



August 2017

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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon



Wednesday, August 2nd
Family Coastal Restaurant
 500 US Hwy 98
 Eastpoint, FL
 Noon



Business After Hours

Friday, August 11th
The Seahorse
 87 Market St
 Apalachicola
 5:30-7:00pm

2017-2018 Membership Dues



Membership dues for the 2017-2018 year were due on July 1st, 2017. If you have not paid your dues or contacted us by August 31st 2017 your business will be removed from the website. Please contact us at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or call us at 653-9419.

If you are not currently a member and would like to join the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce email John at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org



New Members

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Events

The Naumann Group Real Estate Happy Hour

September Monthly Business Luncheon

Tamara's Tapas

Wednesday, September 6th
73 Market Street
Apalachicola
Noon

Visitor Statistics

June 2005 1,245
June 2006 1,791
June 2007 2,521
June 2008 2,278
June 2009 2,537
June 2010 2,082
June 2011 2,856
June 2012 2,433
June 2013 2,189
June 2014 1,060
June 2015 1,216
June 2016 1,156
June 2017 1,194

June Website Stats

Sessions
18,694

Users
15,069

Pageviews
52,691

Pages / Session
2.82

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:23

Bounce Rate
54.92%

% New Sessions
75.73%

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT
Donna Duncan 653-8976

Your Table! Your Chef!

Why a Private Chef?
The better question is Why Not?
The opportunity to have a fine meal crafted to your desires in your favorite places with your favorite people is something everyone should have. Your Table! Your Chef! can make this a reality.

Owned and operated by Chef Ian Williams

Ducks Unlimited Apalachicola Valley Chapter

Ducks Unlimited Apalachicola is working to fill Franklin County's skies with Waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. Our diverse habitat's, the Gulf Of Mexico to the Cypress Creek Bottoms, have provided for many generations to enjoy! We are stewards in wetland & waterfowl conservation.

The Morgan Quarters

Owned by Susan Morgan who also is the owner of The Blue Moon. The Morgan Quarters has Spacious One Bedroom/Living Room/Full Kitchen/Walk-out Balcony Front Porch "Walk to it ALL" from your beautifully decorated home-away-from-home in Historic Downtown Apalachicola.

To see Morgan Quarters Unit B go to www.vrbo.com/1044882
You can also see Morgan Quarters Unit C at www.vrbo.com/873991

Chamber News

2017 Downtown Apalachicola Oyster Roast

Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Downtown Apalachicola Oyster Roast on



**REAL ESTATE
HAPPY HOUR**

Do you have questions about selling or investing in local real estate? Would you like to ask about local market trends, or about living on the Forgotten Coast?

Please come by for a glass of wine, beer, or iced tea, to meet and chat with our friendly and knowledgeable Realtors in a casual setting.

We are looking forward to visiting with you.

Tuesday Afternoons
4 pm until 6 pm
on our veranda
139 West Gulf Beach Drive
St. George Island
850-799-1230
www.NaumannCoastal.com

Tuesday, August 1st

Tuesday Afternoons 4pm -6pm on our Veranda at 139 West Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island

Chamber Business Luncheon



Wednesday, August 2nd

Family Coastal Restaurant
500 US Hwy 98 in Eastpoint at Noon

Bowery Station Music Schedule

SPECIAL OPEN MIC**

Wednesday, Aug 2 - Open Mic is starting early running from 5 till 7. This special evening will allow for performers to have the opportunity to have the infamous Johnny Barbato back them if they so choose. So get out early and get on the play list, and bring a camera, as it is indeed something to write home about. Then, Johnny takes on a special evening with a solo set from 7-9ish.

Thursday, Aug 3 - Brian Bowen opens for The Currys. Enough said.

Thursday, Aug 3 - No, Matt Gardi, a man of many words will not leave it at "Enough Said!" Hell No! Salty troubadour Brian Bowen, a Forgotten Coast Favorite plays from 2:30-5pm as one of the few that qualify to open for some other local gents done well...The Currys who will be playing from 6-9pm. Get out early for a seat for these three talented young performers as they harmonize in Apalachicola on a Thursday night. Yup, BS is proud to keep making Thursdays the New Friday, and we are blessed to have the Currys help us in that effort.

