

Fireworks every Thursday over the harbor

There'll be a little more excitement down on the harbor — and once a week throughout the summer.

At 8:30 p.m. every Thursday until Labor Day, a fireworks display will be set off in sky just south of the mouth of the harbor area.

The first show was this week. Spectators in boats, on various beaches and watching from their cars near the harbor and East Pass took in the show.

They will be sponsored and paid for by Legendary Inc., a major Destin-area developer.

Peter Bos, Legendary's president and CEO, said this week in an interview that the aim of the fireworks shows is to "bring people to the harbor."

Legendary's grand HarborWalk Village project, of which the twin towers of the Emerald Grande condos are the centerpiece, is expected to do just that as various businesses and attractions open over the next few years.

Bos said Legendary has built a barge and hired a fireworks technician to orchestrate the once-a-week

pyrotechnics displays.

Coinciding with the HarborWalk Village project is the city of Destin's Community Redevelopment Agency's just-under way initiative to redevelop and energize the harbor area with a large-scale redevelopment program.

As envisioned, it's a three-phase program that could bring a continuous boardwalk along a mile or so of the north shore of the harbor, as well as a series of other changes and updates.