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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday November 4th
Blue Parrot
68 West Gorrie Drive
St. George Island
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday November 12th
Orman Building
2nd floor above Apalach
Outfitters
32 Ave D
Hosted by Jan and Lowell
Thomas & Ed and Candace
Springer

Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast



Sponsors



Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

December Monthly Business Luncheon

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

Visitor Statistics September

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
Sept 2015 732

Website stats
September 2015

Sessions
13,799

Users
11,224

Pageviews
41,042

Pages / Session
2.97

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:42

Tickets are running out fast. Don't forget tickets are only available at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6th, 2015. Call us at 850-653-9419 to purchase your tickets today. \$60.00 per person

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

New Members

Aqua Force

Owned by Brittany & Jayson Miles they offer the following services. Power Washing, Soft Washing, Roof Cleaning, Deck and Concrete Restoration, Serving both Franklin & Gulf Counties

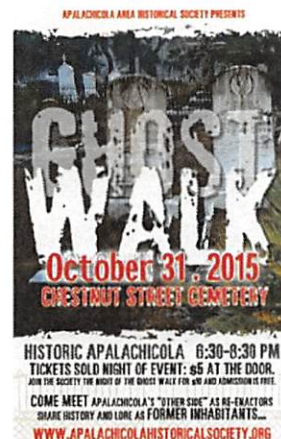
Mainstream Merchant Services

Owned by Courtney Chason from Carrabelle. Mainstream provides businesses with the best payment solutions.

www.mainstream.com

Events

**Apalachicola Historical
Society Ghost Walk**
October 31st
6:30pm-8:30pm



**Apalachicola Bay Chamber of
Commerce Downtown Oyster
Roast**
Nov. 6th , 6-9pm



**52nd Annual Florida
Seafood Festival**

Bounce Rate
53.21%

% New Sessions
74.24%

Board of Directors

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Debbie Flowers 670-4000

Executive Director

John C. Solomon
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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.

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

C & R's Feed & Seed Lawn and Garden

Owned by Renee Smith C & R's Feed & Seed Lawn and Garden is located at 1730 Trout Ave. Port St. Joe. They sell all types of feed- Horse, Dog, Cat, Chicken, Catfish, Rabbit plus lawn ornaments, novelties, Seasonal seed, cow manure, compost and more.....

Associate Members

Susan Howze

Susan has worked at the State Attorney's office for many years. She is very excited about being more involved with the Chamber in the future.

Member News

Robinson Real Estate Company Welcomes LaDonna Ingram

Robinson Real Estate Company is thrilled to announce that LaDonna Ingram has joined our Apalachicola office as primary Real Estate Sales Associate, serving Franklin and Gulf Counties. LaDonna brings her lifelong knowledge of the area along with 16 years of Real Estate knowledge and experience to sell your property or help find your new home.
Stop by and say hello!



November 6, 2015 to November 7, 2015

Batter Park, Apalachicola
Florida Oldest Maritime Event
The Florida Seafood Festival is a two day event annually drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola in scenic Franklin County. 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, Musical Entertainment. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking contest, Blue Crab Races, Photo Contest, Parade, 5k Redfish Run, The Blessing of the Fleet.


Apalachicola Autos & Oysters



November 13, 2015 to
November 14, 2015
Water Street Apalachicola

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Franklin Correctional Institution

Spend a fall weekend in Historic Apalachicola surrounded by vintage cars, fine sea food, antique homes, pristine nature, extraordinary shops and restaurants and the friendliest folks in Florida.

Historic Apalachicola Main Street is creating this inaugural two day car show designed for vintage car enthusiasts.

The weekend will include receptions, exhibitions and speakers.

Registrants will be provided with information packages listing local establishments providing special offers that weekend.

More details will follow.

For more information call Gary Joiner, Event Chairman, at (404) 277-6825 or Gary Joiner@mac.com

The Fourth Annual Salute to Veterans

A two-day event held at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club

Featuring a Silent Auction & Golf Tournament

November 8th. & 9th, 2015

This event is hosted by The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club 700 Country Club Road, Port St. Joe FL and The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum

1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, FL

As part of a full weekend event, a reception will be held Friday, November 8, at 6PM ET with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club Clubhouse. Cost of admittance, \$10.00 (includes two free drinks). A Silent Auction will take place with auction items including items such as Limited Edition Prints of historic military and cultural events, and area hotel stays.

A benefit golf tournament will then be held Saturday, November 9, with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. The club is open to the public and the tournament will be a 4-player, scramble format, kicking off at 12:30 PM with a

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 4:30p.m.

Chamber News

Yeti Raffle



The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will be holding a raffle for a Yeti Roadie Cooler, But not just the Cooler. The Roadie is full of other great items donated by Chamber Members, totaling up to a \$600.00 package.

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. 7th 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 Friday November 6th and on Saturday at the Florida Seafood Festival. To get tickets you can call John or Cindy at 850-653-9419.

We would like to thank the following members for their donations:

Apalachicola Ace Hardware
 Apalachicola Sponge Company
 Riverside Mercantile
 Bowery Station
 Tamara's Cafe
 Riverwalk Cafe

America's veterans and a 1:00PM ET shotgun start. A meal and awards ceremony will follow.

Festival of Trees

November 23, 2015, Festival of Trees at the Raney House, 128 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL, 5:30pm to 7pm. Cocktail party with artist decorated trees on display and available for bid. Admission is \$10.00. Proceeds go to the historic Raney House.

SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

Nov. 25th

Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up the lovely historic town of Apalachicola from 4:00-8:00 p.m., the day after Thanksgiving. The streets 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. Santa will hear children's Christmas wishes and carolers

Artemis Gallery
 Enjoy Apalachicola
 Kristin Anderson
 Hole in the Wall Oyster Bar
 13 Mile Seafood Market
 Apalach Waters
 The Apalachicola Seafood Grill
 Susan Richardson
 Island Girl Gifts
 Oyster City Brewing Company

trimmed in holiday finery and open for tours. The Raney House is decorated in holiday greenery and open for tours. Join the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration! Saturday from 1:00-3:30 pm the fun continues as Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from his furry friends. There will be a pet costume contest at 3:00 and special treats for dogs. Bring your camera and make a donation to the Franklin County Humane Society and get your pet's photo taken with Santa. Plus, help our great local shops

Small Business Saturday

November 28th from 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET) Come shop our small local business in Apalachicola. 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.

Holiday Fresh Market

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.



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