

# **Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**November 2023** 

### **Segment 3 Progress Continues**

- The City's contractor continues work on Segment 3, which runs from the intersection of State Road 79 (Arnold Road) and Panama City Beach Parkway south to Front Beach Road, also including Front Beach Road from Cabana Cay Boulevard east to Lullwater Drive.
- The Contractor has completed demolition and removal of the old water line as well as curb and gutter installation for the future northbound lanes of Arnold Road, between the new roundabout and U.S. 98/Back Beach Road/PCB Parkway.
- The crew also continues to install underground utilities (water main and sewer main relocations) and storm sewer on the north side of Front Beach Road, between Lullwater Drive and Arnold Road.



Crew working in the area of Lullwater Dr. and Front Beach Road.

### **Alf Coleman Road Work Updates**

- The road from the south side of the north Lowe's Home Improvement stores' entrance to the north side of Cabana Boulevard, is temporarily closed for all traffic, including vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist. This closure area is posted with no trespassing signs to ensure everyone's safety as this is an active work zone.
- Crews have installed a new 12-inch watermain and have placed a large portion of the new sewer line. They are also in the process of installing cross drains.
- The official detour route is on US 98, Richard Jackson Boulevard, and Clara Avenue. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation and patience.
- To access CVS and Dairy Queen on Alf Coleman Road while the Alf Coleman Road CVS
  Driveway is temporarily closed, you may use the designated "enter-only" slip lane off of
  U.S. 98 and/or use the south Dairy Queen driveway on Alf Coleman Road to both enter,
  and exit. While the CVS driveway is closed, the south Dairy Queen driveway is the only
  exit point. Do not exit out of the "enter-only" slip lane from CVS onto U.S. 98.



Looking north on Alf Coleman Road from the south Dairy Queen driveway toward U.S. 98.

### **Segments 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3**

- Segment 4.1 includes the section of Front Beach Road from Lullwater Drive, where Segment 3 ends, to east of Hills Road and includes Powell Adams Road. Plans are 100% complete.
- Segment 4.2 includes the section of Front Beach Road from east of Hills Road, where Segment 4.1 ends, to west of Lantana Street. The City utility design is underway, and 90% plans are being finalized. There will be a public meeting to review these plans once complete.
- Segment 4.3 includes the section of Front Beach Road from State Road 392A (Hutchison Boulevard) to west of Richard Jackson Boulevard. The City utility design is underway, and 90% plans are being finalized. Due to the extensive right of way acquisition process, the project is projected to go to bid in late 2024.
- All of these projects will consist of roadway improvements such as updated stormwater retention and medians, along with improving pedestrian safety with new lighting and sidewalks.

# Parking and Mobility Study Steering Committee Meeting

- Due to a lack of quorum of committee members, the Parking and Mobility Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 28, 2023, will be rescheduled until after the holidays.
- Public notice will be given via the CRA email list, City of Panama City Beach Government social media channels and City website, as well notice provided to media outlets.
- The purpose of this meeting will be for the Committee to discuss parking data and results from the survey administered in late summer 2023.
- There will be an opportunity for public comment in-person, limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The meeting will be recorded and broadcasted virtually.



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# **Drive Safe this Holiday Season**

- Impaired driving is defined as driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or legal (prescription and over-the-counter) and/or illegal drugs. In Florida, impaired driving is involved in about one-quarter of all motor vehicle deaths.
- Driving under the influence (DUI) inhibits your ability to drive safely. Alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, prescriptions, and/or over-the-counter medications can cause impairment. Driving impaired puts you and everyone else on the road in danger.
- In Florida, under statute 316.193, riding under the influence is the same as driving under the influence. Under this statute, it is still considered DUI if you are operating a car, bicycle, golf cart or low speed vehicle, electric scooter, truck, moped, and lawn mower.

### A Message from our Panama City Beach Police Chief

It is critical for our community to be aware of the increased incidence of DUIs during the holiday season. While meant for joyous celebrations, this period can unfortunately lead to dangerous decisions involving drinking and driving.

The position of our department is unambiguous and firm: Driving under the influence is illegal and poses a grave risk to not only the driver but also passengers and other members of the community. We are dedicated to enforcing DUI laws with the utmost rigor to maintain the safety and well-being of our city.

As the festive season approaches, I want to underscore the importance of responsible planning. If your holiday plans include alcohol, please ensure you have a designated driver or plan to use another form of transportation. It's a collective responsibility to keep Panama City Beach safe and enjoyable for everyone during these celebrations.

- Panama City Beach Police Chief Talamantez

Panama City Beach Police invites you to *Christmas with Cops* on Friday, Dec. 15 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the municipal complex next to the police station.

# **Honor our Graduates**

- Panama City Beach invites parents, grandparents, and friends to honor their graduate with a banner saluting the student. Banners are \$100 each and will be given to the graduate when taken down. There are about 240 banners which will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.
- Banners will be displayed on Richard Jackson Boulevard, Front Beach Road, Powell Adams Road, South Thomas Drive and Churchwell Drive.
- Arnold Highschool, home schooled and beach students attending another school are eligible.
- Contact Debbie Ingram with questions and for the order form at debbie.ingram@pcbfl.gov.



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