



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearle of the Panhandle

Friday, April 17, 2015

Events-April

Sat 18th Fifth Annual Putt-Masters, A Mini Golf Tournament noon until...Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar, Eastpoint to benefit the Franklin County Public Library Call Anna Carmichael (850) 273-1774

Tues 21st Disaster Drill-John Gorrie Bridge/Causeway Apalachicola 8 am-5 pm-Traffic will NOT be blocked during the exercise & no fuel will enter the bay. (Drill will be a mock scenario of 2 fuel trucks colliding on the causeway portion resulting in a spill of fuel into the bay)

Fri 24th Giving Words to Our Forgotten Coast FSUCML Last day to register fsucml@fsu.edu

Fri 24th & Sat 25th Carrabelle Riverfront Festival www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com

Fri 24th & Sat 25th Yard Sale 8:30 am-4:00 pm Lanark Village Golf Course-Donations needed. Call (850) 697-9018 for info or pickup

Sat 25th-2015 Open House-FSU Coastal & Marine Lab 10 am-3pm www.marinelab.fus.edu

Sat 25th Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum Movie 10:30 a.m.

Thurs 30th Barry McGee's Healing with Humor Tour 7 pm Living Waters Assembly of God, Apalachicola.-Donations to the Big Bend Hospice Special Needs Fund will be accepted in lieu of ticket sales.

MAY (More Next Newsletter)

Sat 2nd Giving Words to Our Forgotten Coast FL State Univ. Coastal & Marine Lab-4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Must register fsucml@fsu.edu

May 8th & 9th The 20th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days

See our website www.carrabelle.org under "Things to Do" Entertainment/Events for More info

Events Further afield:

Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio
Or go to www.oysterradio.com

New Members:

Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition/En Plein Air
C-Quarters Liquors

Welcome Back:

George E. Weems Memorial Hospital
Friedman Financial Advisors, Inc.
Tallahassee Regional Airport
Resort Vacation Properties of St. George Island, Inc.

Join today!!

Call or download our Membership Application on our website www.carrabelle.org/contact

No Chamber Meeting/Mixer will be scheduled this month-enjoy the Riverfront Festival Fri 24th 4-8 pm & Sat 25th 10-6 pm



Christie's Cottage Living's New Location-Marine Street

News from our Members:

Christie's Cottage Living You have probably noticed all the activity in the building next to the Pharmacy on Marine Street lately. Christie's Cottage Living will be re-locating from next to the Chamber to their new building in time for the Riverfront Festival. They will be open for business starting Saturday the 25th at 9:00 am. See you there!



Chamber officers

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge
 Vice Pres./Treas-**Sheila Hauser**/Century 21 Collins Realty
 Secretary-**Tonia Chisholm**/FC Public Library-Carrabelle
Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Chamber Directors

Ann Wilson/NHC Homecare
Lewis Christie/Christie's Cottage Living
Dr. Lois Kaitland/Phoenix Family Health Care

Welcome New Chamber Directors:

Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel
Paul Marxsen/Marxsen Accounting
Bo May/Rio Carrabelle
Pamela McCreery/The Beachtrader

	<u>Visitor's Center</u>			<u>Brochures Sent</u>		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>
Jan	51	106	208	30	75	250
Feb	111	167	150	27	63	233
Mar	163	171	105	25	74	296
Apr	118			41		
May	66			26		
Jun	64			66		
Jul	80			36		
Aug	52			36		
Sept	56			21		
Oct	76			22		
Nov	79			19		
Dec	<u>62</u>			<u>32</u>		
Totals	978			381		

Total Web Website Visitors Jan 1-April 12: 45,103
 Total New Members Year-to-date: 31
 (Includes return Memberships of pre-2014 Members)

Chamber Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Franklin County Visitor Center
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
After 2:00 p.m.-Enter Through Christie's Cottage Living next door
Sunday 12:00 -4:00 p.m.
Enter Through Christie's Cottage Living next door

Let us know what's happening with you so we can include YOUR accomplishments here!

New weather app from FEMA <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2015/04/14/fema-launches-new-feature-mobile-app-empowering-users-follow-weather-alerts>

From the Department of Atmospheric Science/Colorado State University:

Extended Range Forecast of Atlantic Seasonal Hurricane Activity and Landfall Strike Probability for 2015

We anticipate that the 2015 Atlantic basin hurricane season will be one of the **least active seasons** since the middle of the 20th century. It appears quite likely that an El Niño of at least moderate strength will develop this summer and fall. The tropical and subtropical Atlantic are also quite cool at present. We anticipate a **below-average probability for major hurricanes making landfall along the United States coastline and in the Caribbean**. Despite the forecast for below-average activity, coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active season for them. They should prepare the same for every season, regardless of how much activity is predicted. ☺

News from the Carrabelle City Commissioners:

April 2-Carrabelle City Commissioners voted unanimously to issue a temporary permit to allow beer & wine to be served at the Big Bend Saltwater Classic, to be held at The Moorings Marina June 18-21st. They also voted unanimously to designate April 2015 as **"Clean up Carrabelle Month"**

A Community Redevelopment project that could be easily overlooked is the ongoing maintenance of the CRA District streets, right-of-ways, sidewalks, parks, and landscaping. The CRA District is being manicured and polished by a professional, licensed, and insured landscape contractor who began the project with an initial month-long detailed District cleanup in January. Presently the District undergoes weekly maintenance with special attention being paid to trimming, edging, fertilizing, and replacing plants. Making certain all litter and debris is removed from the CRA District is on the top of the maintenance list. Please drive slowly when you see the two gentlemen working in the District with their ATV pulling a trailer loaded with debris. The goal is to give the District a brighter look and the feel of a "breath of fresh air". Many folks have noticed how clean and well kept the District appears. I hope you have noticed too!

Submitted by:
Brenda La Paz, Commissioner and CRA Board Member
City of Carrabelle

News from the Franklin County Tourist Development Council Meeting:

The "Carrabelle Getaway" promoted in March received 1,926 verified e-mail addresses and entries. This shows a strong interest in our area! The contest ran for the month of March and featured a two night stay in Carrabelle between April 7 and May 31, 2015, two meals at area Franklin County restaurants, a half day fishing or eco-tour trip and tickets to climb the Historic Crooked River Lighthouse.

Each Visitor Center received a \$ 700 grant to aide in making their Center's more visible. The Carrabelle Chamber is in the process on designing new Visitor Center signage. All Visitor's Centers will have "mileage to" the nearest Visitor Center from the County lines "Salty Florida" signs that the TDC already have in place. Blue mileage to Visitor Center signs will be added at the City limits.

Be prepared for a lot of visitors this summer! The Dixie Youth Softball Tournament will be coming back to our Will S. Kendrick Park and Sports Center.

Reminder: Please forward your events for the next month by the third week of the prior month in order for them to be included in the Coastline Newspaper under area events!