Friday, Aug 4 - Abby Iggy starts off the day from 2:58pm till 5:02pm. This emerging talent only gets better and better with each show. If you like a charismatic female vocalists with a unique rhythmic style of covers and originals...you will dig the show Abby puts on. Then, back by popular demand, Reckless Saints take the stage from 7-10. Roy Schneider and Kim Mayfield have agreed to fit Bowery Station into their latest tour, and we are excited about the chance to showcase this national traveling act on a Friday in Apalachicola. You know those times when we say it is a do not miss evening...welllllllll.

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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?
 Would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
 Ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at execdirector@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 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

November 3rd. Tickets are available at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce in Apalachicola at 122 Commerce St.



Ribbon Cuttings



Raetique
 117 Market St. Apalachicola

Member News

Sea Turtle Talks



Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve *Reserve Wednesday*



Sea Turtle Talks

FREE

Wednesdays* This Summer

2:00pm - 3:00pm Come learn all about our nesting sea turtles and find out how you can help them!

June:	7, 14, 21, *29
<small>(June 28's talk was moved to Thursday, June 29)</small>	
July:	5, 12, 19, 26
August:	2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Registration is not required, but seating is limited!

108 Island Drive
 Eastpoint, FL 32328
 (850) 670-7700

Saturday, Aug 5 - All right kids, this is an all around fun day. George Maddox brings out his born for Country voice for a signature show from 3-5pm. George's love for the music he plays transcends to the crowd during his shows. Then, what better way to spend a Saturday night than with the Jerry Thigpen Trio. These cats roll from 6:30-9:30 and are ready to get Apalachicola jumping once again. Jerry is breaking from his Northern Summer Tour for little mid summer southern night blues and rock jam session at Bowery Station with Pete and Bones... don't miss their only summer BS gig.

Sunday, Aug 6 - **FIRST SUNDAY ALERT!** Come join us for this developing event that occurs on the First Sunday of every month. The day starts out with Gill Autrey playing a set of classical tunes on his Spanish guitar from 2-2:30. Gill not only plays, but educates the audience on his selections he chooses. Then, Slim Fatz lays down his growling Blues from 2:30-4:30, with his unique style and off the cuff humor. This month's featured artist after Slim is Lori Kline and Terry Brand, who joins us from 6-8:30. This duo loves to put on a show of some of the best songwriter classics with great vocals, and a mix of acoustic and electric guitar. But hold on! The Panhandle Players are putting on a fundraiser to support their efforts to bring great plays to our small town, and in doing so are hosting a Taco Night. Those of you that had Ramon's tacos a few weeks back know...good stuff. NO, GREAT STUFF. Come enjoy diverse fantastic live music, and the best tacos known to mankind while supporting the performing arts here in Apalachicola. The first Sunday of every month...only gets better and better.

Well, that's what we're serving...come get yourself a big fresh heapin' pile of some tasty BS!

Turtle Talks

August 2nd, 8th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
 Join the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve for weekly Turtle Talk presentations to learn about the behavior and biology of these endangered species as well as what you can do to help make their nesting season successful. The presentations are free, family friendly and will be given each Wednesday throughout the summer.

St. George Island Sizzler



20th Annual and FINAL St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & One Mile Fun Run - Saturday, August 5, 2017 - The St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & One Mile Fun Run is an annual event sponsored by the Tate's Hell Track Club. All proceeds benefit the Franklin County Humane Society. 2017 will be our 20th and FINAL year. After the race, enjoy a Post Race Party with fresh seafood & beverages at St.

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George Lighthouse Park with live music. On-site registration & packet pickup begins at 4:00pm at St. George Lighthouse Park. The One Mile Fun Run begins at 6:30pm and the 5K Race begins at 7:00pm. Post Race Party and awards at St. George Lighthouse Park at 7:30pm. Discounts for military personnel and school cross country teams.

FSUML Workshop: The Edge of The Sea

August 5 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Ever wonder how a hermit crab selects a shell or how a predatory snail tracks and attacks its prey? Come join Dr. Heidi Geisz for a short course on the edge of Apalachee Bay. Explore the many creatures that live at the interface of land and sea and discuss how they make a living in this highly variable environment. Be ready to get muddy, of course, and enjoy yourself being in nature. This course is designed to educate and inspire you through a hands-on experience with the strange and wonderful sea life along our pristine shores and shallows. We begin with a brief, illustrated overview of the general ecology of this part of the Gulf of Mexico, spotlighting its more intriguing habitats and organisms. After a short, guided walking tour of the Lab, we will meet some of the local marine denizens in our seawater touch-tanks. From there, we don wading shoes and walk the exposed tidal sands where an array of fascinating creatures can be seen. The evening ends in the auditorium for some Q & A, visiting and refreshments. Class limit: 12 people. Minimum age: 9 years Children 9-13 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult. What to bring: old sneakers or similar close-toed shoes. No sandals or other open-toed shoes.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse



Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse
The August Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will include 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.

