



# APALACHICOLA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

APALACHICOLA • ST. GEORGE ISLAND • EASTPOINT

# Bay

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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

## Meetings

### Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday December 2nd  
Gormley's at The Gibson  
51 Ave C  
Apalachicola  
Noon

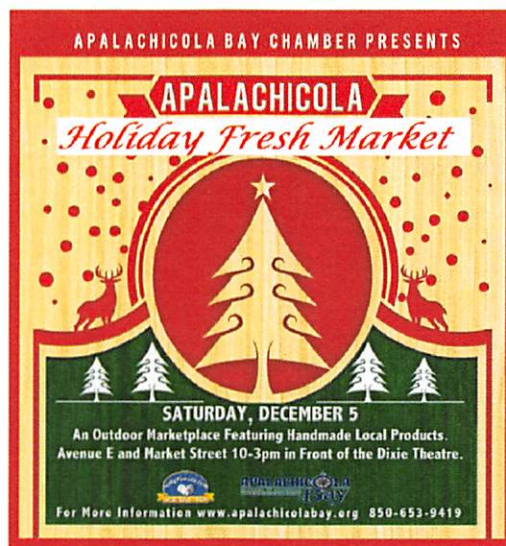
### Business After Hours

Thursday December 10th  
Apalachicola Bay Chamber  
of Commerce  
Chamber Office  
122 Commerce St.  
Apalachicola  
5:30-7:00

### January Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday January 4th  
Tara's

### Holiday Fresh Market Saturday, December 5th



### Holiday Fresh Market Saturday December 5th

An outdoor marketplace featuring  
handmade local products.

Find a special gift for that special someone.  
Avoid the hassle of going to the mall and

## Sponsors



71 Market St.  
Apalachicola  
Noon

big stores. Shop in the beautiful setting of  
Downtown Historic Apalachicola at Ave E  
and Market street in front of the Dixie  
Theater 10am-3pm.

### Visitor Statistics October

October 2001 1,095  
October 2002 1,008  
October 2003 868  
October 2004 748  
October 2005 712  
October 2006 1,746  
October 2007 2,364  
October 2008 1,956  
October 2009 2,389  
October 2010 1,807  
October 2011 1,849  
October 2012 2,436  
October 2013 2,369  
October 2014 1,509  
October 2015 1,097

### Website stats October 2015

Sessions  
14,671

Users  
11,837

Pageviews  
40,910

Pages / Session  
2.79

Avg. Session Duration  
00:02:33

Bounce Rate  
54.69%

If you are interested in setting up a booth  
for the Holiday Fresh Market contact Cindy  
at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of  
Commerce at 850-653-9419

### Business Luncheon & Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting  
a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours  
in 2016, please feel free to call the  
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at  
850-653-9419 or email  
John C. Solomon at  
[execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org)

### New Members

### Fisher & Friedman, PA

Fisher & Friedman, PA is a new accounting  
firm formed through the merger of Laura  
Fisher, CPA of Fisher & Romans, and Mark  
Friedman, CPA of Friedman Financial  
Advisors. The firm provides tax, accounting,  
payroll, Quickbooks support, and business  
consulting for individuals and businesses. Their  
new office is in the Seller's Tile Complex in  
Eastpoint, along with Friedman Financial  
Advisors, which continues to offer investment,  
financial planning, and wealth management  
services. You can reach the firm at 670-4016 or  
[laura@fisher-friedman.com](mailto:laura@fisher-friedman.com)

### Sister Sues Antiques & Gifts by the Sea

### Events



#### Island Lights

**Friday, Dec. 4th**  
**St. George Island**  
**Lighthouse Park**  
**4:00pm to Sunset**

4:00 **ISLAND JOG** - One mile fun run! Race starts at 4:30. Line up at 4:00 to get your Santa hat & jingle bells. (1 per runner appreciation)  
4:00 - 5:00 **HOLIDAY MUSIC** - Local children's choruses perform  
5:00 **SANTA** arrives by fire engine to hear children's wishes and to provide gifts (children waiting in line will be the first to get gifts)  
Sunset **LIGHTING** of the Palms at St. George Lighthouse Park  
\*Refreshments will include snacks, coffee & hot chocolate\*



