

# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearl of the Panhandle



July

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit Thomas Lee Brannan Medical Expense Fund.** 11 am until it's all gone! Fried Mulled, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies \$ 8 donation. American Legion Post 82, Lanark Village.

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Animal Tales** 11 am Eastpoint Branch & 1 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Invasive Exotic Weeds and Other Surprises in the Landscape-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director** 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 670-8151 for info.

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Future Storminess: Hurricanes & Tornadoes in a Warmer World** 7 pm-8 pm FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Auditorium, St. Teresa. Open to the public. Refreshments available before talk. Call (850) 697-4120 or go to [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) for more information.

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Preparing a Bird Friendly Landscape-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director** 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 697-2366 for info.

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Quite A Catch-Comic & Juggler** 1 pm Eastpoint Branch & 3 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> The Role Seagrass Plays in Protecting our Bays** 11 am-3 pm Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Eastpoint. Class is \$ 25 per person and ticket purchase is required before coming to class. Participants must be able to swim and are responsible for bringing their own snorkeling gear, water bottle, and towel. Visit [www.anerrseagrass.eventbrite.com](http://www.anerrseagrass.eventbrite.com) to register. For more info, Call (850) 670-7743 or email [Emily.A.Jackson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Emily.A.Jackson@dep.state.fl.us)

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual C-Quarters Marina Youth Fishing Tournament** 8 am-4 pm Free to youth 16 years old & younger. Free rod & reel combinations, shirt & visor for the first 125 kids registered. Register at C-Quarters Marina. All kids must attend fishing clinic with parent or guardian Fri, the 21<sup>st</sup> 6 pm. For more info call (850) 697-8400. Delicious watermelons are available NOW for only \$ 5 to help support this event. Pick one up today!

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming** 1 pm Eastpoint Branch & 3 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 2nd Annual Crab Cake Cookoff** At the Marine Street Grill Live music with Slim Fatz! More details will follow as available. All proceeds to benefit the re-building of **The Carrabella** pirate playground at the Crooked River Lighthouse Park. Call (850) 697-2732 or go to [carrabelleighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:carrabelleighthouse@gmail.com) for more info.

Friday, July 7, 2017

Welcome to our newest members:



**Gunner Pontoon Rentals, LLC**

Captain your own boat, explore the islands, see dolphin....Boats, kayaks, bicycles....all available for rental to create your own adventure. Feeling a little hot? Stop in for a snow cone, lots of flavors to choose from. Feeling a bit hungry? Pick up some nachos or "dress your own" hotdog. Check out their t-shirts! Give them a call today at (850) 570-3122 to plan your outdoor adventure. To learn more about them, go to [www.gunnerpontoon.com](http://www.gunnerpontoon.com)



**Chris Carter Tower Garden Produce**

Locally grown fresh vegetables and seedlings are now available in Carrabelle!

All Organically & aeroponically grown, non-GMO. Good health starts with good habits, like eating wholesome foods. Our vegetables are fresh picked the day of sale. Our selection will change with the season and demand. Please feel free to call.

What is aeroponics?—the same technology NASA uses—Tower Garden plants grow with only water and nutrients rather than dirt. Interested in starting your own Tower Garden? Contact me at (949) 285-0836 or [ccarter26805@gmail.com](mailto:ccarter26805@gmail.com) for more information.

**Events on multiple dates:**

**Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea** FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Workshops 6 pm-9 pm \$ 15 per person. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Spring & Summer Dates: 7/8, 7/19, 7/22, 8/5. Call (850) 697-4120 or go to [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) for more information.

**Weekly Sea Turtle Talks at the Apalachicola Research Reserve** (Nature Center), Eastpoint. 2-3 pm 7/12; 7/19; 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30. Registration is not required, but seating is limited. Call (850) 670-7700 or email [gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us) for more info.

**Franklin County Public Library: Summer Reading Programs**  
Ages K-6

**Eastpoint Kids- The Three C's: Compassion, Contribute, Construct—** We are building a city. June 14<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4<sup>th</sup> week) For more info, call (850) 670-8151

**Carrabelle Kids-Seed, Sow, & Grow** June 14<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4<sup>th</sup> week) For more info, call (850) 697-2366

**For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities**

See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar

**Events Further afield: Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio**

Or go to

[www.oysterradio.com](http://www.oysterradio.com) or [www.forgottencoastline.com](http://www.forgottencoastline.com) or [www.saltyflorida.com](http://www.saltyflorida.com)

**For the third year in a row, St. James Bay was voted a Top 20 Public Golf Course in Florida.**

Awarded by @Golf Advisor which is derived by customer reviews. We thank all you wonderful and gracious customers that believe in and enjoy our golf course.

**Franklin County Public Library, Carrabelle Branch:**

Seed, Sow, and Grow has been such a success...it's on to transplant! Ms. Audrey and her team have such green thumbs. Way to go Team! Thanks Ms. Audrey for helping children in the Summer Reading Program learn about sowing seeds and how to watch them grow right before their eyes!

**Big turn-out at the Franklin County Senior Citizen's Center Fish Fry last Saturday, June 24th**

As always, great food, great desserts, fun rummage sale hosted by the Franklin County Senior Center! Results aren't in yet, but looked like a great success. A lot of familiar faces. Kudos to all the volunteers for all their hard work! What a great way for the community to show their support to this important organization that literally serves so many.

**Turtle News from the Area**

The ladies have been streaming on shore lately, searching and sometimes finding the perfect place for their nest. It's hard to give 100% accurate figures in this Newsletter as the figures change daily but these numbers were compiled 7/5. All these organizations of volunteers monitor and protect this population each year and we appreciate the hours of training and daily work to raise awareness to our county's oldest visitors.

**Report from the St. George Island Volunteer Turtles:**

Here are estimated nesting numbers to date: 300 Loggerhead (cc) nests and 248 false crawls, 5 green (Cm) nests with 4 false crawls.

**Report from the Alligator Point Sea Turtle Patrol:**

As of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there have been 52 crawls with 26 confirmed nests. All the current nests are loggerheads. Green turtles love the hot weather of July and we will probably see some of their nests soon, but not many. Loggerheads will still be our biggest nester. Rarely, we will get a Kemp's Ridley nest although many of them feed in our waters because of the abundance of blue crabs which is their favorite food.

**Report from the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Sea Turtle Patrol:**

As of 7/4 they have 82 nests.

What's a false crawl? How do they know the difference between loggerhead and green turtle crawls and nests? To learn more, attend the Wednesday "Sea Turtle Talks" at Nature Center (ANERR), 108 Island Dr., Eastpoint from 2 pm – 3pm. For more info, call (850) 670-7700. Registration is not required, but seating is limited.

**Executive Board**

- President- **Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge
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- Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel
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**Executive Director**-Lisa Munson

**Representatives**-**Chester Reese**-FC Tourist Development Council

**Lisa Keith**-Lucas-Chamber Special Events Committee

Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-July 2: 125,957

**Visitors at our Visitor's Center**

**Carrabelle Brochures Sent**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	51	106	131	215	30	75	56	64
Feb	111	167	233	233	27	63	56	47
Mar	163	171	248	428	25	74	73	63
Apr	118	178	226	268	41	47	77	44
May	66	137	160	176	26	79	69	58
Jun	64	153	171	172	66	90	74	75
Jul	80	133	188		36	66	46	
Aug	52	125	93		36	70	92	
Sept	56	109	111		21	37	47	
Oct	76	152	147		22	25	36	
Nov	79	113	203		19	31	20	
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>189</u>		<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	
Totals	978	1,686	2,100	1,492	381	683	676	