

Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



May

Sun 29th The Coastal Blessing 3-3:30 pm The Crooked River Lighthouse Park. All are welcome to this FREE event. Light refreshments after half hour ceremony. Bring a covered dish if you can! (850) 697-2732 or www.crookedriverlighthouse.org

June

Sat 4th The 2nd Annual Disaster Expo 10 am-3 pm. FREE-Fun & Food-Franklin County Emergency Mgmt., 28 Airport Rd., Apalachicola (850) 653-8977 x102 or www.franklinemergencymanagement.com

Sat 11th Annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament The Tallahassee Builders Association & C-Quarters Marina. (850) 697-8400 or www.c-quartersmarina.com

Sat 11th The 16th Annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament Entry is FREE for kids 16 & under. Call (850) 670-8808 for more info.

Sat 11th & Sun 12th The Forgotten Coast Open at St. James Bay Golf Resort (850) 697-9606 or www.stjamesbay.com

Fri 17th -Sun 19th The 27th Annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic hosted by The Moorings of Carrabelle www.saltwaterclassic.com



License-free fishing days provide an excellent opportunity for parents who don't yet have licenses to take youth fishing, or avid anglers to introduce a friend to fishing without having to purchase a license. On these days, the fishing license requirement is waived for all recreational anglers (residents and non-residents). All other rules (e.g., seasons, bag and size limits) apply.

License-free freshwater days

- Second Saturday and Sunday in June

License-free saltwater days

- First Saturday and Sunday in June
- First Saturday in September
- Saturday following Thanksgiving

The saltwater waiver applies to any recreational harvest requiring a saltwater fishing license (e.g., crabbing, lobstering, scalloping, etc.) as well as fishing from shore or a boat. A snook or spiny lobster permit are not required on these days.

Friday, May 27th, 2016

New Members:

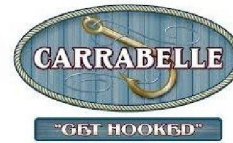
Greg Eldridge, Seacrest Real Estate, Inc.

Have Safe & Happy Memorial Day!

May 27, 28 & 30-Memorial Day Fund-raiser for the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum-Big Blow Out! Stop in and check it out! 1001 Gray Ave.

Franklin County Public Libraries will be closed Sat. May 28th & Mon. May 30th in observance of this Holiday.

Bring your business card for raffle



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Sunset Isle RV & Yacht & Marine Street Grill

R.S.V.P. to Chamber at 697-2585 or chamber@nettally.com, in order to have sufficient food!!

Kick off your Memorial Day Weekend With our After Hours Mix it up Mixer Thursday May 26, 2016

Sunset Isle RV & Yacht
260 Timber Island Drive, Carrabelle

5:00 – 7:00'ish

Free Event for all

Carrabelle Business Owners & Guests

BYOB ...Don't miss the fun! Not a Member? Join today & get 25% off 2016 Dues

Great food

networking

Door prizes

Fun company

Good Music

Events on Multiple Dates:

Franklin County Public Library Summer Reading Program 6/20-7/23 Ages 12 & under. Register today! Carrabelle (850) 697-2366

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab offering Emergency First Responder One Day Workshops 6/4; 9/17 CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator, & Oxygen Administration www.marinelab.fsu.edu or (850) 697-4120

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Workshops: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea 6-9 pm 6/3; 6/18; 7/2; 7/17; 7/30; 8/17; 8/27 FSUCML St. Teresa. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student; (850) 697-4120 fsucml@fsu.edu www.marinelab.fsu.edu

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 or www.forgottencoastline.com or www.saltyflorida.com

Executive Board

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge
 Vice President- **Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living
 Secretary-**Dr. Lois Mendez Catlin**-Phoenix Family Health Care Center
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Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel
Bo May/Rio Carrabelle
Pamela McCreery/The Beachtrader

Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Representatives

Chester Reese-FC Tourist Development Council
David Butler-Big Bend Scenic Byway Board
 Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-May 22: 60,753
 Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 12
 Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	2014	2015	2016	% Inc	2014	2015	2016	% Inc
Jan	51	106	131	1.24	30	75	56	(.75)
Feb	111	167	233	1.40	27	63	56	(.89)
Mar	163	171	248	1.45	25	74	73	.99
Apr	118	178	226	1.27	41	47	77	1.64
May	66	137			26	79		
Jun	64	153			66	90		
Jul	80	133			36	66		
Aug	52	125			36	70		
Sept	56	109			21	37		
Oct	76	152			22	25		
Nov	79	113			19	31		
Dec	62	142			32	26		
Totals	978	1,686			381	683		



Michael Horvath
7/30/1946-5/12/2016

It is with great sadness....

Michael was the driving force of the **Camp Gordon Johnston Association** since becoming their Executive Secretary, handling the museum's social media, attending networking seminars, fund-raising, assisting with the building planning, and the recent Camp Gordon Johnston Days.

Funeral was at Bevis Funeral Home in Crawfordville on May 17th.

As a respected member of the community, he will be missed...

Tourist Talk - May 2016 - FC Tourist Development Council

Revenue: Tourist revenue numbers were up dramatically in February as compared to 2015. Collections this year were \$64,493 as compared to \$42,754 for the month in 2015. Visitor Centers reported an increase in both international visitors and snow birds. Collections reflect an average increase of 11% for the same 12 months in the previous full year. As always we caution that reporting uniqueness often skews numbers from month to month and that a quarterly or annual analysis is a more reliable measure. Nonetheless, visitor numbers are strong and indicate a good summer season is ahead.

Web Site visits for the month of April 2016 were 19,740 which was a 13% increase over the same period in 2015.

Distributions: The TDC now distributes information and promotions to some 43,000 qualified contacts per month.

Guest Facilities: The TDC Board approved architectural fees for improvements to be made to both the Carrabelle and St. George Island Bath facilities. The County will release bid packages shortly. :

TDC Grant Programs: The TDC Board tentatively approved 25 non-profit organizations for next year's Promotional Assistance grants with a proposal to increase the program by an additional five (5) organizations. All grant programs are for the fiscal year beginning in October 2016 and extending through September 2017. All decisions are tentative and are dependent upon the availability of funds and Board of County Commission approval.

The TDC Board also approved continued funding for seven Sustaining Grant recipients for the coming fiscal year.

Web Site Update: The TDC Web Site is in the process of being updated. This will be the first complete revision of the site since 2012. Lodging providers, restaurants and retail establishments are currently being surveyed for any changes in their businesses. New businesses that are not currently either on the TDC Web Site or in the current edition of the County's Visitor Guide should contact Aaliyah West at the TDC office to insure their business is included in the update. Aaliyah may be reached at 850-670-3474 or by email at aaliyah@saltyflorida.com

Travel Writers: The TDC will be welcoming several travel writers in June including a co-op visit in cooperation with Visit Tallahassee. In addition we will be welcoming a writer affiliated with the Visit Florida counterpart in the UK and writes for the London Telegraph.

Plein Air Art: The EPVC proudly welcomed Lori Putnam as its guest artist for the Plein Air Paint Out. Lori's paintings reflecting the lives of Eastpoint fishermen will be featured at the Center for the next few months.

Visitor Center Displays: The Eastpoint Visitor Center is hosting two new displays with the help of Visit Florida Grants. One display is a story board in the front of the Building that highlights the Oyster Fishing Industry: its history, process and people. The second display is within the facility and updates the Center's visuals and adds a plein air art display in the building. Stop by and visit Jean Lane visitor center manager, when you have a chance.

Meetings: The TDC Board will be meeting at 2:00 P.M. on June 8, 2016 at the Eastpoint Visitor Center.