#### Island Lights Fri. Dec 4th

Santa is coming to St. George Island! The annual Island Lights festivities begin at 4:00pm at the St. George Lighthouse Park. The one mile Jingle Jog starts at 4:30pm on the bike path in front of Lighthouse Park. Be sure to arrive early to get your Santa hat and jingle bells. A \$5 per runner donation is suggested. Local children's choruses will be performing holiday musical selections throughout the event. Santa is expected to arrive around 5:00pm. He will arrive by fire engine and provide gifts to children age 10 and younger. Refreshments will include snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate. This event is rain or shine - in the event of inclement weather, tents will be set up. View the lighting of the Island palms at sundown. This event is hosted by the St. George Island Business Association. For more information call 850-323-1260. Ho, Ho, Ho! Hope to see you there!





% New Sessions  
73.53%

### Board of Directors

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Debbie Flowers 670-4000

### Executive Director

John C. Solomon  
excdirector@apalachicolabay.org  
850-370-6602

### Got Ideas? Suggestions?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber better serve you?  
Is there something that we can do better to help your business?  
Is there something you would like to see us add or change on the website, at the visitor's center or in the visitors' guide?  
If you would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.  
Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

### Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2015, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-652-0410 or email [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

Sues Antiques & gifts by the Sea is owned by Tanya Mclendon & Wandal Money. They sell fine antiques and gifts.

## BJ's Pizza & Subs

In June of 1990 our family opened BJ's Pizza & Subs in the Pine Street Mini- Mall along with three other new businesses including the Market Place. We started with two tables and about 800 square feet.

The menu was small but we were determined to provide quality foods that were impossible to find in the area at the time. Now, almost 19 years later, we have moved to a much larger building and our menu and business has grown proportionately. We are proud to be the only restaurant on the island with the original owners and to have become a place that many say they look forward to visiting as they return each year. We have always emphasized a family friendly menu, atmosphere, and environment (including a game room for all to enjoy). And our four-legged friends are always welcome on our deck! We love the St. George Island area, and, plan to be here welcoming our old and new friends for many years to come. Located at 105 West Gulf Beach Drive St. George Island. Owned and operated by the Blackburn Family

## Holiday Fresh Market Sat. Dec. 5th

Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day or the weekend and find one-of-a-kind unusual presents. Shop in a relaxed, hassle free environment. Buy hand crafted Apalachicola specialties such as baked goods, artwork, wood carving, pottery, hand knitted goods. Your gift shopping has never been easier! Located in front of the Dixie Theatre Avenue E and Market Street. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce (850) 653-9419 for details.



## Eastpoint Christmas Parade & Celebration Fri. Dec 11th

The 4th Annual Eastpoint Christmas Parade and Celebration will be held on Friday, December 11th at 4PM. Following the parade, Santa will be at the Eastpoint Pavilion. Refreshments and Gifts for children 10 and under.

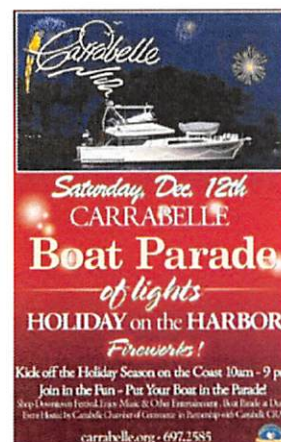
## Associate Members

### Traci Moses

Traci is a lifetime resident of Franklin County. She is currently a teacher at ABC School in

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Apalachicola. She is also a Candidate for  
Superintendent of Schools for Franklin County.



### Carrabelle Boat Parade of Lights

**Sat. Dec 12th**

Make plans to put your boat in  
the Carrabelle Boat Parade of  
Lights & Holiday on the  
Harbor Saturday, December  
12, 2015 at "dark 30"

Join in the fun with your  
family and friends! All boats  
Welcome - Any Boat That  
Floats! Trophies and Prizes for  
each boat category!

**\*\*Fireworks Show Finale!\*\***

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