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**June 9th Okaloosa County Commissioners & Tourism Officials Unveil the
New Bayview Plaza & Initial Phase of Veterans Park on Okaloosa Island**

County and tourism industry officials will unveil the new Bayview Plaza and celebrate the initial phase of Veterans Park on Okaloosa Island, adjacent to the Emerald Coast Convention Center on June 9, 2014. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend.

Additional boat trailer parking at the nearby Marler Park boat launch, as well as an improved, safe, nature walk surrounded by a bird sanctuary, pond and views of Choctawhatchee Bay are part of the initial phase. Future improvements to this premier 14-acre park will further enhance the park's natural beauty and add to the outdoor experience, with a handicapped accessible boardwalk along the bay, additional walking trails and a unique Veterans Memorial.

Bayview Plaza provides an outdoor venue addition to the Emerald Coast Convention Center that adds 30,000-square-feet of exhibition and event rental space to the facility. The special event will showcase four different ways visiting convention and group tourism clients – as well as local organizations – can activate the new outdoor space for special events.

Any questions, feel free to contact the Citizen Information Line at 311.

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