



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club

The next club meeting is April 21. The speaker will be Fran Pybus of Big Bend Hospice. We now have a new website address: Stgeorgeislandcivicclub.org.

Deputy Ryan Delgado Spoke at March Meeting

Franklin County Sheriff Mike Mock had a late emergency that he had to address, so he asked Sergeant Ryan Delgado to speak about actions that affect Islanders at the March Civic Club meeting. He had been asked to address underage golf cart drivers, ATVs and speeding on both Gulf Beach Drive and Pine Avenue.

He said that golf cart drivers must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. If stopped by a deputy, it is up to the deputy's judgment as to escorting the cart back or contacting the parent. ATV's are not legal on public streets in Florida unless they have proper lights and a valid license tag. Speeding will be addressed as detected. Both the Sheriff's department and the Florida Highway Patrol are being extra vigilant during this Spring Break.

Several members present thanked Sgt. Delgado for the additional presence on the Island during Spring Break and the Chili Cook-off.

He asked members who witnessed persons ignoring stop signs or appeared to be intoxicated to call the Sheriff's office immediately.

There were also concerns that Sgt. Delgado couldn't address, but promised to take back to Sheriff Mock.

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Winter Bingo Ends

March 8 was the last night of Bingo for the Winter Season. Attendance was below 30 for each of the nights in March and when attendance is that low is usually the end of the Season.



Stirling, Rebecca and Noelle did well with Rebecca filling 2 of her cards in the last game and Noelle winning a Chili Cook-Off T-shirt.

Bingo coordinator, Kelly Rowland, said the Club made \$4,671 for the Season and thanked all the volunteers who gave their time. A total of 568 people played Bingo for the Winter season.

On March 8, for the final game, which is the first person to cover the entire card, there were 4 cards that qualified. One participant had 2 of those cards.

2016 Chili Cook-Off brings many to the Island

March 5 was a beautiful day to spend on St. George Island. It was also the fund raiser for *(See Chili, Page Two)*

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the SGI Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Jay Abbott thanked the many volunteers who staffed the front and rear gates, the various food booths, the two beer trailers, the Auction and those who helped to set up the tents and then took them down when all was over.

Many members of the SGI Civic Club were evident as they also jumped in to help.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The March Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Thursday, April 21. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 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 7:53 p.m. and the "Worm" moon will rise at 8:14 p.m. on March 23. 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

Apalachicola Art Walk & Wine Festival

On Saturday, April 2, art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola where artists and musicians will be showing, selling and demonstrating their talents. The festivities continue into the evening with a wine tasting at 3:00pm. Afterwards, area chefs will prepare dishes at their restaurants paired with special wines. For more information, call 850-653-9419.

Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show

Apalachicola will host the 18th Annual Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show on Saturday, April 16. Antique boats, examples of classic and traditional vessels, workboats, and fiberglass and aluminum classics will all be on display throughout the day. This festival emphasizes the maritime history of our picturesque coastal town. Special highlights include home-built boats by skilled craftsmen, authentic oyster boats and workboats, antique outboard engines, plus antique automobiles and artist booths. The Apalachicola Maritime Museum will host tours aboard the Heritage, a 58-foot wooden Herreshoff-designed ketch and have demonstrations of steam engines with their beautiful antique steam powered vessels. The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will have displays on the Apalachicola River and its flora and fauna, along with booths.

The Apalachicola Traders' Canoe, a hand built 50-foot long vessel used between *(See Antiques, Page Three)*

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1750-1850, recovered from the Apalachicola River will be on display at the Cotton Warehouse and the restored 1877 gaff-rigged schooner the Governor Stone will also be in attendance. For more information, please call (850) 653-9419, or email info@apalachicolabay.org or visit <http://www.antiqueboatshow.org>.

Shorebirds Lecture

Spring is here, so it's time for shorebirds to start nesting all along Apalachicola Bay.

On Wednesday, April 20, at 108 Island Dr., Eastpoint, from 2pm – 3pm, Megan Lamb will share some information about our shorebirds' nesting season and about the efforts that help protect vital nesting grounds. For more information, call 850-670-7702.

Carrabelle Riverfront Festival

Carrabelle will host the 26th Annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23. This year's event will again feature an Antique Car Show. The



festival will be held on Marine Street along the riverfront and arts and crafts, seafood, pet parade, live music, maritime exhibits, a fishy fashion show, food booths, and a childrens' zone. Friday evening there will be live entertainment & dancing in the streets.

Tate's Hell & Back 5K Run/Walk



On Saturday, April 23, join the Tate's Hell & Back 5K run/walk. All proceeds to benefit Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Pre-registration and pickup starts at 6:45 am. Race starts at 8:00 am.

Course: Start at 142 River Road at the Carrabelle Christian Center on River Road, just off Hwy 98 Saturday, April 23 in Carrabelle. Run or walk River and Mill Road to the edge of Tate's Hell State Forest and Back. Register early to ensure you get the perfect shirt fit on Race Day. All registrations include a tech unisex shirt.

Awards: ALL FINISHERS receive a double walled tumbler. Top male and female finishers receive a special gift.

For more information, call (850) 544-5410

SGI Brewfest



The SGI Brewfest is a one day beer tasting festival designed to promote the appreciation of craft beer all while listening (*See Brewfest, Page Four*)

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to live music and enjoying great food. The event is a fundraiser for the Franklin County Humane Society and all proceeds will benefit the homeless dogs and cats of Franklin County. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30, at Paddy's Raw Bar and Journeys of St. George Island at 240 East Third Street.

The event is scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. and will run until 6:00 p.m. VIP guests are invited to arrive at 2:00 p.m. for special tastings before the General Admission ticket holders are granted access. Ticket sales are very limited and tickets must be purchased in advance via the SGI Brewfest website. Tickets go on sale January 2016.

Ticketholders will have the opportunity for unlimited tastings of a number of different beers. Food will be available for an additional charge. Enjoy live music throughout the event. Brewers are being added daily so be sure to check the Brewfest website for the latest news and updates. For security and safety purposes no one under 21 years of age will be admitted.

For more information, go to www.sgibrewfest.com

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Here are 2 excerpts from the Florida Statutes on use of motor vehicles on public roads:

Title XXIII

316.212 Operation of a golf cart on public roads:

(7) A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.

316.2123 Operation of an ATV on certain roadways:

(1) The operation of an ATV, as defined in s. 317.0003, upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited, except that an

ATV may be operated during the daytime on an unpaved roadway where the posted speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour.

(2) A county is exempt from this section if the governing body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this section. Alternatively, a county may, by majority vote after such a hearing, designate certain unpaved roadways where an ATV may be operated during the daytime as long as each such designated roadway has a posted speed limit of less than 35 miles per hour and is appropriately marked to indicate permissible ATV use.

(3) Any ATV operation that is permitted under subsection (1) or subsection (2) may be undertaken only by a licensed driver or a minor who is under the direct supervision of a licensed driver.

Challenge to Civic Club Members

The Board of Directors has challenged Club members to reduce the ecological footprint by bringing their own reusable plates, flatware and glasses to the Club meetings.

Please visit our website

www.stgeorgeislandcivicclub.org for the latest news from St. George Island and the surrounding area. *(Note new website address)* Email us at sgicivicclub@gmail.com

It's time to renew dues for 2016

Dues not paid by April 30 will drop your name from the active member list. Dues are \$20 per person and can be mailed to SGI Civic Club, P.O. Box 451, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Checks may be made to SGI Civic Club.

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