

December 14, 2009

Edited by Angela Bateman

## Christmas Tree Lighting Frosty Fun For Families!

Despite the Freezing Cold North Wind, the 2009 Annual Tree Lighting was a big success, with thrilling performances and fun activities and delicious snacks.

Gulf Shores High School Chorale kicked off the evening followed by a reading of the Christmas Story by Mayor Kennon. Then Bailey Kennon sang and played guitar and then led the group in a round of "Silent Night". Councilman Jeff Silvers led the crowd in a countdown to the lighting of the Christmas tree, everyone sang "Jingle Bells" and then the big man himself, Santa Claus, arrived on a Fire Engine. Performances of the night included the Methodist Church Sprouts, the 6th grade Band, Methodist Children's Choir, Baptist Church Children's Choir, Starlight Dancers, Brook Noe, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

This event was a huge success due to our Community working together. Many thanks go out to Orange Beach United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Orange Beach and Christian Life Church for all their hard work organizing and putting on such a great event. Big thanks also go to The Friends of the Arts for their awesome decoration booth and to Cosmo's who once again had the very popular cookie decorating booth.



Christmas is a special time of year for children, families and communities. Thanks to all who came out and we hope to see you all next year!



**Pleasure Island  
Christmas Parade  
at the Wharf  
Rescheduled for  
Dec 19, 4pm!!!**



## ORANGE BEACH MEALS ON WHEELS THANKS HAZEL'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Submitted by Doris Milford



What a Joyful time of the year!! Even though it's a busy time, when everyone's to-do list seems a mile long, there are those among us that always make time to reach out and help others. Although Hazel's Family Restaurant will be closing for two weeks during the Christmas holidays for a much deserved vacation, they are making sure that the recipients of Meals on Wheels will continue to receive warm, nutritious meals each day in December. Wick Goldsmith, the owner of Hazel's Family Restaurant, and his management staff will be coming to the restaurant, even when it is closed to the public, in order to cook and provide meals for everyone in the Meals on Wheels program. This is definitely what we all call "going the extra mile"! What a wonderful Christmas gift to our community and the Meals on Wheels program.

The next time that you are looking for a place to eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner, please consider enjoying a meal at Hazel's as a way of saying "Thank you" for their ongoing support for such a vital mission in our community. When you are dining there, please make a point of telling them how much we all appreciate their important part in the Meals on Wheels program. We wouldn't be able to reach out to those in need without their huge contribution to this mission. They should be applauded for all that they do to help make the program successful.

The Orange Beach United Methodist Church, sponsors of the Meals on Wheels program, all the Meals On Wheels volunteers, and the Orange Beach community say, "Thank you, Hazel's Family Restaurant, for being such a wonderful, giving group"!!



## First Baptist Ministries To Host Christmas Day Dinner. All are Welcome!

Submitted by Vivian Hanich

The Women and Men's Ministries of First Baptist Orange Beach will host a Christmas Day Dinner at the church for anyone wishing to join us for friendship, food, and fellowship.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, desserts, tea and coffee.

The Ministries will be also be delivering meals to the Orange Beach city jail, and to the employees at our convenience stores in Orange Beach, 5 stores.

The Church has received cash donations from individuals and will accept donations from the church family to buy the needed food and paper items. (We anticipate for costs to be under \$1.50 per person.)

We have gotten lots of encouragement from the church family and the community whom we have spoken with. Pete Blalock/Blalock Seafood has committed bread. Paradise Paper has committed paper products from their dead inventory in their warehouse.

If you need further information, please call the First Baptist Church of Orange Beach, 981-4288.

### Wintzell's Celebrates Opening With Arts Fundraiser

The Orange Beach Arts Center's Friends of the Arts will host the opening celebration at Wintzell's Oyster House in Orange Beach on December 27. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Orange Beach Arts Center's programs for children. Those programs include the Children's Art Alley at the Orange Beach Festival of Art, the children's Summer Arts Camps, field trips and the After School Arts Academy.

Ticket holders will receive a full buffet and an open bar served from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The buffet will include Wintzell's famous fried and grilled oysters, raw oysters, fried shrimp, bacon wrapped shrimp, catfish, gumbo, crab claws, fruit and cheese trays and vegetable trays. Chicken will be available for those who cannot eat seafood.

Tickets are \$40.00 per individual or \$70.00 per couple. For more information and reservations, call the Orange Beach Arts Center at 251-981-2787.

ORANGE BEACH ALABAMA

WINTZELL'S OYSTER HOUSE



Nathan (Santa's helper) and Roy D. Watson III visit with Santa at the Orange Beach Public Library story time.

Santa took time out of his busy holiday schedule to drop in to story time at the Orange Beach Public Library on Tuesday, December 08, 2009. He was greeted by many excited preschoolers and their families. Everyone was eager to visit with Santa and wish him Merry Christmas. Santa relaxed in a rocking chair as everyone played, snacked and listened to Christmas music. The children decorated a picture frame Christmas card that featured their picture with Santa.

