



# THE RAMSWELL REVIEW

A quarterly newsletter from Destin City Councilmember Prebble Q Ramswell

## Destin: Changing for the Better

**DESTIN**  
HIGH SCHOOL

Park  
Improvements

DRESS UP  
Destin!

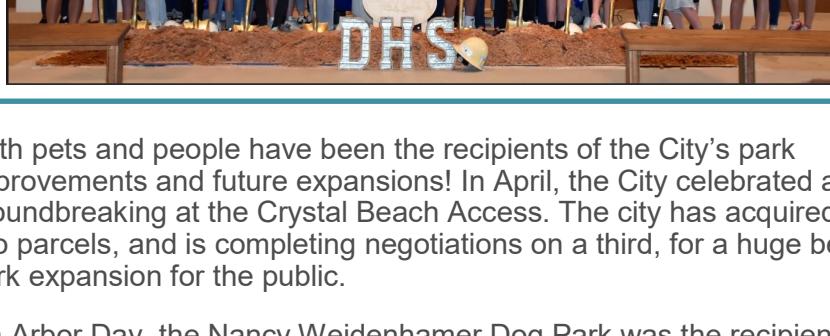
NEWS

**DESTIN**  
HIGH SCHOOL



It is only a few short months before August 10<sup>th</sup>- the date Destin High opens its doors to students for the 2021-2022 school year! Enrollment has surpassed expectations as the school is only a few students shy of reaching its first-year capacity! All teachers have been hired, as have an Athletic Director and several coaches. Athletics are kicking off and Cheerleading just held tryouts under Coach Sierra Stevens to become the first team at DHS (see photo below)! The cheerleaders will not only compete and cheer for various teams at DHS, they will also serve as school representatives in the community at a variety of events.

Construction is on time and, thanks to numerous sponsors and donors, there will be many special features and amenities at the school. To follow the progress of the "Shark Tank" and learn about all it has to offer, please visit the official website at [www.destinhighschool.com](http://www.destinhighschool.com).

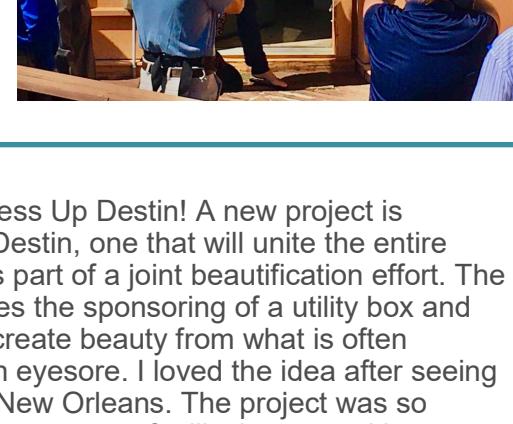


Both pets and people have been the recipients of the City's park improvements and future expansions! In April, the City celebrated a groundbreaking at the Crystal Beach Access. The city has acquired two parcels, and is completing negotiations on a third, for a huge beach park expansion for the public.

On Arbor Day, the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park was the recipient of new sod and several new trees for its loyal visitors.

Last week, Leonard Destin Park was the site of another groundbreaking, as Miss Destin 2021 Kaylie Sparks and Destin City Councilman Dewey Destin, representing the seven generations of the Destin family, celebrated the grand opening of the revamped 3-acre park off Calhoun Avenue. Funds from Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment were used to create a beach area, boardwalk, playground, restrooms, a splash pad with 30 fountains and a center shower, pavilions, dock, and paddleboard/kayak

## Park Improvements: for Pets and People



**DRESS UP**  
Destin!



It's time to Dress Up Destin! A new project is underway in Destin, one that will unite the entire community as part of a joint beautification effort. The project involves the sponsoring of a utility box and painting it to create beauty from what is often considered an eyesore. I loved the idea after seeing it in action in New Orleans. The project was so successful they ran out of utility boxes and have now expanded to telephone and rail boxes. They also discovered the boxes helped revitalize neighborhoods and painted boxes are no longer "tagged" with graffiti.

*Just a Few of the Potential Benefits:* beautification, revitalization of neighborhoods, sense of pride in the community, civic engagement, increased community awareness, community and economic development, partnerships...

I will be working with the city community development director and local utility companies as we kick off the project and begin looking for box sponsors! Look for additional information in the coming months. I hope to see this project become the first of many cooperative efforts that increase the beauty of our community.

## City Meetings

- City Council, 6 p.m. May 17
- Special Magistrate Hearing, 5:30 p.m. May 18, City Hall
- Town Center CRA-AC, 5:30 p.m. May 19
- Parks & Recreation, 4 p.m. May 25
- Harbor Capacity Steering Committee, 5:30 p.m. May 26
- Local Planning Agency, 5:30 p.m. May 27

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ⇒ The low-speed vehicle ordinance has been tabled
- ⇒ Livery Vessel Applications still being accepted as discussions on problematic applications continue
- ⇒ Main at Kelly to become "Kohltan's Korner"
- ⇒ 5G cell-tower installation requirements being reviewed
- ⇒ Water safety videos being produced
- ⇒ Indian Bayou West subdivision moving forward

**Kohltan's  
Korner**

## Hello Friends and Neighbors!

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter, *the Ramswell Review*. It is my goal to improve communication between the city and its citizens, and act as a conduit of information on issues that affect our community and future.

I value your input and insight and am always available to you. I recognize that we each offer a unique and valuable perspective on the issues and believe everyone in this community's opinion carries weight. I believe in positive change— by and for the people. Florida's future begins with us.

I look forward to a two-way relationship with the community knowing that we all have the same goal of a beautiful, successful city centered on family values.

Prebble

**Prebble Q Ramswell**  
[pramswell@cityofdestin.com](mailto:pramswell@cityofdestin.com)

I always welcome your feedback and input. Feel free to call me at 850-533-7354. Please be sure to direct any correspondence related to city business to my city email address [pramswell@cityofdestin.com](mailto:pramswell@cityofdestin.com).

All such correspondence shall be considered a public record pursuant to Florida's open records laws.

Any views or opinions expressed in this newsletter are my own and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Destin City Council or the views or opinions of any other Councilmember. This newsletter is not an official record nor a transcript of the matters presented to, or the decisions made by, the City Council and should not be interpreted as such.

To subscribe or unsubscribe please contact [prebble@prebbleramswell.com](mailto:prebble@prebbleramswell.com)



**Prebble Q Ramswell**

[pramswell@cityofdestin.com](mailto:pramswell@cityofdestin.com)