

# Forgotten Coast Business Newsletter

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## **Business After Hours**

November 13th 2014 Bowery Station 252 Water Street Ste B Apalachicola 5:30-7:00 pm Visitor Guide Advertisement

We are producing the 2014-2015 Official Visitors Guide to promote businesses in our area. This is a professionally produced glossy full-color guide that includes area maps, professional photographs, brief histories of the area, things to do, dining, places to stay, shopping, places to see and relocation information. This publication is mailed to anyone requesting visitor and relocation information. Also it is given to walkin visitors, included in presskits and distributed throughout the county at member businesses. The guide is also available as a downloadable PDF on our website at www.apalachicolabay.org. We will print appox. 20,000 copies of the guide. Advertisers will receive copies for their own distribution. If you are interested in advertising, please contact John Solomon or Cindy Collins at the Chamber office (850) 653-9419 or info@apalachicolabay.org.

**New Members** 

Sponsors













**Events** 

## Monthly Business Luncheon

December 3rd 2014 Gormley's at The Gibson 51 Ave. C Apalachicola 12:00 pm

## **Visitor Statistics**

Sept 2001 661 Sept 2002 680 Sept 2003 854 Sept 2004 758 Sept 2005 624 Sept 2006 1,125 Sept 2007 1,575 Sept 2008 1,357 Sept 2009 1,688 Sept 2010 1,002 Sept 2011 1,165 Sept 2012 1,882 Sept 2013 1,380 Sept 2014 1,253

# Website stats September 2014

Sessions
13,855
Users
11,214
Pageviews
45,282
Pages / Session
3.27
Avg. Session Duration
00:03:03
Bounce Rate
49.39%
% New Sessions
73.45%

## **Board of Directors**

PRESIDENT Donna Duncan 653-8976 VICE-PRESIDENT Bud Hayes 927-3305 TREASURER Jerry Hall 653-9510 SECRETARY Kristin Anderson 653-2249 Brenda Ash 653-8805 Owned by Jimmy & Shirley Sapp located at 236 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. The Red Pirate is a full service Returaunt that features Putt Putt golf course and big screen TV's displaying multiple sporting events. They serve Oysters on the half shell, Wings, Steaks and Seafood. They also have live music on the front deck.

## Gormley's at The Gibson

Chef Brett will be creating the fare while Fayah manages the front. described as modern cuisine in a historical setting. They look forward to providing you with a wonderful dining experience in the coziness of the historic Gibson Inn located at the foot of the Apalachicola Bridge at 51 ave C.

# **Galloway Construction Inc.**

Owned by Charles "Heath" Galloway, Galloway Construction has been creating custom residences along the Florida gulf coast for over 20 years. They offer every level of residential and commercial building and remodeling services across Cape San Blas, Apalachicola, St. George Island, Port St. Joe, Indian Pass and Eastpoint. Located at 20 Ave D Suite 202 Apalachicola, Florida 32320 850-653-3505

# **Gulf Coast Aggregates**

Located at 55502 County Road 67, Hosford, FL. They mine fossilized oyster shells that are a estimated 400,000 years old and shipping them to Maryland and other sites around the country to reestablish oyster beds. 850.697.4669. Contacts are Carl Gilbert and Tevin Ray

## **Sweet Confessions**

Owned by Sharon Solomon and located in Eastpoint. She specializes in event cakes such as Weddings, Birthdays and Showers. From sheet cakes to cupcakes and all sizes in between. She can decorate the cake to match the event or personality of anyone. Check out some of her designs on her facebook page Sharon Solomon 850.653.7230

## Clothesline

Est. in 1981 and has been locally owned for 33 years. They specializes in custom screen printing, embroidery and promotional products. They work with many local events and organizations. Local sales representative Shena Lefeavers (850)877-9171 or promo@clothesline.net visit them on facebook

### **Ghost Walk**

October 25, 2014 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET) Hauntings will abound at the Chestnut Street Cemetery when local history enthusiasts don the garb and take on the persona of the cemetery's more notable inhabitants to tell their tale of life in Apalachicola more than 100 years ago. Admission \$5.00 at the door. All proceeds are for cemetery preservation efforts.

#### Lantern Fest

October 25, 2014 1:00 AM (ET) 1975 US Hwy 98 West Carrabelle Beach
This year it's all about LIGHT and besides our usual array of over a hundred brilliant lanterns around the park, we will have an awesome laser light presentation on our 70 foot pirate ship, the Carrabella. The production, engineered by Rick Ott of From the Heart Recording Studio, will explore our fascination with light thruout history.

