



## Destin City Council

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Destin City Council Meetings are held the first and third Monday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. at the City Hall Annex (4100 Indian Bayou Trail). Agendas can be downloaded from the city's website, [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com).

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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.

**COX 6** **Okaloosa Today**

- **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.

## Community Development Updates

### Building Division *Business Tax Receipt Renewal*

The 2017 local Business Tax Receipt renewal period began July 1. Businesses MUST renew their business tax receipts by September 30, 2016, to avoid late fees.

To renew your local Business Tax Receipt by mail, send checks to the City of Destin, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, FL., 32541, or you can renew in person at the Destin City Hall Annex located at 4100 Indian Bayou Trail between 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m.-noon on Fridays. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Please contact the city's Building Division at 837-4242 or email [btr@cityofdestin.com](mailto:btr@cityofdestin.com) with any questions.

### Code Enforcement Division *Clean Harbor*

The Code Enforcement Division would like to remind everyone that the Destin Harbor is a federally-mandated "NO DISCHARGE ZONE." This means that absolutely no fish carcasses may be discarded into the harbor. Furthermore, it is also prohibited under the City of Destin's Land Code, Marina Siting, Sections 11.05.01 (C) &(D) which states:

C. No fish carcasses and debris shall be discharged into the harbor or waterways of Destin.

D. No person who maintains or operates a dock shall allow or permit the disposal of fish carcasses, litter, waste petroleum products or other pollutants into the Harbor or waterways of Destin. Trash disposal receptacles shall be anchored to each dock to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article.

Please help keep the harbor and adjacent waterways clean for everyone to enjoy. Contact the city's Code Enforcement Division at (850) 837-4242 ext. 3172 to report specific violations.

### Planning Division *Upcoming Meetings*

The **Local Planning Agency** meets the first and third Thursday of each month when there are items for the agenda:

- August 4
- August 18
- September 1
- September 15
- October 6
- October 20

The **Board of Adjustment** meets the first Wednesday of each month when there are items for the agenda:

- August 3 – A Conditional Use Application for an automobile dealership at 613 Harbor Blvd.
- September 7
- October 5

The **Harbor CRA Advisory Committee** meets the second Wednesday of each month:

- August 10
- September 14
- October 12

The **Town Center CRA Advisory Committee** meets the third Wednesday of each month:

- August 17
- September 21
- October 19

All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Board Room unless otherwise noticed.

## Councilwoman Ramswell Honored with 2016 Home Rule Hero Award



The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Destin Councilwoman Prebble Ramswell with the 2016 Home Rule Hero Award.

Ramswell earned this prestigious award for her tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2016 legislative session. The award was presented at the May 20 meeting of the Northwest Florida League of Cities.

Home Rule is the ability for a city to establish its own form of government and enact ordinances, codes, plans and resolutions without prior state approval. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

- August 1
  - August 8 *Budget Workshop*
  - August 15
  - September 8 (Thurs) *1st Budget Hearing*
  - September 20 (Tues) *2nd Budget Hearing*
  - October 3
  - October 17
  - November 7
  - November 21
- Visit [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) for details. Watch council meetings live on **YouTube** at [www.youtube.com/ciyoofdestin](http://www.youtube.com/ciyoofdestin).



## Morgan Sports Center Provides Big Economic Benefits

Certainly, you've noticed that traffic picks up slightly in Destin during the summer months. Most would assume that everyone is in town enjoying our beautiful beaches or a charter fishing trip or a day on Crab Island. But, did you know that the City of Destin is a hub for some of the best summer baseball and softball tournaments in the region? To be more specific, during the months of June and July the Morgan Sports Center hosted six weeks of tournaments totaling 445 teams! You might wonder where the teams come from? Of the 445 tournament teams, 344 of them traveled quite a distance to be here for several days. Teams came from Texas, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, to name just a few.

So, what does this mean to our community other than a few more cars on the road? Using a "multiplier" provided by the HAAS Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the University of West Florida, it is fair to say that just these summer tournaments alone generated more than \$4 million of economic impacts for our community!

The summer tournaments aren't the only times our first-class facility draws a crowd. Other tournaments held at the Morgan Sports Center in 2016 have generated economic impacts totaling more than \$1.7 million. And, we are only half way through the year!

