

Harbor district hosts egg hunt for more than 400

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The Crescent City Harbor District celebrated its 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt with much success on Sunday, April 10. Over 400 children collected 8,300 eggs in minutes. This year, the Harbor event included local food vendors, a Harbor T-Shirt design contest, balloon animals, face painting and games for children. The Easter Bunny was also available to spread Easter Joy and to pose for photos.

Harbormaster Tim Petrick commented, “I am extremely grateful for the donations we received from our sponsors and the community’s support for our Harbor. Thank you to Commissioner Harry Adams, Office Manager Kristina Hanks, Harbor Police Sergeant Janice Kerttula and to the team for all their efforts and hard work in making this year’s event a success. We look forward to hosting more community events and doing more to help support independent commercial fishing in the Harbor and greater access for recreation.”

The Crescent City Harbor is also celebrating the award of \$1.38 million in grants from the State Coastal Conservancy.

On April 6, the board of the State Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$1.38 million grant to the Crescent City Harbor District to revitalize the commercial fishing fleet, expand public waterfront access, improve visitor services and strengthen climate resilience. One portion of the grant is dedicated to the planning and engineering phase of a revitalized Citizens Dock, and a second portion will cover the planning and construction of a new restroom and shower facility along the world renown South Beach.

The commercial fishing fleet will benefit greatly from this grant. Citizen's Dock is aging, and in need of repair. It is a working commercial fishing dock, and home to all the major support services for the local commercial fishing fleet; fish buying buildings, hoists, boat tie ups, product loading area, and an icehouse. The Dock is also used by trucks, forklifts, and other vehicles to transport fishing catch to be processed and transported to market. If Citizen's Dock were to be neglected, it could experience a catastrophic collapse that would cause job loss throughout the commercial fishing industry.

An additional portion of the grant will fund the planning and engineering work for a pedestrian walkway, seating, lighting and informational signage. The new pedestrian walkway will connect to the Coastal Trail, which was recently upgraded in several adjacent areas of the Harbor.

Harbor staff worked diligently for months to prepare the requisite grant application documents, ensuring that CCHD submitted a successful proposal. Special thanks go to Mike Bahr, Aislene Delane, and the rest of the team at Community System Solutions, a professional grant writing and management firm with strong ties to the Crescent City area. CSS led the grant initiative from its inception to award and will continue to help with grant management in support of the Harbor District's exciting revitalization goals.

Thanks also to the many talented individuals inside and outside the Harbor organization who always give their heart and soul to make the Harbor a fantastic treasure to enjoy. So many individuals volunteer their time selflessly, and their tireless work contributes to the types of achievements realized.

Petrick stated that "the Crescent City Harbor District would like to thank the State Coastal Conservancy for this generous grant. These funds will go directly to projects which will benefit both our local fishing fleet and public access to our natural resources. South Beach sees as many as 200,000 visitors annually and there are currently no restroom or outdoor shower facilities. This will enable CCHD to provide safe and clean facilities for public use. The grant award will also allow CCHD to complete planning and permitting for the redesign and replacement of Citizen's Dock, phase 2 of the major infrastructure replacement needed to service our commercial fishing fleet. I would like to extend a special thanks to Harbor Staff for their hard work and Mike Bahr and the team at Community System Solutions for helping CCHD obtain these grant funds."

President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Wes White, stated that "the Crescent City Harbor Board of Commissioners wishes to thank the Coastal Conservancy, Community Systems Solutions, and the Harbor staff that enabled us to obtain this grant. This funding will allow us to provide enhanced public services and ensure continuity of critical infrastructure to the commercial fishing fleet."