The talented Tallahassee Community College Dance Company will again dazzle us with a magical, expertly choreographed performance. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association is thrilled to be "adopted" by the community college's outreach program. Lantern Fest provides these talented dance students with an opportunity to create an original concept and performance for an outdoor public venue....in the dark! Don't miss their amazing presentation.

A new musical feature this year was our Forgotten Coast Maritime Heritage Song Contest. Local talented songwriters submitted tunes that will make Crooked River Lighthouse legendary! The top ranked songs will be featured and the winner will be announced at the festival. A \$200 cash prize and a stay at the Old Carrabelle Hotel will be awarded to the winner.

Sweet smelling beeswax candle making is back by popular demand, using ancient methods. This year pre-made candles will be for sale. Learn how to make arrow or spear points too, at the flint napping demonstration.

### Running for the Bay Marathon

October 26, 2014 7:15 AM - 10:30 PM (ET) Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K & Ultra Marathon 50K (All with wheelchair & walking divisions!) SUNDAY, 10/26/2014 7:15AM MAIL-IN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!! Mark Henderson, Race Director 2421 Player Court Duluth, GA 30096

Bonnie Fulmer 509-5009 Craig Gibson 653-8853 Ginny Griner 653-8853 Beverly Hewitt 653-9510 Mike Koun 653-2191 Karen Rudder 927-2312 Michael Shuler 653-1757 Jean Ulrich 653-2900 Optional Link

### **Executive Director**

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# **Member News**

# **Oysterbones**

Presents basic dog obedience training with Melissa McCutchen. A fundraiser for the Franklin County Humane Society. At the Apalachicola Dog Park 17th st and Ave. L in Apalachicola. Registration is Tue. Nov. 4th at 5:30pm. Classes start Tue. November 11th and will run thru Dec. 16th. The 6 week Class is \$90

# **Oyster City Brewing Company**

Oyster City Brewing Company won their first award last month by winning the gold medal for "Hooter Brown" at the Destin Beer Fest



# **Ribbon Cuttings**

## **Eastpoint Medical Center**



# Gromley's at The Gibson

#### Florida Seafood Festival

October 31, 2014 to November 1, 2014

Come celebrate the 51st year of the Florida Seafood Festival, Florida's oldest maritime festival. This two-day celebration offers the best in fresh quality seafood that annually draws thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola. The Festival is held at the mouth of the Apalachicola river under the shady oaks of Apalachicola's Battery Park. The festival features delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events and musical entertainment. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking Contest, Blue Crab Races, Parade, 5k Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet

#### Camp Gordon Johnston Golf Tournament

November 7th-8th The 4th annual Camp Gordon Johnston Golf Tournament at St. Joe Bay Golf Club Friday they will be having a Silent Auction Starting at 6pm with many unique items \$ 10.00 admission unless registered for the Golf tournament by Oct. 26th Saturday tournament kicks off with ceremony saluting American veterans followed by a shot gun start 4 player best ball format. entry fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for nonmembers contact them if interested at 850.227.1751

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.



## On The Waterfront



# Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Events

## **Downtown Oyster Roast**

October 31, 2014 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Downtown Apalachicola. Love oysters? Don't miss the 10th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on October 31st, 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Apalachicola. This enchanting event, sponsored by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, will feature roasted oysters, oysters on the half shell, creamy artichoke, oyster and thyme soup, fresh local shrimp, blue crabs, salad greens and fantastic desserts. Dine under the stars next to the Apalachicola River. Local blues man Joe Hutchinson will provide live entertainment. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email info@apalachicolabay.org
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## Yeti Cooler Raffle

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will be holding a raffle for a Yeti 50 Cooler.

The Cooler was donated by **Taylors Building Supply**. Tickets are a donation \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced Saturday night Nov. 1st at the Florida Seafood Festival. Tickets are available now at the Chamber office at 122 Commerce Street in Apalachicola. They will also be sold during the Downtown Oyster Roast on Fri. Oct. 31st and on Saturday at the Seafood Festival. get your tickets you can call John or Cindy at 850-653-9419.

# **Apalachicola Christmas Celebration**

The Friday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, the streets of Apalachicola will be lined with luminaries and filled with holiday spirit. Merchants will be open late and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets filling the evening with the Christmas spirit. Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4:00 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. Saturday, November 29 th 1:00-3:30 pm Santa has a special day devoted to visiting his furry friends. There will be a pet costume contest at 3:00 and special treats for dogs. For more info call (850) 653-9419.

# **Shop Small Saturday**

Shop Small Saturday November 29th 11:00 am -6:00 pm Shop at our amazing independently owned and operated small businesses. From art to jewelry, food or antiques, you'll find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, minus the crowds and the hassle of going to the mall.



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