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Grand Re-Opening of Mariners Landing Set for June 27

Friday, June 27th | Opens at 8:00 AM
Mariners Landing, Gulf Breeze, FL

GULF BREEZE, FL - The City of Gulf Breeze is thrilled to announce the official Grand Re-Opening of Mariners Landing, a beloved waterfront park revitalized just in time for the Fourth of July weekend.

Explore the all-new amenities, including:

- A brand-new boat ramp
- Reconstructed boardwalk and fishing pier
- Relaxing wooden swings and benches
- Scenic picnic pavilions
- Beautiful natural landscaping, walkways, and big green lawn
- Refreshed public art installations

This long-awaited reopening is a major milestone in restoring access to the waterfront. The park, initially closed in 2017 to accommodate the construction of the General Chappie James Memorial Bridge, faced additional delays due to Hurricane Sally in 2020. It was officially released back to the City by FDOT on June 27, 2023.

Since then, the City has invested nearly \$3 million to bring Mariners Landing back to life. Upgrades include a new boat ramp, 1175 LF of seawall replacement, and the installation of 21 mature oak trees and 62 palm trees across the 5-acre site. The design embraces the laid-back, nostalgic “Breezer” lifestyle, focusing on natural materials and community-centered features rather than standard-issue park furniture.

“This project represents a shared investment in quality of life, coastal beauty, and long-term vision for the community,” said Mayor JB Schluter. *“We are excited to return Mariners Landing to the public.”*

A Collaborative Effort: The transformation of Mariners Landing would not have been possible without the dedicated work of our partners: Baskerville-Donovan, Loftis Marine, Morton Woodworking, Layered Lighting Design, Project Manager Craig Chamberlin, Sean Callahan, and the hardworking Parks and Recreation staff.

What's Next? The improvements don't stop here. Construction will soon begin on the Sunset Promenade—a scenic waterfront walkway on the park's west side, designed by WAS Landscape Architects, with expected completion this Fall. Additionally, a Blueways Launch is being designed for the park's north lawn, catering to paddlers, rowers, kayakers, and small day sailors