

Captiva Food & Travel Festival April 8

The second annual Captiva Food & Travel Fest comes to Chadwicks Square on Thursday, April 8, 4-6:30 p.m. with food fun and an array of live and silent auction items. It's fun for the whole family -- and a great chance to snare a travel bargain, enjoy a great snack and see some old friends.

The live auction will feature:

- An evening with the Southwest Florida Symphony
- A private ride on the Captiva Fire District's truck
- A photo shoot with acclaimed fashion photographer Rene Miville
- One-day and half-day private "Sunset Cruise" on the "Lady Chadwick"
- A day with Bruce Neil aboard Sanibel Sea School's "Ke' Ala"

The silent auction will include great vacation packages around the country, special packages for on-island fun, and a plethora of restaurant gift certificates, among other items.

Participating restaurants include: Key Lime Bistro, Holy Smoke Heavenly Barbecue (and Better Burgers!), The Mucky Duck, Sunset Grille, Jacaranda, The Bubble Room, Queenie's Ice Cream, The Green Flash, The Lazy Flamingo, and Tween Waters Inn.

Again, that's Thursday, April 8 in Chadwicks Square 4-6:30 p.m. Don't miss a minute!

Captiva Community Panel meets April 13

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Ding Darling Room at Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Update on the staff draft of the proposed Captiva Land Development Code, including any changes or research requested at a March 24 workshop.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- Discussion of a possible LCEC outage response
- Review of proposed water quality information efforts
- Bylaws revision: Selection of panel officers.
- Other matters as necessary.

The Community Panel is currently finalizing a draft of Land Development Code language affecting the island which will be submitted to Lee County for review and approval. Planners David W. Depew and Max Forgey with Morris-Depew Associates Inc. is guiding the panel through this process.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. Information is also available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

Leaving? Why not be a blessing? Bring your unopened, unexpired food to the F.I.S.H. Food Pantry

Didn't use that last frozen chicken, roast, can of juice, frozen veggies, or pack of hot dogs as planned? Our freezer will keep it nicely for a local family or senior that will need it to stretch their budget during these lean times. Unopened paper goods, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry and cleaning products are also most welcome.

FISH (Friends In Service Here) Food Pantry/Walk In Center
1630 Periwinkle Way, Suite B (across from Bank of the Islands)
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. -- (239) 472-4775