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“Old Joe” Alligator Sculpture Unveiling

MOUNT DORA, Fla. (February 15, 2018) – “Old Joe”, a 15-foot alligator sculpture will be unveiled on February 20, 2018 at 2 p.m. in front of the Palm Island Boardwalk. The bronze sculpture will be revealed in a ceremony that has been a long time coming between donors and the City.

“Old Joe” was the idea of two generous donors that wanted to give something back to the community in a way that can be interactive and long-lasting while showing the personality of the city. “Old Joe” was a legendary, record-setting alligator that patrolled the local lakes. He was rumored to have eaten small animals and even some livestock.

The two donors, who wish to remain anonymous, wanted to have a replica of “Old Joe” cast in copper to be set in a public location in town. After an extensive search, city officials decided to set the statue under the shade at Palm Island Park, which is a scenic, nature-filled boardwalk that juts out to Lake Dora and around the natural wonders of the city. A large, concrete slab was poured for “Old Joe” which is where he was placed for visitors to come and sit and safely have their picture taken with a legend.

The statue, which was cast at American Bronze Foundry in Sanford, cost \$52,000 and was donated to the city.

What: Old Joe Statue Reveal

Where: Palm Island Boardwalk, 411 South Tremain Street, Mount Dora

When: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Time: 2 p.m.



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