



Even more to be thankful for:

November was wonderful with some fall weather, turkey dinners, and even a little rain. It was also a month when the wetland restoration project at Little Chocolate Bayou Park had some serious volunteer effort. Thanks to those that helped on that project as well as various other activities during the month:

Tom Andrews, Theresa Dent, Jack LaBarge, Joe Surovik, Patty Weaver, Karen Lyssy, Cory Mabry, John-Michael Sadleir, Ty Desotso, Katherine Dent, Ciandra Smith, Hannah Estrada, Elizabeth Meyers, Madeline Pena, and Bill Cordell.



A special thank you goes to Dennis at Rexco for donating the wonderful section of silt fencing to help protect the plants.

Upcoming Events

112th Christmas Bird Count will begin on December 14, 2011. Details <http://www.houstonaudubon.org/default.aspx?MenuItemID=827&MenuGroup=CBC&&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

56th Annual Houston Boat Show
January 6-15, 2011 @ Reliant Center
<http://www.houstonboatshows.com/>

Marine Debris Summit
January 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *at Moody Gardens on Galveston Island.*
<http://www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/participate.html>

Texas Aquaculture Association
41st Annual Conference & Trade Show, *Bay City Civic Center*
January 25-27, 2012. Details at:
<http://www.texasaquaculture.org/Conference%202012/2012%20Information%20Brochure.pdf>



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Coastal & Marine Resource News

Calhoun County
December 2011

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

DATE
DECEMBER 8, 2011

TIME
5 PM - 7 PM

Happy Holidays
Rhonda Cummins, Stephen Beles, Katherine Sutherland, Charles Seely

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From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

SHRIMP RATATOUILLE

1 pound raw, peeled and deveined shrimp,
31/35 count
1/4 cup olive oil or salad oil
1 cup thinly sliced zucchini
1 small eggplant, peeled and cut into 1-inch
pieces
1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
1 medium green pepper, cut into 1-inch
pieces
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1 can (1 pound) tomato wedges
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
1 teaspoon crushed basil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cut shrimp in half lengthwise. In large skillet, sauté zucchini, eggplant, onion, green pepper and mushrooms in oil for 5 minutes or until tender-crisp. Add shrimp, stirring frequently for about 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, garlic salt, basil, parsley, and pepper. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are tender. Serve with rice or noodles. Makes 6 servings. Approximately 261 calories per serving with rice.

Sea Grant Works to:

Strengthen local economies: Provide science-based information and strategies that enhance waterfront economic activities while sustaining environmental integrity.

Ensure public access: Preserve and enhance public access to the Nation's beaches and waterfronts through access-related needs assessments, conflict resolution, legal analysis, and technical assistance.

Support sustainable planning: Engage coastal communities and decision makers in planning processes that identify and pursue sustainable economic development policies, including renewable energy options.

Red Tide Update

Red tide is still persistent along the Texas coast closing all oyster harvesting areas. TPWD has received reports of people recreationally harvesting oysters. As a reminder, all Texas bays are closed to the harvesting of molluscan shellfish by the Texas Department of State Health Services due to the ongoing red tide, this includes recreational harvesting as well as the commercial harvesting. The red tide brevetoxin presents a risk of Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning (NSP) in people who consume filter-feeding shellfish such as oysters, clams, whelks and mussels. For the current status of shellfish harvesting areas, call the TDSHS at 1-800-685-0361. Other updates are available at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/environconcerns/hab/redtide/status.phtml>

Coastal Community Resilience Index

Coastal Community Resilience Index (CRI) is a simple tool that provides a snapshot of a community's resilience, and can help identify opportunities to improve. Designed to take as little as two hours to complete, the CRI focuses on 6 areas (critical infrastructure and facilities, transportation issues, community plans and agreements, mitigation measures, business plans, and social systems), and is facilitated by a neutral, trained party. The CRI process is inclusive of city/county/parish staff, business representatives, and key local community members. There is no cost to communities for the meetings, and local facilitators can provide additional tools and support for activities to address areas of concern.

<http://tx.stormsmart.org/2011/09/12/check-out-the-new-and-improved-coastal-community-resilience-index/>



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