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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce

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Wednesday October 7th
 Red Pirate Family Grill &
 Oyster Bar
 236 Hwy 98
 Eastpoint
 Noon

Business After Hours**Apalachicola Downtown
Oyster Roast**

Ticket are on sale now at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6th, 2015. Limited number of tickets are available so get yours now. Call us at 850-653-9419 to

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On The Waterfront Gallery
117 Market St.
Apalachicola
5:30-7:00

purchase your tickets today. \$60.00 per person



September Monthly Business Luncheon

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

Noon

Visitor Statistics August

August 2001	829
August 2002	791
August 2003	969
August 2004	930
August 2005	1,210
August 2006	1,740
August 2007	1,798
August 2008	1,696
August 2009	1,978
August 2010	876
August 2012	1,678
August 2013	1,885
August 2014	1,210
August 2015	1,760

Website stats
August 2015

Sessions
14,884

Users
12,088

Pageviews
46,098

Pages / Session

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

Service Plus Office Machines

Service Plus Office Machines is a family owned and operated business built on the principles of providing affordable, efficient, and reliable office machines and extensive around-the-clock service. Our factory trained crew and commitment to customer satisfaction are the key ingredients of our success. Russ King is the local representative in the area.

Bite Me Deli & Catering

Owned by Craig & Becky Gibson and their son KC Bite Me Deli has Fresh Deli Meats, cheeses, gourmet sandwiches, soups, & salads. Also fresh local seafood on the lunch menu. Daily lunch specials & catering for any type of event. Located at 146 Ave (corner of 12th and Hwy 98).

Events

Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta

Saturday October 3rd
It's time once again for you to challenge your friends, your family, and your colleagues to build boats out of stuff that any normal person would take to the dump and enter them in the Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta at the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory. Boats can be as artistic or as ugly as you want to make them. Just build 'em and they will float . . . more or less.

You landlubbers will be busy ashore cheering on the captains and crews of these outrageously constructed vessels as they sail, row, or scull around the course, topple over, or slowly sink into Apalachee Bay. Watch the Regatta from various shoreline vantage points around the lab on either side of the boat basin. Enjoy good food, have loads of fun, all while learning about recycling and how to reduce the impact of plastics in our marine environments.

Tamara's Tapas Bar

Saturday October 3rd 7:00pm
Wailin' Wolves

Florida Scallop & Music Festival

October 2, 2015 to October 3, 2015 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM (ET) Port St. Joe
Make plans now to attend the Florida Scallop Festival, October 2-3, 2015 along the shore of beautiful St. Joseph Bay in Port St. Joe, Florida.

With musical artist and award winning songwriter Phil Vassar headlining the event, country music fans will want to enjoy every minute!

Now the new home of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, George Core Park, with it's towering (and shady) pine trees, refreshing sea breezes and pictureque setting, provide the ideal location for this fall event. Art & craft vendors, educational exhibits.

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Avg. Session Duration
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Bounce Rate
52.16%

% New Sessions
74.42%

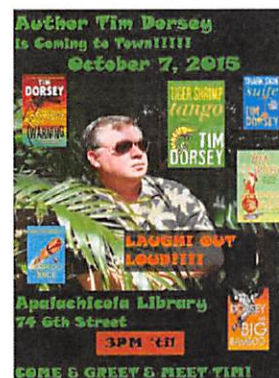
Franklin Correctional Institution

Warden Robin Smith

Located at 1760 Hwy 67 Carrabelle. FCI is looking for some dedicated career minded individuals. Paid vacations, salary incentive programs, great benefits and early retirement are just part of the benefits of being a Correctional Officer. Contact Ashley Webb at weeb.ashley@mail.doc.state.fl.us

food vendors will be located throughout the park to make the two-day event and enjoyable experience for all, with sweet southern-fried scallops headlining the menu, of course!

Apalachicola Library Book Signing Author Tim Dorsey
Wed Oct. 7th 3:00pm



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Women's League of Franklin County

The Women's League of Franklin County is an organization of enthusiastic women dedicated to strengthening our community and each other through volunteering, friendship and fundraising.

Oyster City Brewing Co.
Friday October 9th
6:00pm
Oktoberfest Lyin' Fish Lager Release Party

Executive Director

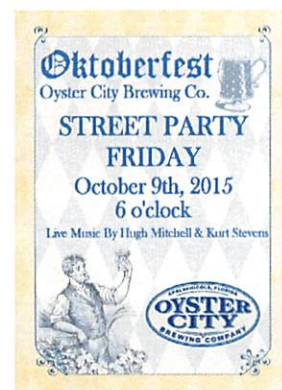
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Got Ideas? Suggestions?

