

THE JULY ISLANDER

Next meeting July 18 in the Civic Hall at the SGI Firehouse, 324 E. Pine Avenue

Social 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Lynn Martina

BYOB and a covered dish

Civic Club Learns about Hurricane Shutters

“Whether it’s total structural failure, or damage from water intrusion, it is very clear that hurricane shutters are your best defense.” *David Damon, Owner J.P. Roberts*



David Damon

David Damon used a PowerPoint presentation at the June meeting to explain the different types of protection available for hurricane protection. He said the most basic protection would be impact resistant glass, plywood and thick plastic coverings on the openings of a house. The most damage results from wind and water getting behind the coverings and attacking the inside of the house. In these cases, you must

begin repairs within three days or mold and mildew may set in. The damage done by mold and mildew can match the damage caused when the entire structure is damaged. In these cases you have to attach the protection before the storm hits. Sometimes there isn’t enough time. This is why he prefers shutters. There are four basic types of protection: storm panels, accordion shutters, Bahama or Colonial shutters and roll-up shutters. Here is some information available on David’s website:

Storm Panels – These are individual panels bolted to a track or studs that are permanently installed to the window or door frame. They come in several choices from plastic, to wood to metal. Easy access to the doors and windows is needed because they don’t install easily from a ladder. They also require storage when not in use. If you are not in town, you must depend on a very good neighbor or contractor to install. They work well if you have time (*See Shutters, Page 2*)

Summer Bingo Returns

The Civic Club sponsored Bingo began on Tuesday,



June 4 and we have had over 330 enthusiastic players attend in the last 3 weeks. The proceeds so far are just over \$730. We have 11 weeks to go. Bingo is held on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the SGI firehouse.

Glynda Ratliff takes over as Treasurer

Glynda Ratliff made her first report as Treasurer of the Civic Club and said that we had a balance of over \$9,000. The SGI Civic Club uses most of its money to assist Franklin County charities during the year. Bingo is the biggest source of money for the club and our equipment is getting older. Members present voted to put aside \$1,000 per year for a replacement.

(Shutters, from Page 1)

Accordian Shutters – The accordian shutter is permanently installed on the outside of the house on the doors and windows. They have a track on the top and the bottom and are pulled together. They have the ability to be closed and locked from the inside of the house which is helpful for homes built on the Island. The shutters are built out of aluminum with a powder coated finish. When installed correctly, they are not very noticeable. These shutters are quick and easy to close and are the most popular shutters David installs.

Bahama or Colonial Shutters – These are similar to the decorative shutters that are most recognizable on the Island. These shutters are very heavy and strong that are bolted closed when a storm is coming. To be rated as hurricane shutters, they may or may not require a back panel. The back panel is usually not noticed when open, but when closed could be seen. The Bahama shutter with a back panel would take away your view but there is now an option with pivoting louvers that would allow more view and light into the house. The shutters are built of aluminum and are powder coated in a variety of

colors. Many owners choose to match the colors to whatever color they have on the roof. They also add an architectural feature to a home as well.

Roll-Up Shutters – These shutters are similar in many ways to a roll-up style garage door. They have a framework all the way around a window and roll up into a can or horizontal box overhead. They are guided by tracks along the side. Doors have no framework on the bottom or sill where you walk. These shutters are operated manually on smaller windows but, because of weight, must be electrically operated on larger openings. These can be manually operated if electricity is lost. If the window opens out, this type of shutter would be required. If the openings are easily accessible from the outside the accordion shutter may be the best choice. For more information go to: www.understandinghuricaneshutters.com

Planning & Zoning

Paul Riegelmayr addressed the June meeting and related that a request has been made to the County Planning & Zoning committee to allow C-4 zoning (mixed commercial/rental) for an area between 2nd and 3rd

streets East on the Island. This would allow more of the skinny houses to be built behind the present group of houses. It would also prevent any commercial establishments to come in later. This will be decided at the July 2nd County Commissioner's meeting. It was suggested that members attend the Commission meeting to make our objections known to the entire Commission. Several club members agreed that emails should be sent to all the Commissioners asking this change not be allowed. It is very important when a group of citizens speak up at a Commissioner's meeting. A couple of members commented that many of the Commissioners consider SGI their cash cow and don't worry about how Islanders are affected. The Commissioner's email addresses can be found at http://www.franklincountyflorida.com/Board_of_Commissioners.aspx

Upcoming Events

Apalachicola Independence Day Celebration

Apalachicola Main Street will be sponsoring a July 3rd Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks Display on River Front Park. The event is free to the public and will include a parade, music, community choir,



children's activities, food and beverage and a spectacular fireworks display over the Apalachicola River at River Front Park.

Carrabelle

C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament Friday, July 19 through Saturday, July 20 at 501 St. James Ave (Hwy. 98) Children age 16 and younger - Friday evening, prior to Saturday's fishing day, all entries in the tournament must attend a Fishing Clinic taught by the Dock Master of C-Quarters Marina, Millard Collins. They are instructed how to tie knots, tie on hooks, and overall safety while fishing. At completion of the clinic, each one receives a rod and reel, a tee shirt, hat, and bait. Rod and reels are furnished by FishFloridatag.org.

There are nine categories of fish with three places in each category. There will be trophies awarded for each category. On Saturday morning, the kids can fish from docks or, if they can go out on a boat, they are allowed to fish the Carrabelle River up to Dog Island. There will be a weighmaster available all day.

Lunch will be provided to the kids (Hot dogs, baked beans, chips and cokes) while the officials determine the

tournament winners. All participants must be registered prior to the tournament. For more information, call 850-697-8400 or go to www.c-quartersmarina.com

St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race Race & Fun Run Saturday, August 10th. The 16th Annual St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race Race & One Mile Fun Run. Come on down to beautiful St. George Island, Florida & run in the sunshine! On-site registration begins at 3:00pm, the one mile fun run begins at 5:30pm and the 5K begins at



6:00pm. This is a Tate's Hell Track Club production & A Gulf Winds Track Club Grand Prix event in 2013. Proceeds benefits the Franklin County Humane Society. Post Race Party and Awards at SGI Lighthouse Park at 6:30pm. For more info & pre-registration information visit www.StGeorgeIslandSizzler.com.

Rock ByThe Tee 2013 - Golf & Rock Charity Event Golf Tournament on September 7th at 9am [St. James Bay Golf](http://St.JamesBayGolf) Resort in Carrabelle. [Click here for a](#)

[registration form](#)

Live Music

September 5th, 6th & 7th Harry A's Restaurant & Bar on St. George Island.



For more information, go to www.rockbythesea.org/rbttee2013 or email rick@rwatsonandassociates.com

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for Upcoming Events.

<http://www.saltyflorida.com/events>

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