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**Grand Celebration of New Sunset Promenade
Unveiling of The Mariner, the City's Final Public Art Landmark**

**Monday, May 4th | at 6:30 PM
Mariners Landing, Gulf Breeze, FL**

Gulf Breeze, FL — The City of Gulf Breeze is pleased to announce the official opening of its new Sunset Promenade and the unveiling of *The Mariner* during a special sunset ceremony.

This installation marks the final piece in the City's 15-year initiative to establish five major public art landmarks throughout Gulf Breeze.

Guests are invited to explore new amenities and enhancements throughout the site, including:

- The public art plaza and heritage markers
- Paver ground art, perfect for spectator views and social gatherings
- Relaxing coastal benches and concrete seat walls
- Natural landscaping, irrigation improvements, and refreshed restrooms
- *The Mariner*, a collaborative sculpture by artists Randy New and Jared Petticrew

Donated to the City of Gulf Breeze for installation at Mariners Landing, *The Mariner* symbolizes the City's enduring connection to the water and the shared bond between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola as sister cities.

The promenade also connects to a new boat ramp, which includes 1,175 linear feet of seawall replacement, and features the installation of 21 mature oak trees and 62 palm trees across the 5-acre site. The design reflects the waterfront park's embrace of the laid-back, nostalgic "Breezer" lifestyle, emphasizing natural materials and community-centered features.

Some of the pavers used in the project were donated by FDOT from the Pensacola Bay Bridge project, helping reduce costs while preserving a visual connection between the park's new improvements and FDOT's original development of the site.

"Watching our new promenade take shape and the excitement felt by our residents has been a joy. I foresee weddings and many future special events held here, where so much of the city's history began," said Mayor JB Schluter. "The City Council is excited to kick off the first of many celebrations at our promenade."

WAS Design Landscape developed the design of the Sunset Promenade, and the project was constructed by Loftis Marine, Inc. The total project cost was approximately \$320,000, funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

