



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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September Events

Sat 19th Franklin County Coastal Cleanup 8:30-11:30 am (850) 927-3776 or adalong@uab.edu

Fri 25th Melodime for teens interested in making music **FC Library in Carrabelle** 4 pm (850) 697-2366 or www.fcpl.wildernesscoast.org

Sat 26nd Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day at the Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum 10 am until 4 pm Admission by donation (850) 697-8575 or www.campgordonjohnston.com

Sat 26th Exploring Nature: Enjoying the Miracle of Bird Watching FSU Coastal & Marine Lab 8 am-12pm Registration & Pre-payment required (850) 697-4120 www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Sat 26th Fourth Saturday Paddle Apalachicola Riverkeeper (850) 653-8936 or email georgiaackerman@earthlink.net

Sat 26th Camp Gordon Johnson WWII Museum NO Movie this month-presents in partnership with Smithsonian Magazine- **Museum Day 2015 10 am-4 pm (850) 697-8575** Tours, gift shop, live music and free refreshments! www.campgordonjohnston.com and www.smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday

Sun 27th Super Harvest Blood Moon eclipse-Climb the Crooked River Lighthouse To reserve a spot (850) 697-2732 or email carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com

Mon 28th Annual Legislative Delegation Meeting with Representative Halsey Beshears & Senator Bill Montford 7 pm FC Courthouse Annex, Apalachicola

Tues 29th Florida Celebrates World Heart Day at the Carrabelle Senior Center 11 am-1 pm Learn hands only CPR and other live saving skills! Flu vaccine clinic

October Events-so far

Sat 3rd Whatever Floats your Boat-FSU Coastal & Marine Lab in St. Teresa www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta

Sun 18th Sixth Annual Sharks & Chablis-A benefit for Gulf Specimen Aquarium 2-7 pm Tkts \$ 45 (850) 984-5297 or www.gulfspecimen.org/sharks-and-Chablis/

Thurs 22nd Regan Day Dinner-a Low Country Boil hosted by FC REC 6 pm Tkts \$ 35 Nature Reserve in Eastpoint www.franklincountyreplicans.com For more information

Sat 24th Fall Festival at the Franklin County Senior Center 10 am-3 pm (850) 697-3760

Sat 24th-Lantern Fest at the Crooked River Lighthouse 6-10 pm (850) 697-2732 or www.crookedriverlighthouse.org

The Pearl of the Panhandle



Friday, Sept. 18, 2015

Welcome New Members:
Sideline 1 Fishing Charters
The Hair Shack Salon

Welcome back:
Phoenix Family Health Care Center



Tourist Talk

A compilation of news items from the Franklin County TDC Administrative Offices
Curt Blair – Administrator Laura Graham – Executive Assistant
September 2015

September Meeting Schedule:

The September/October meeting schedule for the TDC is as follows:

TDC Board will meet on October 7, 2015 beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the Eastpoint Visitor Center.

Non-profit Promotion Grants: The TDC Board approved the participating non-profits for the 2015-16 Promotion Grants at their Board meeting on August 19. Some 25 organizations were approved. A complete list of participating groups and events will be posted on the TDC web site. Each participant will be provided \$2,000 this year for promotion in markets of their choice. In addition, the TDC will be increasing its promotional activities in out-of-area markets including print and social media markets.

The TDC will be conducting an informational meeting for non-profits receiving funds on September 30 at 1:30 P.M. at the St. George Island Fire House. Non-profits should send a representative to the meeting to fully understand the new provisions of the promotional grant program.

Sustaining Grant Recipients Approved: The TDC Board approved seven non-profit organizations eligible to receive sustaining grant funds. Each organization will receive \$20,000 to assist in keeping their facilities open year round. Recipients keep their facilities open 20 hours per week year round and provide information for area visitors. A list of the organizations approved this year will be posted on the TDC Web site.

Art Brochure: The TDC Board approved a proposal to publish a brochure of local art galleries. This brochure will be done in cooperation with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber and include art galleries from throughout the county. For more information about the brochure contact John Solomon at the Chamber or Laura Graham at the TDC offices.

TDC Collections Maintaining a Healthy 7% Increase: Collections reported for the months of April and May reflected an increase in collections over 2014 and an adjustment for reporting uniqueness for February and March. Year to date collections are running at a healthy 7% increase over 2014-15 and one percent under the State collections rate of increase of 8%.

