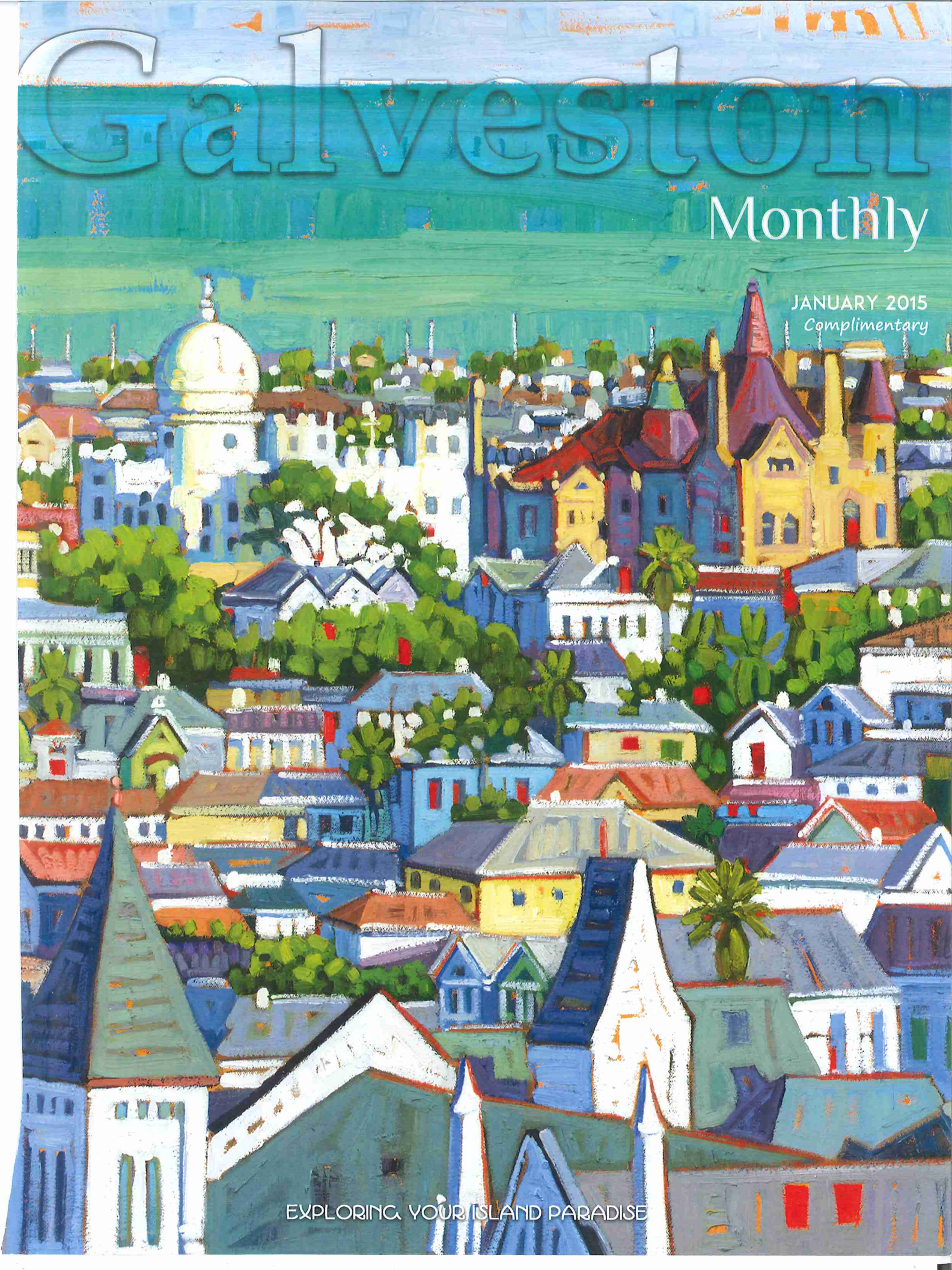


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Major Beach Replenishment, Dune Restoration Project Now Underway



A long-awaited project to restore the beach and dune system from the west end of the Seawall to Dellanera RV Park began in December. It's part of a \$4.8 million beach restoration project that will create new beaches by this summer from 61st Street to 103rd Street.

Approximately 120,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand is being distributed in front of Dellanera RV Park and Seascape Condominiums. This project is managed by the Texas General Land Office with financial support from the City of Galveston and the Park Board of Trustees.

The project includes the construction of a dune system 75 feet wide at the base, 35 feet wide at the top and 11 feet high in front of Dellanera RV Park and Seascape Condominiums, and beach nourishment seaward of the dune from Dellanera to a point near the end of the Seawall. The beachfront sustained major damage from Hurricane Ike in September 2008.

The project is being funded with FEMA dollars provided by the City and Park Board and a grant from the state's Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA). The City's financial commitment is limited to construction of the dune system.

Project planners targeted early winter for the construction phase to avoid the nesting season for endangered sea turtles, which begins in mid-March and continues through September.

Sand will be trucked to the project area from a loading site on Harborside Drive. Truck drivers will use 61st Street and Seawall Boulevard as their primary routes, and will restrict travel to weekdays between 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m., and weekends after 9 a.m.. No hauling will occur during non-daylight hours. In addition, no sand-hauling will be conducted during special events such as triathlons, marathons or parades without prior approval from the City and other project partners.

Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed in early March.



Tremont House Jazz Series Welcomes Trio du Jour

Trio du Jour takes center stage at The Tremont Jazz Series. The Tremont House hosts a free jazz night every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the 1888 Toujouse Bar. *Trio du Jour*, formed in New Orleans in the 1990s, "Performs hot swingin' jazz from the 1940s to the present with along with some mellow favorites," says Pianist Leah Stonum. She is joined by Kansas City bassist Mel Drybread and a guest artist that gives the group an ever-changing sound. Sparky Koerner joins the group on trumpet in January.

Leah, a familiar face at The Tremont House, has been seen on the hotel's grand piano for seven years in the Toujouse Bar. Previous engagements include playing on New Orleans famed Bourbon Street in various clubs, performing with Jason Marsalis, and touring internationally.

Bassist Drybread has performed with many jazz greats through the years. At 20, he was played regularly with Joe Williams, featured singer with the Count Basie Band. He also played with Robert Goulet and the old Tonight Show Band.

Koerner has shared the stage with notable musicians Doc Severinsen, Tom "Bones" Malone, Kevin Eubanks, John Pizzarelli, Diane Schuur, Phil Woods, Mindy Abair, David Benoit, Chris Vadala, Bobby Watson, and Marvin Stamm. He is a professor of music and Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at College of the Mainland in Texas City.

The Tremont Jazz Series is free and open to the public. The hotel offers an expanded Martini menu on Jazz nights. For more details call 409.763.0300.