are all looking forward to summer activities. The outdoor concert series begins Friday, May 28 and continues throughout the summer. The July 4th parade will be held, appropriately this year, on July 4th. Our family sand sculpture contest was a great hit last year and we hope you are planning to participate this Labor Day weekend.

If you rent your OIB property during the summer season, be sure that you are familiar with the provisions of the NC Vacation Rental Act. The Act provides special benefits to both the property owners (for example, expediting procedures for eviction of renters) and tenants (for example, property owners and/or their agents must follow specific rules regarding security deposits, advance payments and fees). The act also requires that certain language be included in all vacation rental agreements.

You can find the Act by doing an internet search for "N.C. Vacation Rental Act" or by navigating directly to <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/StatutesTOC.pl?Chapter=0042A>. As always, check with your legal advisor if you need further assistance.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful season

Jerry Rothenberg

2010 Season

The Museum of Coastal Carolina

And

Ingram Planetarium

"Learning
Made
FUN"

The Museum of Coastal Carolina and the Ingram Planetarium are ready for the 2010 season with new exhibits and programming. Both the Museum and the Planetarium offer all property owners and visitors a unique opportunity to learn about our coastal area and the stars that light it.

The Museum will feature family programs for June 4 through August 20. Monday- *Know Your Knots*, Tuesday- *What Kinda Fish is That, Mister?* Wednesday- *Seven Steps to Shoreline Safety*, Thursday- *Megabites and Snakes Alive*, Friday- *Touch Tank Feeding and Shell ID*. The Museum will be open Monday –Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Planetarium programs will open June 15th- August 19th and provide the following programs on a weekly basis: Tuesday- *Navigation the Sea*, Wednesday- *Turtle Talk*, Thursday- *Sun Fun Day*. Sky Theater Shows from June 1-September include;

1 PM- *Astronaut---NEW*, 2 PM- *Oasis in Space*, 3 PM *Zula Patrol: Under the Weather*, 4 PM- *Seven Wonders*.

For Property Owners and their family and friends both the Museum and Planetarium offer membership deals that allow you and your family to maximize the use of the facilities.

For more information about what is happening at the Museum and planetarium and detailed explanation of all programs go to their respective web sites, or call.

www.museumofcc.org 910-579-1016

www.ingramplanetarium.org 910-575-0033

A Bit of Ocean Isle Beach History

The Gause Plantation At Ocean Isle Beach, It's Tomb & The Tomb Raiders

In 1751, William Gause Sr. purchased land in Brunswick County and established the Gause Plantation that consisted of several thousand acres. A two-story manor house was built on Gause Landing Road a few hundred yards west of today's Ocean Isle Bridge.

President George Washington visited Gause manor on one of his horseback Southern tours on April 27, 1791. He had a meeting under a live oak tree which still stands on Gause Landing Road today. Another famous Gause Manor regular visitor was Bishop Francis Asbury, A circuit-riding Methodist preacher who rode his way to fame up and down the Coastal Carolinas for 50 years, often staying at the Gause Manor.

The Gause Tomb

One of the most unusual burial arrangements in the history of Brunswick County is William Gause's Tomb, located in the woods off Hale Swamp Road near the east end of the Ocean Isle airport. The 14 by 14 ft. burial vault is of masonry construction with brick walls 18 inches thick. Bricks were imported from England by the Gauses in exchange for tar, pitch and turpentine. This is how Brick Landing got its name. Although William died in 1799, the brick tomb was built posthumously at the direction of the John Julius Gause will.

The Tomb Raiders

Since the 1830s' vandals and treasure hunters have desecrated the Gause Tomb and surrounding cemetery. The first wave of vandals did or did not get some buried valuables, depending on who is telling the story. There are local tales of pranksters scattering bones throughout the burial grounds and hanging skulls from tree limbs. No grave robbers have ever been apprehended.

By Fred R. David & Vern J. Bender

Taken from the 2nd edition of their book **The History of Ocean Isle Beach.**

This book is available at: www.OceanIsleHistory.com. You can download the Gause Plantation eBook at the site free of charge.

Ocean Isle Beach and Feral Cat Population Both Get a Boost from a New Project

In January of 2010, the non-profit, Paws Ability based in Ocean Isle Beach was one of several organizations nationwide to be awarded a grant to spay/neuter/and vaccinate free roaming cats in their community.

The overall goal of the project is to sterilize the 300 feral cats estimated to be reproductively intact. This TNR Program provides funds to spay or neuter 125 cats on Ocean Isle Beach in 2010 and if this is completed the grant will renew for 2011. The TNR (trap, neuter, release) program has been operation on a small scale for three years with funding from the POA and the Town of Ocean Isle Beach. With the grant, the TNR program will have the opportunity to completely cap the growth of feral cats on the island.

Vaccinations are included along with the spay and neuter. Cats that have been spayed or neutered will be identified by ear notches, allowing new felines that show up on the island to be readily identified.

As this article is being written, the project has trapped, spayed or neutered and vaccinated 62 feral cats. Along with the cats several raccoons and other wildlife has been caught and returned to the environment per state law.

All veterinarian care is provided by 3 local vets. This means that these funds are returned to our community businesses.

When the island was first being developed in the 1980's, as land was cleared and rodents and other pests were disturbed, stray cats were brought to the island to control the vermin population. Today's feral cat population may include a significant number of descendents of those cats.

Mark Robertson, TNR Program Coordinator said "The dense natural vegetation around the island provides a limitless source of rodents for food for the island cats. This, plus food provided by vacationers, makes an easy place to be a cat and have lots of kittens each year. TNR is the only way to control the population with so much food available. The need to vaccinate is a no-brainer."

Paws-Ability founder and President Janie Withers said, "Keeping the cat population on OIB controlled and healthy is part of insuring the health of the island itself. This grant allows us to make sure this happens."

Ocean Isle Beach family Sand Sculpture Contest



Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, September 4th
11:30 – 2:00

Ocean Isle Beach
Community Center
44 East First St.

Sponsored by OIB POA at the Museum of Coastal Carolina

- No experience needed...only experience in FUN!!!
 - Prizes awarded and bucket loads of FUN for the family.
 - Registration and rules available Aug 2nd at the Museum of Coastal Carolina on 2nd St OIB
- For more information call 910-579-1016*

Join Us and Build A Great Memory With Your Family

CAN YOU DIG IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CELEBRATE THE BIG BIRTHDAY FOR THE GREATEST COUNTRY

USA

Decorate your golf cart, bicycle, make a float and join the
4th of JULY PARADE on OIB

Parade time is 1 pm Line up is 12:30 in parking area next to Museum

Prizes to be awarded in each CATEGORY!!!!

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