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.

Water Flying LTD. Bay Eco Tours

Owned by Captain Pete Burgher Water Flying LTD, Bay Eco Tours Specializes in Air boat Eco Tours of natural area, flora and fauna. Experienced Captain provides an informed commentary on what you will see. Located at 2624 Indian Pass Road Port St. Joe. 850-227-1067



Franklin Needs "Pink Out"
Friday Oct. 9th 6:00pm

Apalachicola Blueway Transit LLC

Owned by Robin & Mike Vroegop located at 118 Commerce St. in Apalachicola

**Business Luncheons and
Business After Hours**

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Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts

The 2016 season will be the 30th year that the Ilse Newell Concert Series has brought Great Music to Apalachicola. These well-attended concerts are presented at the historic Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoons during the winter season. The concert season begins this December 13th with a performance by the Bay Area Choral Society. Then from January 10th continuing until March 6th the Ilse Newell INCONCERT Series will present eight superb Sunday afternoon musical events - from classical Baroque instruments to fabulous new original compositions for trumpet and violin, and an entertaining afternoon of opera favorites. In addition to the concerts at Trinity Church, this season INCONCERT will present eight exciting programs on Friday Night at the Rio Carrabelle building in downtown Carrabelle. This intimate cabaret "listening room" will feature the very best from the FSU jazz studies program performing hot & cool jazz standards.

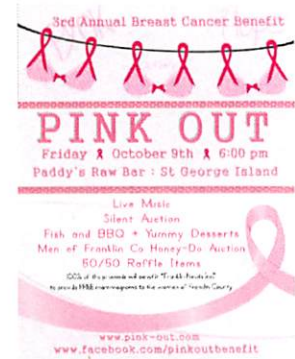
Associate Members

Sue Summers

Sue Summers has been a part of the education profession for 38 years. Dr. Summers started her career as a social studies teacher in Dixie County before returning to Liberty County. There she continued her work in education serving as an occupational specialist, Director of Instruction and Superintendent. Dr. Summers has two adult sons and is anticipating her first grandchild in April.

Liz Early

Paddy's Raw Bar, St. George Island

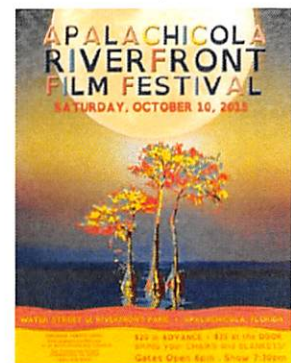


Blues In The Lot
Saturday October 10th
Downtown Apalachicola
11:30am - 6:00pm



Apalachicola Riverfront Film Festival

Saturday October 10th 6:00pm
Riverfront Park Apalachicola



Liz Early, a former business owner who recently moved here from New Hampshire, said "I've always wanted to live here". Having vacationed in the area several times over the years, when she sold her business in NH last year, she decided to head south. As a new associate member of the chamber, she looks forward to meeting people in the area, and hopes to find a job with in the community.

Chamber News

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Recognized as a Certified Tourism Information Center



In correlation with a new VISIT FLORIDA program, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is officially a Florida Certified Tourism Information Center.

The VISIT FLORIDA Certified Tourism Information Centers (CTICs) Program brings VISIT FLORIDA recognition to Visitor Services facilities around the state, providing these facilities and their staff with benefits that enable successful promotion of travel to and throughout Florida.

To become an official Florida Certified Tourism Information Center, visitor centers must meet requirements specified by VISIT FLORIDA, such as: centers must be a VISIT FLORIDA Partner, centers must be open year-round at a minimum of five days per week, centers must be located in a convenient and accessible location for the ease of travelers, and centers must have access to parking and restroom facilities to accommodate visitors including persons with disabilities.

**Bowery Station
Apalach Oktoberfest**
Sunday October 11th
12:00pm - 9:00pm



St. Vincent Tour: WILD WEEK

In celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week and in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service themed and guided tours featuring guest experts are offered every day during a week in October.