The sun will set at 8:27 p.m. and the "Sturgeon" moon will rise at 8:32 p.m. on August 7. The August full moon is called the Sturgeon moon because sturgeon, large fish common to the Great Lakes and other large bodies of water, are most readily caught in August. Full Moon names are attributable to native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons.

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. The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

FSUML Workshop: South African Offshore Coral Reef

August 10 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

By Zoleka Filander, MSc, University of Cape Town and PhD candidate at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

The South African coastline is 1,554 miles long and has an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) that covers over 40,000 square miles. The Law of the Sea Convention grants to each country special rights within their respective EEZs regarding the exploration and use of marine resources for food, minerals, and energy production from water and wind.

South Africa's EEZ encompasses two distinct oceans - the Atlantic and Indian oceans - and is influenced by two critically important features- the cold Benguela upwelling and the warm Agulhas current. The resulting variety of habitats ensures that South Africa is home to enormous diversity in marine organisms, amongst the highest diversity in marine species per unit area globally. Moreover, the region has been relatively poorly studied to date and new species are reported regularly. During this talk, Zoleka will walk you through the uniqueness of South Africa and share with you some recent advancements in the country's offshore marine research.

Chamber Business After Hours



The Seahorse
87 Market Street, Apalachicola
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Apalachicola Farmers Market



Saturday, August 12th & 26th 9am-1pm
 Located at the Mill Pond Pavilion at 479 Market St.
 in Apalachicola come out to get Local seafood,
 produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, jewelry, art
 and other regional specialties offered every 2nd and
 4th Saturday of each month from 9 AM until 1 PM.
 If you or someone you know offers home grown or
 hand made products, and is interested in becoming a
 vendor, please email
apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com

Mangia 850 Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



Saturday, August 12th Grand Opening 9:00am -
 2:00pm. Ribbon Cutting at 11:00am. 35 Island Drive
 Eastpoint Suite 1. Special Guest Becca Engelbrecht.
 Come see the new place and try some free samples.

2nd Annual Captain Clint's Smoked Fish Dip Off

Sunday August 13th

**Captain CLINT'S 2nd
SMOKED FISH
DIP OFF**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

TEAM BIG FISH
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OYSTER CITY



HOW IT WORKS:

- WE WILL CATCH & SMOKE THE FISH!
- YOU PICK UP AT BREWERY 12-8 on Saturday 8/12 or 12-3 Sunday 8/13
- \$20 ENTRANCE DONATION FOR OUR LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETY
- DIP MUST BE ENTERED at BREWERY BY 3:30 PM, Sunday
- JUDGING BEGINS AT 4:30
- PRIZES AWARDED FOR FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE

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Bowery Market



Visit Apalachicola's new open-air street market each Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Bowery Market is held on Commerce Street between Avenues F and G. Enjoy live music and food as you peruse vendors offering a variety of merchandise, services, and activities. Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Apalachicola Main Street

A Taste of the Mediterranean



A TASTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

A Sit Down Wine Tasting
Presented by Up The Stairs
And Opici Family Distributing

Friday, August 18
6 P.M.

\$120 per person
Includes six course dinner
Gratuuity not included

For Tix Call
850-653-4888

Friday, August 18th 6:00pm

A sit down wine tasting presented by Up The Stairs and Opici Family Distributing.

Cost includes six course dinner
\$120.00 per person.

Seagrass Exploration

August 25 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, August 25th, from 11:00-3:00 pm. The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer a Seagrass Ecology Class on The class will feature an overview of the delicate seagrass

ecosystem, basics of life in a seagrass bed, as well as the intricate ties between organisms, and the importance of conservation and protection efforts in our area. Be prepared to get wet! Participants will put their knowledge to the test in a guided snorkeling tour of the crystal-clear seagrass beds in St Joseph Bay. Class fee is \$25 per person, registration is required. Attendees must know how to swim and bring their own snorkeling gear.

Paddling Trip

August 26 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join the Apalachicola Riverkeepers on their monthly paddling trip on August 26 in and around the Apalachicola River and Bay. The trips are free to members and \$30 for non-members. In addition to their monthly paddling trips, the Apalachicola Riverkeepers are also hosting longer paddling excursions (10+) miles which are best suited for paddlers with experience.

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