



Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



Friday, September 15, 2017

September

Sat 16th Franklin County Coastal Cleanup 8:30 am – 11:30 am
Several locations, call Ada Long (850) 927-3776/email adalng@uab.edu or <http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/franklin-county-coastal-cleanup/700/> for more info.

Tues 19th Growing Citrus and Other Fruit Successfully-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1-3 pm Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 697-2366 for info.

Tues 19th Talk Like a Pirate Day 4 pm (ages 5+ suggested) Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library, call (850) 697-2366 or Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library, call (850) 670-8151 for info.

Fri 22nd Bay-Friendly Landscaping 1-3 pm Nature Center (ANERR) in Eastpoint. The class is free, but rain barrels are \$ 20 per barrel. Please register for the class in advance. For more info, contact Anita Grove (850) 670-7708 or Emily Jackson at (850) 670-7743 or online at www.anerrbayfriendlylandscaping.eventbrite.com

Sat 23rd Camp Gordon Johnston, Carrabelle History Museum, and the Crooked River Lighthouse will open the doors to their museums free of charge on Saturday September 23 as part of **Smithsonian Magazine's Thirteenth Annual Museum Day Live!**, an initiative in which participating museums across the United States emulate the spirit of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington DC-based facilities.

Wed 27th Free Health Screenings: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Anemia, & Cholesterol—Free to the public by Sacred Heart Mission Motion Health Screening 9 a.m.-noon. Franklin County Public Library in Carrabelle. Questions? Call (850) 229-5620 Lots of educational info & give-aways!

Fri 29th National Estuaries Day at the Nature Center in Eastpoint. Time TBA. Free public event, reservation is not required. For more info, call ANERR's main number (850) 670-7700

Fri 29th "Fly Me To The Moon" presented at The Rio Carrabelle Arts Center, Corner of Hwy 98 & Tallahassee Street. Pre-season opener with Tony Partington and friends at 8 pm. Advance tickets will be offered at a reduced price from the door admission charge. Call Rob at (850) 307-0098 or email at rob@caribbeanraftrentals.com for more info. You can purchase tickets online at www.caribbeanraftrentals.com/events

Sat 30th Workin' on the Railroad with musician/folklorist Frank Lindamood & Nelson Martin. 10 am-12 at C-Quarters Marina. A free program presented by the Carrabelle History Museum. For more info, call (850) 697-2141

Sat 30th The Annual Putt Masters Mini golf Tournament at the Red Pirate in Eastpoint in support of our local libraries. For info contact Pam Tullous (214) or pam_tullous@sbcglocal.net

October

Fri 6th Estuary Class at the Nature Center in Eastpoint. 12-4 pm Do you know what an estuary is and why it is so vital to our economy and way of life? Join us to explore the estuary we depend on. **Pg. 2**



From Mayor La Paz of Carrabelle:

Dear All,

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire staff of Franklin County Emergency Management under the direction of Ms. Pam Brownell, the Franklin County Sheriff Department under the direction of Sheriff A.J. Smith, the Carrabelle Police Department under the direction of Chief Gary Hunnings, all City of Carrabelle employees and Commissioners under the direction of Ms. Courtney Dempsey, the Franklin County CERT Team volunteers under the direction of Joseph Taylor, the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce staff under the direction of Ms. Lisa Munson, Oyster Radio's very own Michael Allen, and Ms. Gail Riegelmayr, Franklin County's volunteer self-appointed Public Information Officer.

These dedicated people worked long and countless hours over the past week to keep everyone in Franklin County informed, safe, and prepared for the potential impact of Hurricane Irma. Through their work and public notices, I was able to keep the citizens of Carrabelle and nearby communities informed and up to date on emergency notifications. Please also let me give a shout out and thank you to the numerous other unnamed teams, officials, first responders, employees, businesses, volunteers, and neighbors who worked diligently to keep our communities safe and informed.

Now my thoughts and prayers turn to every community in Florida impacted by the horrible storm called Irma. May God bless them all in the initial recovery stages and through the months to come.

Sincerely,

Brenda La Paz, Mayor, City of Carrabelle, blapaz@live.com

From the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce:

Thank you! Getting information out was a chief concern, and I appreciate everyone who joined the Carrabelle Chamber's "open format" with comments and status reports to help us get the word out on local conditions. What an awesome community filled with great and caring people! Thank you, [Sheri Matis Wesson](#) for your diligence over the weekend with Facebook postings on behalf of the Chamber while I was offline. Yes, it does take a village..... PS, our Facebook page had 12,056 post reaches as of yesterday, so the word did get out! I am collecting photos and will create an album on the Chamber's Facebook page sometime next week.

