



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club

The November meeting will be on the 20th at the Volunteer Firehouse. Bring a side dish and enjoy meeting with fellow Islanders. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal at 7:00.

Annual Pig Roast

The SGI Civic Club's annual October Pig Roast brought many of the Island's residents together for an evening of BBQ, side dishes and wonderful desserts. Mason Bean and other members spent all day cooking pork and chicken. Those helping out were Steve Kearney, Paul Riegelmayr, Lamar Hartsfield, Brian Robinson, Lon Wilkens, Chris Jensen and Jimmy Lewis.



Paul & Gail Riegelmayr and Mason & Marilyn Bean

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The November Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Thursday, November 6. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 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 5:49 p.m. and the moon will rise at 5:55 p.m.



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.

Upcoming Events

Florida Seafood Festival

Come celebrate the 51st year of the Florida Seafood Festival on Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1. This is Florida's *(See Festival on Page 2)*

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oldest maritime festival. The 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. Come celebrate the 51st year of the Florida Seafood Festival, Florida's oldest maritime festival.



Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking contest, Blue Crab Races, Cooking Contest, a downtown Parade, 5k Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet.

Country Music star Craig Campbell will perform on Saturday night.

St. George Island Park Ranger Programs:

Apalachicola Bay Seafood Talk

On Saturday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. at the St. George Island State Park. Have you ever wondered where your shrimp, oyster or fish came from? A park ranger will talk about the history of the local area and its' fishing industry.

Panhandle Seashells

On Saturday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a hands-on ranger led shell identification program in the interpretive center. Get up close and personal with some of the area's amazing local seashells.



We will discover the beauty of the Gulf Coast's natural resources. Participants can bring a breakfast item to share if they would like. Coffee is provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks.

Cast Iron Campfire Cooking

On Saturday, November 15th, at 10:00 a.m. Rise and shine! Come out and learn how to make your next camping adventure a little sweeter. Join us for a demonstration of cast iron campfire cooking where we will be cooking a harvest brunch over an open fire. Participants should bring a chair and a breakfast item to share if they would like. Coffee is provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks.



All programs are free with paid park entry.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve

Rivers & Floodplains Class

The Rivers & Floodplains class, held Thursday, November 13, at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, from 8:45am-4:30pm, explores the ecology, geology, and natural history of the rivers and floodplains of the Florida Panhandle focused mainly on the Apalachicola River and Floodplain.



Other types of river systems will also be discussed. Attendees will learn about the rich diversity of animals and plants found in the river and surrounding floodplain of the Apalachicola system and their connection to the bay. Be prepared to spend part of the day in the classroom and part in the field on our boat the *Tideline* exploring the river and walking in the floodplain. For more information, call 850-670-7708 or go to www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/apalachicola/

Apalachicola

The Panhandle Players present The Hallelujah Girls

November 21 & 22, beginning at 7:30 PM at the Dixie Theatre - 21 Avenue E, Apalachicola. Tickets available at: Downtown Books, Apalachicola The Butler Agency, Eastpoint Sometimes It's Hotter, St. George Island and Carrabelle Junction, Carrabelle

Apalachicola Christmas Festival

The day after Thanksgiving 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.

On Saturday, 1:00-3:30 pm 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. For more info call (850) 653-9419 or go to info@apalachicolabay.org.

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourism Council for Upcoming events.

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