

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

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As an area so close to New Orleans, the Gulf Coast is one that embraces Mardi Gras with enthusiasm — and loads of beads. Mobile and Pensacola may be known for their local festivities, but HarborWalk Village has hopped on the parade route with a celebration of fun for the entire family.

For more than 12 years, HarborWalk Village has held a weekend of events, letting the good times roll. This year, Carnival will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27.

“Mardi Gras on the Harbor is one of our favorite annual events,” says Maria Carbone, Marketing Manager for HarborWalk. “We are looking forward to welcoming everyone for this year’s festivities.”

Saturday’s Mardi Gras Celebration and Parade is a family-friendly day filled with fun for everyone. Rolling through the Village at 4 p.m., the parade, featuring authentic Mardi Gras floats, brings this annual celebration at HarborWalk Village to life. Beads will fill the air as they are tossed by revelers, and Fais Do-Do will be setting the mood with live Cajun music on the Main Stage. The day also features face painting and a stilt-walking court jester.

If you are looking to be a part of the Mardi Gras experience, gather a krewé to ride in a float during the parade! Float packages can be purchased for the Mardi Gras Celebration and include a party of up to eight people, face painting, a cooler packed with refreshments from event sponsors, and a float fully stocked with hundreds of beads to throw during the parade. Visit the HarborWalk Village Facebook Page for more information on parade participation.

Sunday, Feb. 27, the fun continues. Calling all four-legged friends to join the celebration! Pawdi Gras commences with a festive pet costume contest at 4 p.m. HarborWalk Village invites you to dress your pets in their best purple, green, and gold attire.

Sponsors for the weekend include Coca-Cola, Modelo, Miller Lite, and Elite Jeeps. HarborWalk Village’s Mardi Gras Celebration is open to the public and free to attend. This weekend of fun brings the revelry of Mardi Gras from New Orleans to the Destin Harbor. •



For more information, visit HarborWalk Village's Facebook page. Email events@harborwalkvillage.com to reserve your float today!