**The Christian Service Center is a local group that  
Helps local people in need. Please help them help others!**

**SPECIAL FOOD NEEDS FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

Below you will find foods listed which are needed now and will be  
needed for Holiday Food boxes at the Center:

CANNED SOUP - ANY TYPE  
RAMEN NOODLES  
JELLY - ANY FLAVOR OR SIZE  
YAMS/SWEET POTATOES  
CRANBERRY SAUCE  
GREEN BEANS  
GREENS - TURNIP, COLLARD, OR SPINACH  
CANNED CORN  
STUFFING MIX  
GRAVY  
CANNED TUNA

For more information please email [deweese@gulftel.com](mailto:deweese@gulftel.com)  
or call 981-6682/747-0737.

We are always pleased to accept motel size soap bars, shampoo, and  
other toiletries.

**DONATION BOX LOCATED AT  
CITY OF ORANGE BEACH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT.**





## Beach Express Donates to OBPD

Orange Beach Community Partner Beach Express generously donated \$500 to the Orange Beach Police Department at a recent council meeting. The donation is for the assistance the Police Department provides the Beach Express with traffic control, particularly during the busy summer season and during the Wharf's Concert Series.

Pictured left to right, Chief Billy Wilkins; Cheryl Quinn, Beach Express; and Mayor Tony Kennon.

In July and August, 2009, WKRG aired Grass Roots: Gambling Against Mother Nature a three part series featuring Mayor Tony Kennon, Coastal Resources Manager Phillip West and Building Official Lannie Smith. The topic of the series was how Hurricanes have impacted our part of the Gulf Coast and how different communities fare post storm.

The series was viewed by more than 98,000 people over the age of 18. The City is working towards showing the episodes again during an upcoming educational series.

**On Dec 8, 2009,  
The GSHS Chorale  
Came a Caroling!**

**They entertained the  
folks all over Orange  
Beach with festive  
Holiday songs.**

**Thanks and  
Great Job!**



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## **Unleashed in Orange Beach Announces New Fundraiser—Adopt-A-Fence!**

Give the Gift of Freedom to the Dogs of Orange Beach by donating to the Orange Beach Dog Park! You can adopt a portion of fence for the dog park and honor or memorialize your beloved pet. For a \$10 donation a plaque will be placed on the part of fence that you “adopted” in the park.



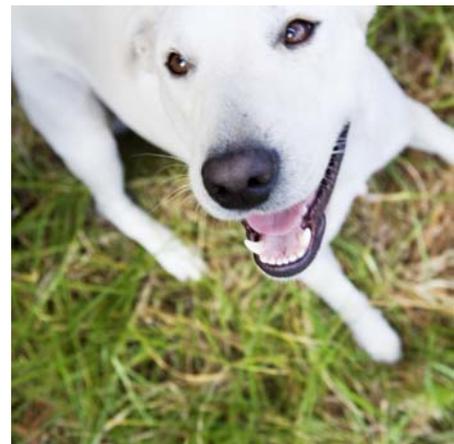
The benefits of dog parks are numerous, they are for dogs, their owners and non-owners alike. Dog parks provide a legal recreational outlet for dog owners who want to exercise and socialize their dogs in a safe, leash-free environment. They prevent unwanted encounters between unleashed dogs and other park users. They allow people with limited mobility to exercise their dogs in a safe place. A dog park in Orange Beach will provide an outlet for our visitors to exercise their pets. And these places bring people together to promote a greater sense of community for our citizens.

Unleashed in Orange Beach is a group of dog-loving volunteers dedicated to the construction of an off-leash dog park in Orange Beach. We are still seeking volunteers and donations, if you are interested, or if you would like to adopt a section of fence, please call Tracy Holiday at 251-752-2245 or Joni Blalock at 251-752-3094.

**unleashed**  
IN ORANGE BEACH

*Come dig your paws in our sand.*

**ORANGE BEACH DOG PARK**



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# UTILIZATION OF CITY WILDLIFE TRAPS

The City of Orange Beach wildlife traps are to be utilized to trap and return wildlife for proper and humane removal. No captured animal should be subjected to mishandling or suffering of any manner. Immediate return of the captured animal to the City of Orange Beach Engineering and Environmental Services is required to prevent undue suffering. Please note that wildlife management services are only available between 8:00AM and 5:00PM on weekdays; closed on weekends and holidays.