This is the first date of three this class will be offered. (11/9 & 12/8) Cost is \$ 25 & you can purchase advance tickets at:

www.anerrestuaryclass.eventbrite.com/

For more info, contact Emily Jackson (850) 670-7743 or by email,

emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us

Sat 7th The 6th Annual Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta 12-3 pm at the FSU Coastal & Marine Lab, St. Teresa. For more info, call (850) 697-4120 or email fsucml@fsu.edu

Lantern Making Workshops

In advance of the Lantern Festival, the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association will host three Past year's lanterns have included colorful paper lanterns, wrought iron looking lanterns cleverly made from boxes, and even 3 ft tall lanterns that were working replicas of the St. George Island Lighthouse! Materials, instruction and hands on help will be provided at each workshop. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring their glowing creations to the Lantern Fest on Saturday, Oct.21, from 6-10 pm.

Saturday, September 23, 1-4:30 pm-Lighthouse Museum

Saturday, September 30, 1-4:30 pm-location TBA

Saturday, October 7, 1-4:30 pm-location TBA

Our Visitors Can Land This Getaway to Fish the Forgotten Coast!

Starting 9/1, The Franklin County Tourist Development Council launched its fall getaway season in September with a fishing extravaganza not soon forgotten. Visitors can sign up to win a weekend fishing getaway in Carrabelle during November. The weather's cooler and the redfish are running! The winner will receive a half-day fishing charter trip, accommodations in Carrabelle and dinner at some of Franklin County's finest restaurants.

<http://www.saltyflorida.com/getaways/forgottencoastfishinggetaway.aspx>

For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities

See our website www.carrabelle.org under "Things to Do" Events

Calendar or the Community Calendar

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

www.oysterradio.com or www.forgottencoastline.com or

www.saltyflorida.com

The Florida legislature gave their approval to rename part of US Highway 98 through downtown Carrabelle, FL in honor of Cliff Millender who lost his life serving in the Vietnam War in 1969: This ceremony will take place on Monday, **October 2nd, 3 pm near the Carrabelle River Bridge on Hwy 98** as the new memorial signs are unveiled. We are very grateful to Governor Rick Scott, Senator Bill Montford, Representative Halsey Beshears, Franklin County Commissioner William Massey and Mr. Curt Blair of the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for their diligent work to get this bill passed.

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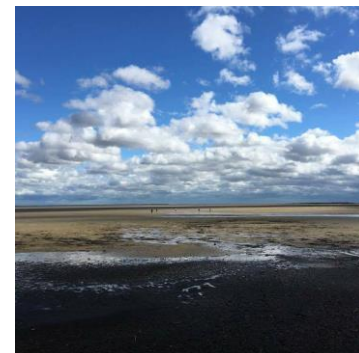
Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-Sept 10: 172,550



Thank you to Mayor La Paz, William Owen, & Christina Ciccarelli Oxendine for permission to use your Carrabelle

River Photos. Left: From ANERR, Apalachicola Bay! PS: Water is back & yes, it's salty!



September 4th – 6th or so....Sheriff to Sheriff - Sheriff A.J. Smith of Franklin County, FL., and his deputies met with Sheriff Brian Hawthorne of Chambers County, in Anahuac, TX. Chambers was one of the small coastal counties hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey. At the meeting, Sheriff Smith presented Sheriff Hawthorne with a semi-truck load of disaster relief supplies which were donated by the citizens of Franklin County over the past two weeks. Sheriff Hawthorne expressed deep gratitude for the much needed supplies and assured everyone they would be given to those most in need in the coming days. May God bless all the citizens of Franklin County for coming to the aid of the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We truly live in a very giving community and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is proud to call this home. There are so many of you that donated and some moments were captured to share. The community also raised nearly \$9,000 for Texas.

Update from the Chamber: They arrived back in town just in time to gear up for our own storm preparations for Hurricane Irma.

A special thank you to **Mrs. Renee Griffin, executive assistant to Sheriff Smith**, for securing over 27k dollars worth of lap tops for the office. These were donated to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the deputies to use in their cars with the new CAD system. We appreciate your instincts and will to take a chance on this opportunity! It was a win, win for Franklin County Sheriff's Office!

Gulf Coast State College Offers Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer Crossover Course

Gulf Coast State College is offering two Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer Crossover courses during the Fall 2017 semester. The course is designed for those currently certified as FDLE corrections officers who would like to be dual certified as law enforcement officers. It prepares students to take the State Officer Certification Exam (SOCE) and provides opportunities to obtain jobs in the state, county and municipality levels in the state of Florida. The Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Officer Crossover courses will begin September 18 at the North Bay Campus in Southport. Classes will be held Monday–Thursday at two convenient times: the afternoon course will run from 1:00–5:00 p.m. and the evening course will be held from 6:00–10:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Nick Rivera at (850) 913.3297 or nrivera@gulfcoast.edu.