Tuesday, Oct 13 - Birds - led by expert, John Murphy from the Florida Ornithological Society

Wednesday, Oct 14- Red Wolves - led by Mike Jones, Head Animal Curator at the Tallahassee Museum

Thursday, Oct 15 - Environmental Importance - led by our own Sue Cerulean, Naturalist and author of Coming to Pass

Friday, Oct 16 - digital outdoor photography - led by Marcy and Rich Trahan



Dixie Theatre & Up The Stairs Wine & Song

On Friday October 16, the Dixie Theatre and Up the Stairs present an evening of Wine & Song

"We are very happy to be included in this prestigious roster of new VISIT FLORIDA CTIC's from across the state. This Distinction provides an extra layer of service to our visitors. It is an honor for the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center to be recognized as an official CTIC Visitor Center". John Solomon Executive Director Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. "We are excited that the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce has received this well, deserved designation. Our Visitor Centers are an important part of our county's marketing program" Curt Blair Director of the Franklin County (TDC) Tourism Development Council.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Officially the oldest in the State of Florida

After months of research with many helping hands, the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce got the news it was hoping for. Thanks to Caty Greene and Mark Curenton for help over the past year looking through old records to document the existence of Apalachicola's Chamber prior to 1843. For a long time, it was impossible to document the existence of the Chamber before 1843. then local historian Mark Curenton found a brief reference to the president and secretary of the Chamber in a document dating to 1842. That echoed territory letters and encouraged us to delve further.

Chamber member Dixie Partington, in the course of working on a project for the Big Bend Scenic Byway, contacted the Florida Chamber of Commerce and asked if they knew which was the oldest Chamber of Commerce in the state. They informed her that the Apalachicola Chamber dated at least to 1843 possibly earlier, making it to oldest continuously operating Chamber of Commerce in the State of Florida. Now, we are looking for any documentation that can show the chamber was in existence prior to 1842. If anyone has information please contact us at the Chamber office at 850-653-

Come enjoy one of this autumn's most memorable events: Opici wines served with light Hors d'oeuvres from 6:15 through 7:45. At 8 PM audience favorite Sarah Mac Band will grace the Dixie stage. Seating is limited for this intimate evening with only 70 tickets available at \$60 each. Tickets may be purchased at Up the Stairs fine dining, 76 Market Street Suite F, and the Dixie Theatre Box Office, 21 Avenue E. Or simply call for reservations UTS 850.653.4888 or the DIXIE 850.653.3200. Don't miss this special evening of Wine & Song, it promises to be unforgettable

Bowery Station After Hours Series

Presents Comedian Mac Page
Friday Oct. 16th 9:00pm



Running for the Bay Marathon

The "Running for the bay!" Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Ultra 50K (all with wheelchair divisions) are races held in beautiful Apalachicola, Florida. The races are designed to bring attention to The Apalachicola Bay area, one of the most beautiful and important estuaries in America; create an avenue for charity fund raising and to promote health and fitness.

The Full Marathon and Half Marathon and Ultra 50K start in Apalachicola and head over the beautiful Apalachicola Bay to Eastpoint and St. George Island. The 10K and 5K also enjoy the local beauties of Apalachicola and the Apalachicola Bay.

The "Running for the bay!" Marathon course is USATF certified! This means the course can be used to qualify for the Boston Marathon or any other major that requires times to be set on a certified course.

Bowery Art Gallery presents The 4th annual fall show

9419 or email
execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

October 23, 2015 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Bowery Art Gallery

Featuring works by three artists:

Paintings by Sherry Cook of Newnan, Ga. & Anne Hempel of Tallahassee, as well as 3 dimensional works by Ken Richardson of St George Island. Come enjoy an evening of art, light music, and refreshments.

We invite you to come and meet the artists and spend a delightful evening in our gallery where there are over fifty artists being represented that will have new works on display as well. We look forward to seeing you here.

ANERR presents Art + Science: Works by Beth Appleton

October 23, 2015

108 Island Dr., Eastpoint, FL 32328

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a

new exhibit, Art + Science:

Works by Beth Appleton will be on display from October 23, 2015-February 23, 2016. Opening reception will be Friday, October 23rd at 5:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Crooked River Lighthouse Lantern Fest

October 24th



SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

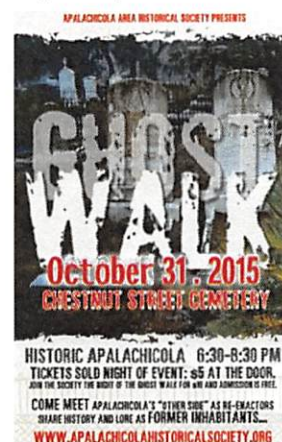
Tuesday October 27th

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

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.

Apalachicola Historical Society Ghost Walk

October 31st
6:30pm-8:30pm



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