The City of Orange Beach currently does not have a feral cat program and is unequipped to accept feral or stray cats for impoundment or euthanization. If a stray or feral cat is trapped and requires removal from your property, transportation to an animal control center or rescue shelter is the responsibility of the property owner. The following is a list of animal control facility phone numbers in this area:

**Baldwin County Animal Control Center**

Tel: (251)972-6834  
 15050 County Road 49  
 Summerdale, AL 36580  
 Hours: 9 am - 4pm Mon-Fri  
 9am-12pm Sat  
 CLOSED SUNDAY

**Baldwin County Humane Society**

Tel: (800)547-6518 / (251)928-4585  
 49306 Magnolia Avenue  
 Fairhope, AL 36532  
 Hours: 9 am - 4pm Mon-Fri  
 CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Fairhope Animal Shelter**

*Services provided by: The Haven*  
 Tel: (251)929-3980  
 559 South Section Street  
 Fairhope, AL 36532  
 Hours: 9 am - 3 pm Mon-Fri  
 9 am - 1 pm Sat  
 CLOSED SUNDAY

All dog related concerns should be addressed through the Orange Beach Police Department at (251)981-9777.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding wildlife management, please feel free to contact Engineering and Environmental Services at (251)981-2610

## Orange Beach Recycle Pick Up

**Upcoming Recycle Pick Up Dates:**  
(Every other Wednesday)

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Grey:</u> | <u>Blue:</u> |
| November 18  | November 25  |
| December 2   | December 9   |
| December 16  | December 23  |
| December 30  | January 6    |

**Orange Beach Recycle Service**

Grey  
 Blue

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**Bulk Recycle Bins**

Public Works  
 Sportplex  
 Golf Center  
 City Hall  
 Justice Center  
 Library

*OBGC Skins Game*  
*First Sunday every Month*  
*Shotgun Start*

**1:30 PM**

**Gather at the Pro Shop at 1:00  
Everyone Wel come!**

*\$250.00 Hole in One Sponsors*

*Vision Bank, Lartigue's Seafood,  
Cosmo's/Cobalt, Ginny Lane, Cox Pools,  
Flippers, Mo Fishin Bait & Tackle,  
Island Air*

*Meet at Pro Shop prior to Tee Off to Register*

*\$20.00 for Non-Member*

*\$5.00 for Member*

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*\$5.00 Entry Fee*

*\$2.00 Closest to Pin*





# SanRoc CHRISTMAS

Come Celebrate With Us!

**NOV. 27th — DEC. 25th**

## CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Cut or Live, Decorated or Naked  
Wreaths — Hand-made Decorations — Chocolates  
Locally crafted GIFTS &  
**MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

## TOY DRIVE for Christian Social Services

Drop Off a Toy—Receive a Discount Coupon

## BLACK FRIDAY — NOV. 27th

**Shops Open 9:00 HUGE SALES!!**

*FREE* Coffee, Doughnuts, Bloody Mary's, & Mimosas

**Watch Alabama -Auburn Game**

Sports Memorabilia *75% OFF*

**Music with J.J MACK**

Sponsored by Beach CITE

## SATURDAY — NOV. 28th

Story Time 2 pm with Miss Patsy  
Sea Turtle Talk 3 pm with Mike Reynolds  
Story Time 4 pm with Miss Patsy  
All events in our **TURTLE ROOM**

## SATURDAY — DEC 12th

### Breakfast with Santa

8-11 at North Shore Grill  
Visit with Zoo Animals all afternoon  
*FREE PICTURES* with Santa and with Animals  
Music sponsored by Beach CITE

## SanRoc Cay Marina

27267 Perdido Beach Blvd, Orange Beach, AL 36561  
251-981-5423 [www.sanroccay.com](http://www.sanroccay.com)



Please Welcome

# WINTZELL'S OYSTER HOUSE

to Orange Beach at the

## Private Opening Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 27 5:30pm-8:00pm

*Support the Arts!*



100% of ticket sales go to benefit the programs of the Orange Beach Arts Center

**WINTZELL'S  
OYSTER HOUSE**

(Located at 24131 Perdido Beach BLVD)

Party food includes fried & grilled oysters, raw oysters, fried shrimp, bacon wrapped shrimp, catfish, gumbo, crab craws, fruit/cheese tray, vegetable tray, and more!

also chicken for those that cannot eat seafood.

OPEN BAR!!!!

\$40 per person \$70 per couple

Call the Orange Beach Arts Center  
for reservations and payment. 251.981.2787



# E-Cycling Day

January 9, 2010 9 am – 3 pm

Gulf State Park Pavilion

Keep it out of the landfill! Bring your old electronics to be recycled.

Acceptable items for E-Cycle drop-off include:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| computer components    | hard drives      |
| monitors (\$5-\$8 fee) | keyboards/mice   |
| cables/wiring          | power supplies   |
| printers               | copiers          |
| fax machines           | telephones       |
| cell phones            | scanners         |
| battery back-ups       | print cartridges |
| household electronics  |                  |

Metals, such as shelving and file cabinets will also be accepted.

Certified secure hard drive destruction will be offered for \$10.

No televisions, please.

The Clean Coast Partnership is a collaborative effort to coordinate city, state, business and individual efforts and resources for recycling and other environmentally friendly practices island-wide. More information on the effort can be found at [www.cleanisland.org](http://www.cleanisland.org).