

# Let the good times roll

*this Mardi Gras weekend*

It may not be New Orleans' Fat Tuesday, but there is nothing lean about the schedule for Mardi Gras revelry in the area. Check out these events.

• **DESTIN** — The first Mardi Gras Parade on the Harbor will let the good times roll at 3 p.m. today beginning at the parade parking lot adjacent to Destin Yacht Club/Legendary Marine and making its way down the harbor. The finale is a post-parade party and award celebration in the courtyard of New Orleans party icon Fat O'Brien's. HarborWalk Village welcomes individuals, civic organizations, community groups and Mardi Gras Krewe's to participate in the parade. Entries will be judged for awards.

• On Sunday, dress your pets in their snazziest Mardi Gras costumes and enjoy jambalaya from restaurants on the harbor. The Jambalaya Cook-off and Pet Costume Contest on HarborWalk is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds benefit Destin Harvest House. Visit [harborwalkdestin.com](http://harborwalkdestin.com).

• On Fat Tuesday, join the Mardi Gras Bash on the Harbor on 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 24 including free red beans and rice, live entertainment at this street party celebration.

• **SANDESTIN** — Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, the premier resort on Florida's Gulf Coast, is planning a pet-a-cular weekend full of fun for four legged friends and people of all ages on Feb. 20-22. The Village of Baytowne Woof Weekend events include: The Ultimate Air Dog Competition, featuring a night jump

competition on Friday, trials on Saturday and finals on Sunday at the Village Lagoon. The Pooch Festival on Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. featuring merchandise, services and activities. The nationally acclaimed Mardi Paws Pooch Parade, a Mardi Gras Parade for Pets on Sunday at 2 p.m., filling the Village streets with costumed animals of all kinds. Pictured is Loretta I of Alaqua Animal Refuge is crowned Queen of the Krewe of Arfeous Dog Parade! Visit [www.kreweofarfeous.com](http://www.kreweofarfeous.com) for more information.

• **SEASIDE** — The Merchants of Seaside host a fun-filled day of Mardi Gras revelry with activities for everyone 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 4KIDS hosts a make-your-own mask event and other fun Mardi Gras crafts for children with help from Abrakadoodle. The Third Annual 4KIDS Mardi Gras Parade, featuring the Krewe of Wee-De-Leis, is at 2 p.m. around Central Square. After the parade, Seaside Amphitheater hosts the first Zydeco Fais Do-Do 2:30-5 p.m. The Seaside Neighborhood School band kicks off the dance party at 2:30 p.m. and then Lil' Malcolm and the House Rockers hit the stage at 3 p.m.



**THE GOODS:** HarborWalk's Sidewalk Sale drew Snowbirds that were on the hunt for Mardi Gras bargains.



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**HARBORWALK VILLAGE**  
**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**HARBORWALK VILLAGE SIDEWALK SALE**  
Super discounts with something for everyone!  
Hours: Friday/Saturday 10am-6pm;  
Sunday 11am-6pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> · 3:00PM**  
**MARDI GRAS PARADE**  
Enjoy dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, float riders tossing handfuls of beads & childrens hands-on activities

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> · 11AM-3PM**  
**JAMBALAYA COOK-OFF & PET COSTUME CONTEST**  
Dress your pets in their snazziest Mardi Gras costumes and enjoy Jambalaya from your favorite restaurants on the harbor! Live music by Terry and the Zydeco Bad Boys. Proceeds benefit Destin Harvest

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> · 5:00PM**  
**MARDI GRAS BASH**  
Join this wild & vibrant Fat Tuesday celebration! Free red beans and rice, Free Beer sponsored by Budweiser & Music by the Dent Brothers



On the Destin Harbor • 10 Harbor Blvd • At the foot of the Destin Bridge  
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