



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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www.carrabelle.org

Events-April

Sat 4th & Sun 5th Free Freshwater Fishing Days!

Floridians & visitors alike need no fishing license for freshwater fishing. All bag limits, seasons & size restrictions apply on these dates.

Sat 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt-FC Sheriff's Department-Hwy 65 Eastpoint-noon

Sat 4th Tonya's Hope Fundraiser-Legion Post 82, Lanark Village 9am yard sale, noon Memorial Service and dinner Entertainment-Debi Jordan 3 pm Live Auction 6 pm Raffle Drawing

Sat 4th Dance at Lanark Village Boat Club 7 pm till...

Thurs 9th Beekeeping: So Easy a Caveman Can Do it?-FSU Coastal Marine Lab Auditorium 7 p.m. www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Sat 11th Real Florida: Photography w/ Rex Adams-FSU Coastal & Marine Lab 5 pm-10 pm www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/workshops

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

25th Carrabelle Riverfront Festival

Fri. the 24th 4-8 pm

Sat. the 25th 10 am-7 pm

www.carrabellerriverfrontfestival.com

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.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for May 8th & 9th for the 20th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days.-

More in next Newsletter.

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

Friday, April 3, 2015

New Members:

Brooks Concrete
Franklin County School
Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare

Welcome Back:

Bill Miller Realty
First Baptist Church of Carrabelle

No Chamber Meeting/Mixer will be scheduled this month-enjoy the Riverfront Festival

Happy Easter!



25th Annual Riverfront Festival-Free Admission

Please join us as we celebrate the culture, history and vitality of coastal Carrabelle. Our annual festival offers regional arts and crafts, family friendly attractions, and local culinary treats. This unique venue offers the community an opportunity to display its rich seafood heritage and will ensure that the financial benefits stay in the area.

The unique unpretentious charm of Carrabelle is on display as we celebrate our laid back life style with unique hometown attractions like Carrabelle's own **Fishy Fashion Show**, the **Procession of the Species**, **Pirates of the Carrabellean-The Treasure of Gullet's Cove**, 2nd Annual Carrabelle Antique Car Show, and "Bones & Tales" of Carrabelle. Friday evening there will be **live entertainment & dancing in the streets**.

This year there will be a **free golf cart shuttle service** throughout the Festival that will be devoted to helping folks who find it hard to walk a long way and move through the festival easily. Two special parking areas for individuals with disability tags will be provided-Call (850) 697-2141 on the days of the festival for more information.

FC Senior Center Proposed Menus-Lunch Thurs at noon:
9th-Cottage/Shepherds Pie & Sides, Dessert
16th-Chicken & Rice, Sides, Dessert
30th-Mexican Fiesta, Rice, Beans, Dessert

Events Further afield:

The 2015 Panama City Passion Play-Marina Civic Center April 3rd 7 pm; Sat, April 4th 4 pm Admission is Free

www.panamacitypassionplay.com

Tyndall Air Force Base Gulf Coast Salute 2015-Open House & Air Show April 11 & 12 The USAF Thunderbirds and US Army Golden Knights-Gates open at 9 am-Free admission and parking www.gulfcoastsalute.com

www.SeabreezeJazzFestival.com April 22-26 Panama City Beach at Pier Park

www.forgottencoastline.com For other area events

Chamber officers

President-Cher Novaria

Vice President/Treasurer-Sheila Hauser

Secretary-Tonia Chisholm

Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Chamber Directors

Ann Wilson

Lewis Christie

Dr. Lois Kaitland

Visitor's Center

Brochures Sent

	2014	2015	% Inc	2014	2015	% Inc
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 Website visitors Jan 1st-
March 29th: 38.136

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.

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Cabbage Palms



Muhly grass



Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Brings Roadway Beautification Project to Carrabelle

By now everyone has seen the new FDOT beautification landscaping project in progress along Hwy 98 from NE 13th Street, going west to Tallahassee Street. This beautification project is in keeping with Carrabelle's landscape ordinance that requires drought-tolerant and native plants be used. Some of the plantings will include Crape Myrtle trees, Cabbage Palms, Yaupon, Viburnum, Muhly Grass, Plumbago, and Saw Palmetto.

Best of all, this Florida Department of Transportation project is completely paid for by the FDOT; approved by the FDOT, designed and managed with FDOT funds, and all landscaping will be on FDOT right-of-way property only. **Not one penny of Carrabelle taxpayer dollars has been used for this beautification project – not one red cent.** All engineering, design work, irrigation, plants, labor, and materials have been totally funded by FDOT.

Once the beautification project is complete, the City of Carrabelle will be responsible for watering the new plantings and replacing mulch. The responsibility of keeping the weeds out of the beds, trimming the trees, and mowing any sod will be shared by FDOT and the City. The landscaping beautification project is a gift to Carrabelle from the FDOT and it must be maintained.

So far, the FDOT beautification project is progressing as scheduled and will be an absolute beautiful addition to our City. This new landscaping will make a lovely gateway to Carrabelle when entering from the east along Hwy 98.

Thank You, Florida Department of Transportation!

Submitted by:

Brenda La Paz, Commissioner
City of Carrabelle

Viburnum



Yaupon



Plumbago

