



The Aransas Pass Civic Center

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The Aransas Pass Civic Center is perhaps one of the greatest gems in the coastal wedding and event community. Boasting big-city amenities combined with the small-town charm of a completely dedicated staff, this space is versatile to host nearly any event in any style.

This impressive facility welcomes Brides to a variety of room rental spaces from the cavernous Redfish room that can accommodate up to 750 guests, to a selection of spaces for anything from smaller weddings of 350-150, to intimate spaces perfect for a bridal shower, rehearsal dinner or pre-reception cocktail hour. The unique addition of the outdoor courtyard means guests can enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while relishing in the comfortable amenities of the attached indoor spaces. The courtyard is surrounded by a stone wall and features a terraced stage and elegant patio area, making for the perfect ceremony space that can be used alone, flipping from ceremony to reception, or as an outdoor ceremony space from which guests will enjoy the transition to a secondary indoor room for dinner and dancing. Such incredible diversity is one of the Aransas Pass Civic Center's most promising qualities.

Regardless of wedding size, style or budget, this location is the ideal space for stress-free wedding planning. As a full-service facility, Brides are encouraged to check their worries at the door, and enjoy the complete list of amenities available. All packages go well beyond room rental - they include tables, chairs and dance floor; linens, napkins and service ware; set-up & clean up, op-

tional stage, and best of all: food! Packages beyond that include everything from full-service bar and wait staff to champagne service, cake cutting, room décor, security and more. The Redfish room in particular boasts a prominent stage with a state-of-the-art sound and light system that can transform the space with instant ambiance. Lighting can be matched to your color scheme and set the mood as the night goes on. Uniquely modern are the fully-customizable Gobo lights, which are dedicated to personalize any event with custom wall and floor writing - from monograms to logos and more.

Weddings in general are rarely noted for their menus, but the catering service at Aransas Pass Civic Center is determined to change that! When planning, couples are presented with options that drown out the usual three chicken, beef and fish categories. These menus are stuffed with options in five separately dedicated menus, such as, "Country At Heart," "Tour of Italy," and "Saltwater Delights" to name a few. Within each of these individual menus are an overwhelming variety of tasty options from comfort food to modern delicacies. It is true - I could write an entire feature article on the food alone, the choices are sublime!

Space, ambiance, incredible food, and finally - best of all, Aransas Pass Civic Center boasts its most prized offering: incredible service. From the minute a new Bride enters the door to plan her big day, she is under the caring guide of Executive Director Annette Schonhoeft. Despite her official title, some might refer to her as the fairy godmother of wedding

planning. Annette enjoys the process of helping a Bride bring her own unique vision to life. Whether a Bride arrives with each detail planned out, or needs Annette's talents to coax out the vision, she is great at meeting each Bride in stride through the planning journey. The entire staff is unique in the fact that they are all cross trained and certified in the multitude of tasks that fall upon event staff. The difference is, when a guest needs something, whether it be bar service, food, or sound & light, every staff member is equipped to solve issues and service guests on the spot, rather than wait for the qualified individual to become available. It is this humble, Texas-style, "roll-up-the-sleeves-and-get-it-done" attitude that gives this modern facility its small-town charm. On a wedding day, a charming, hard-working team is priceless, for it allows the entire wedding party & family to sit back and enjoy the day, rather than deal with the normal stresses that can congest wedding day festivities.

What couples can expect when booking their most important day at the Aransas Pass Civic Center is a beautiful facility with a dedicated staff ready to roll out the red carpet to make sure every aspect of the day is flawless, from styling to food and ambiance. What Brides love most after booking their package is that their entire to-do checklist has been crossed off in one-stop shopping. Besides the cake, flowers and band or DJ, Brides have everything else covered by the amazing staff. Annette jokingly reminds her giddy Brides, "Don't forget to buy your dress! We have the rest covered!"

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