

Browse the Area with Blackwater Living

Keeping up with all the growth, changes, and plans for the Milton area can be difficult.

A small group of citizens has put together a comprehensive website where residents and visitors can browse the area from a computer and see what's going on. Users say the website is user-friendly and presents the uniqueness of the Blackwater River area.

Visiting www.blackwaterliving.com is a walk through the parks, a visit to sporting events, a trip down the river. A calendar of events is kept up-to-date and a list of points of interest helps to pique the curiosity of anyone who has not already been here.

The website is the "brainchild of Tom Scott of Milton and Will Pursley of Tampa, Florida." The men say their love and knowledge of the area brought them together to form the website about a year ago. Calling it *Blackwater Living* seemed to come natural. Scott says the goal of the site is to include "all things Milton". It is designed to bring people to the city, to benefit local businesses and "to allow the city to experience stable growth that has been long overdue."

The Blackwater Living site links to other sites which may be helpful to anyone wanting to access Milton resources. Companies with websites may contact Blackwater Living to ask about linking to the site.

Some of Blackwater Living is reserved for surrounding attractions so visitors can use Milton as their "Vacation Central". Scott says, "The great thing about Blackwater Living is that it's free to basic non-profit advertising. After the basic entry, non-profit groups pay to insert summaries of special events and programs.

"To post your event's schedule is always free. Go today and see if your event is listed. If not, contact the Blackwater living website immediately at no cost."

The creators say the most unique and interesting section on the site is "probably the Blackwater Pirates".

Email alerts are available to notify interested parties of impromptu gatherings and public events. There is no charge to join.

Many events have already been linked to detail pages describing the event and giving



instructions. Riverfest has an extensive spread with forms for download to enter parades or contests.

History buffs are able to take a Milton "walking tour" via the computer. Learning about Milton without ever leaving the house is a way to stay cool and make plans without facing summer temperatures and humidity. Boaters will discover secrets of the river with the navigation guide and park-lovers will read about the many parks located here.

"Our site is just being constructed, but it already has a tremendous amount of information" says Pursley. "In the future, Blackwater Living will have business information, coupons for restaurants and shopping, and profiles of town residents, history tidbits and points of local interest."

"Life along the Blackwater is just what Blackwater Living is all about. The website is designed to allow interested parties to browse through the many offerings in the area and even post notices of upcoming festivals and events"

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