A big thanks goes out to the city's Parks & Recreation staff for recruiting these tournaments and maintaining the facility so immaculately that tournaments and teams return year after year. So, the next time you see one of the guys or gals grooming a field or emptying a trash can or setting up temporary fencing or doing one of the countless things it takes to host a major tournament, pat them on the back or give a honk as you pass by. They definitely deserve it!



## Introducing New City Manager Carisse LeJeune

The Destin City Council unanimously approved the contract to hire Interim City Manager Carisse LeJeune as the permanent city manager during its July 5 meeting.

"My family is overjoyed that I have been appointed Destin's new city manager," said LeJeune. "We were looking for the right fit and believe we have found the perfect community for our new home. I have been blessed with an amazing city staff and enough challenges to keep me energized and enthused. The people here are so nice, and the city has so many amenities and great potential for smart growth. I look forward to working with our citizens and city council to achieve a shared future vision for the City of Destin.

LeJeune is the former assistant city manager of Boynton Beach, Fla., and has served the public sector for the last 15 years with work in policy development and implementation, strategic planning, sustainability and emergency management. Her experience includes developing a 5-year Citywide Strategic Plan, Climate Action Plan, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, City Rebranding and Greenway/Bikeway/Pedestrian Master Plan.

"Mrs. LeJeune has exceeded our expectations and has won over our council and staff," said Mayor Scott Fischer. "Her seamless transition into our community, her management and communication style, and her excitement are just a few things that we really like about her. I look forward to working with her through many of our tough issues that will move this city forward in a positive direction."



## New, Free Resource at the Destin Library!

Where can you learn web design, hone your photography skills and get tips on writing a good cover letter? If you answered the Destin Library, you would be absolutely correct. But, what do you do if the library is closed?

Lynda.com is an online learning resource with more than 3,000 unique courses on subjects ranging from high-level computer programming to business skills to at-home computing. An individual subscription typically costs \$19.99 per month, but **Destin Library cardholders can access Lynda.com's full library of videos and lesson materials absolutely free through the Library website.** Lynda videos have higher production values and more highly-qualified instructors than videos that can be found on sites like YouTube, where the user-generated nature of the available material can lead to them being unreliable or insufficiently thorough in their instruction.

"It's good to offer patrons the opportunity to use the library's services without necessarily being in the building," said Library Director Jurate Burns. "We want to offer these kinds of educational opportunities so patrons can use them on their own time and at their own pace."

To access Lynda.com, patrons can follow the link on the Library's Technology Education page to the Destin Library Lynda.com Login Portal. Once there they can log in using their library card and PIN number, then create an account using their name and email address. Patrons who don't know their PIN can call the library to have it reset.

Once they're logged in, patrons can access Lynda.com from any computer with an internet connection and start learning!

To get free access as a Destin Library cardholder, visit [www.cityofdestin.com/lynda](http://www.cityofdestin.com/lynda).

Any permanent resident of the city of Destin or the surrounding unincorporated areas of Okaloosa County can apply for a Destin Library card. Visit [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) or call (850) 837-8572 to learn more.



Are you prepared for a hurricane? The city of Destin reminds everyone that the time to prepare is now, before a hurricane is eminent. The city's annual Hurricane Information Guide is available online at [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) under "City Services" and includes a wealth of information including what to do before, during and after a storm. Take some time to review this booklet and print a copy. Another great resource to review is [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



The harbor channel at Norriego Point was recently dredged to allow for easier and safer boat traffic in and out of Destin Harbor. More than 5,000 cubic yards of sand was removed from the channel. Areas at Joe's Bayou Boat Launch were also dredged in conjunction with this project.



Five new pedestrian traffic signals were activated on July 12 along Highway 98 between Airport Road and the Marler Bridge. These signals are part of the FDOT 3R Project scheduled to begin in 2018. City officials expedited this portion of the project understanding the immediate need to help pedestrians move safely across Highway 98. The new signals should not affect traffic significantly because they are synced with the existing lights in the area. They will only cause a break in traffic when the other lights are red and the pedestrian signal is activated.



The new stormwater pump station in the Heritage Run subdivision is coming along. This \$1 million project is expected to be complete in September and will provide much-needed stormwater flooding relief for the area.

# City Happenings!



## COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER/FALL EVENTS

**BIG TRUCK DAY** The City of Destin's 18th Annual Big Truck Day will be held in the Destin Community Center parking lot from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, August 5. Children of all ages are welcome to come see all the unique trucks we have working in our community. There is no charge for this event.