Hospitality Training: The TDC will be hosting a second Hospitality Training program on October 14, beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the SGI Firehouse. The program will focus on customer service skills for people interacting with the public. Participants from any industry are welcome to attend. A registration form for the program is available at the Carrabelle Area Chamber. Please feel free to distribute this form to interested persons. There is a limit of 20 registrants for each session who will be selected on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact Laura at the TDC office.

731 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Florida 32328. Phone 850-670-3474.

Sat 24th Fourth Saturday Paddle Apalachicola Riverkeeper (850) 653-8936 or email georgiaackerman@earthlink.net

Sat 31st Camp Gordon Johnson WWII Museum Movie 10:15 am FREE popcorn!

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

(Reminder: Members 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)

Executive Board

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge

Vice President- **Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel

Secretary-**Dr. Lois Mendez Catlin**-Phoenix Family Health Care Center

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Pamela McCreery/The Beachtrader

Lewis Christie/Christie's Cottage Living

Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Representatives

Chester Reese-FC Tourist Development Council

David Butler-Big Bend Scenic Byway Board

Visitor's Center

Brochures Sent

	<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	178	151	41	47	115
May	66	137	208	26	79	304
Jun	64	153	239	66	90	136
Jul	80	133	166	36	66	183
Aug	52	125	240	36	70	194
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-Sept 13: 123,187

Total New Members Year-to-date: 48

(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
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News from the Carrabelle Artist Association and Canvas & Cocktails:

We are a non-profit organization and all the money collected at the weekly Canvas & Cocktails event (Thurs. 7 p.m. at the Senior Center in Carrabelle) is donated to the Franklin County Citizen Center in Carrabelle, and the Carrabelle Artist Association (CAA), who donates its portion back into the community. CAA is now donating 2 SCHOLARSHIPS PER WEEK to students 13-18 that live in Franklin County and who are interested in art and would like to come to class. This is FREE to the student, the only requirement is that they must conduct themselves as an adult during the session attended.

Come check us out, we have a FUN TIME. BYO beverage, maybe a snack, and be prepared to have a great time! Call Lucinda at (850) 228-0422 to get a student on the scholarship list or to reserve your space in the class. Cost \$ 25. Directions and other information on website: www.canvasandcocktailscarrabelle.com

Comment from the Chamber's Executive Director: I have attended this several times, and although I've NEVER painted in my life, I am amazed at the pieces I have done. A professional artist leads you step-by-step with others roving to lend help. Each painting created by the participants shows their unique and previously undiscovered talent. Don't be intimidated if you've never done anything like this before, or even if you have....Keep in mind "even I can do it" A lot of fun and great company too!

Re-entry Tags

Franklin County Emergency Management would like to remind you to get your Re-Entry Tags. You will need your Re-Entry Tags to return to Franklin County in the event of an Evacuation.

TO APPLY:

You can apply for Re-Entry tags 2 ways:

1. Online at www.franklinemergencymanagement.com
2. Come by our office Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm. Closed from 12-1pm for lunch.

You can complete the Re-Entry Form and email, fax, mail or bring it into Emergency Management along with a copy of your driver's license and a secondary form of Residence Verification (electric bill, voter's registration, tax bill).

DIRECTIONS TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Going West on US Hwy 98 from Apalachicola, Turn Right on Pal Rivers Road, Turn Left on to Brownsville Road (at the Round a bout), Then take the next 2 Rights. There are signs starting at US Hwy 98 marking the route to Franklin County Emergency Management.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Franklin County Emergency Management

28 Airport Road, Apalachicola, FL 32320

Phone: 850-653-8977 x 102 Fax: 850-653-3643

Email: em1frank@fairpoint.net

ATTN: Veterans

The Veterans Business Outreach Center at Gulf Coast State College is offering a FREE, one day "Introduction to entrepreneurship" course 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET Sept. 22 at the VBOC office at the GCSC Gulf/Franklin campus.

Turn a hobby into a money-maker or just simply start a business. If you are in business already, come and hear how to possibly improve your venture.

To register, contact Quen Lamb at (850) 337-9670, ext 5519 or email qlamb@vboc.org

Download the agenda on www.chamber.org/Things to do/Veterans