



Agenda Item: Nominations for Friend of Tourism

Background: On May 4, 2023, Visit Galveston Island will host the 9th Annual Tourism Summit at the Galveston Island Convention Center, during National Tourism Week to educate and celebrate the exciting tourism industry. This is a FREE event to ALL tourism partners! Each year, our numbers increase as we bring together the organizations involved in the Galveston hospitality community to learn from one another and from experts in the field. The Summit is designed to involve, inform, educate, and excite Galvestonians. This year we have the opportunity to grow attendance again by offering a LIVE STREAM and in person experience, as well as our popular vendor expo, all featuring national and regional speakers presenting on a variety of topics aimed at increasing the number of travelers to Galveston. Those whose businesses are touched by travel from restaurateurs to hotel executives and transportation operators to nightlife professionals—will learn how to maximize their reach and get a chance to learn about new resources being made available to reach their goals.

This is the 2nd year to recognize a Friend of Tourism for Galveston Island, to honor individuals and organizations that have had a major impact on tourism in Galveston. The Friend of Tourism Award is presented to a person or organization whose body of work has had a significant impact on tourism in the past year.

2022 Recipient: Juneteenth Legacy Project

Staff Recommendation:

The Park Board of Trustees are asked to nominate by the end of March to nominate candidates to be voted on at the April meeting for the 2023 Galveston Island Friend of Tourism.