**FALL FESTIVAL** The City of Destin's 16th Annual Fall Festival will be held at the Destin Community Center on Monday, Oct. 24, from 5-8p.m. Please bring one non-perishable food item for admission. There will be booths with fun games and activities, a cakewalk, a costume contest, a spacewalk/ slide, food for sale, and candy for those just stopping by to Trick-or-Treat. Tickets for games and food will be on sale for 4 for \$1 with most games costing one ticket. Registration for the costume contest is from 5-6 p.m. with judging at 6 p.m. There will also be a Jack-o-Lantern contest! Carved pumpkins must be dropped off before 3 p.m. Judging is at 5 p.m. Come join the fun!

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW** Friday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be hand-crafted jewelry, woodcarvings, watercolor paintings, and much more from over 50 vendors! Vendor booths are available for \$40/Destin residents and \$50/non-residents (+\$10 for a corner booth). This includes an 8' x 10' space, one 6' table, and two chairs. Register early as space is limited. Admission is free.

## COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER/FALL PROGRAMS

**DESTIN DOLPHINS CHEERLEADING** registration runs through Aug. 12 at the Destin Community Center. The program is designed for youth ages 5 through 12 years. The cost is \$35 for Destin residents and \$40 for non-residents plus cost of uniforms. Practices begin the week of August 15 and games will be played on Saturdays starting August 20.

**KIDZ KLUB** This after school program is offered at the Destin Community Center Monday through Friday from 3-5:30 p.m. There will be help with homework, games, movies, snacks, crafts and lots of fun offered for children K-5th grades. Weekly fees are \$20 Destin residents and \$30 non-residents.

**KID'S NIGHT OUT** Theme: "Luau Party" The City of Destin's Summer Kid's Night Out for ages 5-12 years will be held on Aug 12, at the Destin Community Center from 6:00-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for Destin residents and \$30 for non-residents. Space is limited so please register at the Destin Community Center.

**DODGEBALL** Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. (ages 8-14). Cost is \$3 for non-residents and \$2.00 for Destin residents.

**GAME ROOM/ OPEN GYM** The game room and gym at the Destin Community Center are open to children 12 and older Monday through Friday (call 654-5184 for times). Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Games include ping-pong table, a pool table, a foosball table, an air hockey table and a basketball & volleyball court.

**For more information about these programs or events, please call the Community Center at 654-5184 or email [bmiller@cityofdestin.com](mailto:bmiller@cityofdestin.com).**

## PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER/FALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**18TH ANNUAL PINFISH CLASSIC** Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8:30-10 a.m. on the Destin Harbor Boardwalk behind AJ's. The catch and release event is FREE and open to children 14 and under. Participants must bring their own poles - bait is provided.

Registration must be completed on location by 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented at 9:45 a.m. Awards include the largest and smallest pinfish catches in each age group, as well as an award for the most pinfish caught. The event is free to all youth.

The first 50 participants to register will receive a free T-shirt.

**ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at the Morgan Sports Center. A mandatory team captains' meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morgan Sports Center. The team fee is \$300 and must be paid before the team is placed on the schedule. The last day to register a team is Friday, September 2. Individual fees are \$20 for Destin residents and \$40 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least seventeen years old to participate.

**MEN'S FALL REAL SKILLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will begin Thursday, September 1, 2016. A mandatory team captains' meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Space is limited to the first 16 teams that register. The team fee is \$300 and must be paid before the team is placed on the schedule. The last day to register a team is Friday, August 26. Individual fees are \$20 for Destin residents and \$40 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least seventeen years old to participate.

**MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT SOFTBALL** will begin on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. A mandatory team captains' meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Space is limited to the first 16 teams that register. The team fee is \$300 and must be paid before the team is placed on the schedule. The last day to register a team is Friday, August 26. Individual fees are \$20 for Destin residents and \$40 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least seventeen years old to participate.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COED SOFTBALL** will begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. A mandatory team captains' meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 at City Hall. Space is limited to the first 16 teams that register. The team fee is \$275 and must be paid before the team is placed on the schedule. The last day to register a team is Friday, August 26. Individual fees are \$20 for Destin residents and \$40 for non-residents. Individual fees must be paid before a player is eligible to play. All players must be at least seventeen years old to participate.

**YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE** registration is May 1-August 12, 2016, for ages 3-15 (age as of August 1, 2016). The fee is \$45 for Destin residents and \$65 for non-residents. All games are held on Friday nights at the Morgan Sports Center. Registration can be completed online at [www.cityofdestin.com](http://www.cityofdestin.com) or in person at the Destin Community Center Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. Coaches and team sponsors are needed.

**For more information about these programs and events, please call 650-1241 or email [bkelliar@cityofdestin.com](mailto:bkelliar@cityofdestin.com).**

**Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in these programs or events are requested to notify the Parks and Recreation Director at 650-1241 at least 48 hours in advance.**

## SENIORS OF DESTIN SUMMER/FALL ACTIVITIES

We have a lot of activities each month for Destin's active seniors. Please call Senior Coordinator **Pat Markey** at 685-5310 for more information. List of fall/winter activities:

- **Advanced Table Tennis** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Community Center
- **Biloxi** day trips in August and October
- **Bingo** second Friday of every month (Buck Destin)
- **Golf outings** to local courses on Mondays
- **Party Bridge** at Buck Destin at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays
- **Pickleball** Mondays at the Destin Community Center
- **Ping Pong Lessons** Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Center
- **Monthly pot luck birthday party** fourth Friday of every month
- **Lunch bunch** third Friday of every month
- **Senior Chair Fitness** Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Community Center
- **Senior Olympics** in October
- **Step Up** walking program on Tuesdays and Thursdays (free pedometer)
- **Table Games** Buck Destin from 9 a.m.-noon
- **Tennis Doubles Drop-in** Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Buck Destin

## DESTIN LIBRARY SUMMER/FALL CALENDAR

### AUGUST

**Thursday, August 4:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime

**Friday, August 5:** 9:30 a.m. Expanding Horizons Book Club

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

**Thursday, August 11:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
3:30 p.m. The Page Turners Book Club

**Friday, August 12:** 2:00 p.m.: Friends Guild Program - Fish Tales and Scales

**Saturday, August 13:** 10:30 a.m. Writers in Sandals

**Tuesday, August 16:**  
3 p.m. Independent Film Series  
6:30 p.m. Bad Poetry Night

**Thursday, August 18:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime

**Thursday, August 25:**  
9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
3 p.m. Non-Fiction Book Club  
6 p.m. Game Night

**Tuesday, August 30:** 6:30 p.m. "How-Tuesday"

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday, September 1:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime

**Friday, September 2:** 9:30 a.m. Expanding Horizons Book Club

**Saturday, September 3 - Monday, September 5:** Library closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 6:** 9:15 a.m. Destin Garden Club Meeting & Program

**Wednesday, September 7:** 10 a.m. Seniors of Destin Book Club

**Thursday, September 8:**  
9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
3:30 p.m. The Page Turners Book Club  
6 p.m. Game Night

**Friday, September 9:** 2:00 p.m. Friends Guild Program - The Disciplined Art of Dressage

**Friday, September 11:** 3 p.m. Friends Guild Program

**Monday, September 12:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, September 13:**  
3 p.m. Independent Film Series  
6:30 p.m. Bad Poetry Night

**Thursday, September 15:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime

**Saturday, September 17:** 10:30 a.m. Writers in Sandals

**Monday, September 19:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi

**Thursday, September 22:**  
9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
6 p.m. Game Night

**Monday, September 26:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, September 27:** 6:30 p.m. "How-Tuesday"

### OCTOBER

**Monday, October 3:** 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, October 6:** 6 p.m. Game Night

**Friday, October 7:** 9:30 a.m. Expanding Horizons Book Club

**Monday, October 10:** 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, October 11:**  
9:15 a.m. Destin Garden Club Meeting & Program  
6:30 p.m. Bad Poetry Night

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

**Thursday, October 13:**  
9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
3:30 p.m. The Page Turners Book Club

**Friday, October 14:** 2:00 p.m. Friends Guild Program - Meet Our First Inhabitants!

**Saturday, October 15:** 10:30 a.m.-Noon: Writers in Sandals

**Monday, October 17:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, October 18:** 3 p.m. Independent Film Series

**Thursday, October 20:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime

**Monday, October 24:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi

**Tuesday, October 25:** 6:30 p.m. "How-Tuesday"

**Wednesday, October 26:** 9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Halloween Parade

**Thursday, October 27:**  
9:30 a.m. Cuddlers & Toddlers Storytime  
6 p.m. Game Night

**Monday, October 31:** 9 a.m. Tai Chi



# DESTIN focus Summer 2016

