



Your weekly Emerald Coast Chapter News & Updates

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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS WEEK'S EMAIL BLAST

Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is in DESPERATE need of dry dog and puppy food at the shelter. The number of stray animals being picked up and the number of animals that people are owner surrendering continues to increase. PAWS is struggling to keep the food bowls filled! *Please consider bringing a bag or two of dry dog or puppy food by the shelter at 752 Lovejoy Road. You can also drop your donation off at the Junkyard Dog Gift 'n Thrift located at 179 NE Eglin Parkway across from K-Mart. The Junkyard Dog is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-4pm.*

The homeless animals at PAWS are hoping they can count on you!!

**Okaloosa County
News Release**

Odors from Burn Operations at the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill Are Not a Health Hazard (see attachment)

Florida Department of Environment Protection (DEP) and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) are taking sand, water and air samples in the area periodically for environmental monitoring purposes. We have not received any notification that the burn odors are harmful.

Due to winds being out of the south, Okaloosa County Public Safety is reporting that the odors we are experiencing are from burn operations conducted yesterday. Winds are currently from the south and southeast and are favorable for bringing some of the odors into the area. There are no reports of oil offshore of Okaloosa County.

Feel free to call the 311 Citizens Information Line (850-423-4894 outside area,) selecting 8 for a recording or 0 for an operator. Additionally, you can email the CIL online at www.okaloosafl.com. Follow us on Twitter at OKALOOSAEOC.

AARGH!!!! Billy Bowlegs is coming. We need your Help!

Green Taskforce Members, Nick Chubb has taken on an awesome job of collecting recyclable bottles, cans etc from the local waterways during the upcoming Bowlegs Festival. Unfortunately, he cannot do it by himself. He needs your help on Friday June 4, Sat June 6, and at Crab Island on June 7th.

If you can give some of your time to this cause, he certainly (we all will) appreciate it. Contact Nick at his e-mail with your availability. His address is:

nick@refaceforless.com.

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce leads the way towards a greener society. We need your help. Thank you, and maybe this year the city of FWB will beat back Capt Billy and his Bowlegged pirates.

Al Stearns, Chamber Director of Membership

A little email advice courtesy of Bev Bain.

This is interesting info about forwarding emails. Also keep in mind that you should delete all the forwarded email addresses you receive before you send them to someone else because you are sharing their email addresses with many people. Clean up your emails before sending on to others and please delete my name and address before forwarding on to others. Bev

You may have seen this before PLEASE READand share with your friends on your email address contacts. Interesting information here:

Advice From Snopes

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with www.snopes.com and/or www.truthorfiction.com for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites. Below is their advice for us.

Advice from Snopes.com

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says *forward this on to '10' of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever*, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to **READ THIS**: The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mails addresses to use in SPAM E-Mails, or *sell to other Spammers*.

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. READ THIS: All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and Spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings *regardless how inviting they might sound!*

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later! Plus, we are helping the Spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them!

Also: IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW ... E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition. So don't forward those because they aren't any good and won't be forwarded to Congress or any other organization.

HELLO EMERALD COASTERS

I know you are aware of the upcoming Golf Tournament – our main fund raiser for scholarships. Here is the gist of it at this point! The Golf Committee needs your help and participation. Particulars are below.

Dear, dear, chapter friends – we need more sponsors. Please, print out some copies and share with those who might have even a remote chance of playing or sponsoring.

JUNE 4th is the deadline for sponsorships. CALL or E-MAIL JOE, BILL, or KEITH, and they will help you. Me, too.

Joe - joe.judkins@lmco.com - 850-585-7593
Bill - WilliamJulie324@cox.net - 850-699-3823
Keith - simsk@mllc.gccoxmail.com - 850-259-3558

3. The Golf Team flyers – There is no deadline to register for golfing, but it helps the committee in their planning to have the numbers early. On the day of the tournament it helps registration move along ever so much better. Also, if we meet our limit of number of players and someone walks up they may not be able to play.

Our Emerald Coast GOLF TOURNAMENT is to be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 SHALIMAR POINTE COUNTRY CLUB *** 3 Person Scramble - \$75 Per Player 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start Door Prizes – Drinks – Lunch – Free Range Balls Cash Prizes – 1st – 3rd Place – All monies raised will be used to provide scholarships for area students! See attached flyers for sponsorship and players/teams' forms.

From our golf committee chairmen Joe Judkins, Bill Kuhn, and Keith Sims:

If you cannot open those pdf files let me know. I will send to you in a different form. We need everyone to consider being a sponsor at some level and get out and help find other sponsorships. The committee presented a status report at the spring meeting and answered questions. This is a team effort and it would be great to have our entire membership involved this year. Remember this is our only MAJOR fund raiser of the year for our scholarship program.

Jobs to be done before the tournament are:

1. Find sponsors for the brochure,
2. Obtain donations for door prizes,
3. Get players and teams to participate.
4. Work the day of the tournament.

It is a fun day, and all are welcome to come and help. Please - We need YOU,

Members need to complete the Best Practice Scoreboard and Member Interest Survey before the end of June.

Attention to all chapter members:

Please download surveys, fill out and bring with you to May or June's meeting your completed Best Practices Scoreboard/Member Interest Survey. These surveys will help the 2010-11 board plan their year. Please email me at tammy.mcdaniel@gmail.com if you have already taken both surveys on WIN so I can enter you into the drawing. You will be entered into a drawing for a FREE Dinner Voucher for you or a guest.

Thanks
Tammy
2009-10 Emerald Coast Chapter President
