

# OLDE TOWNE DAPHNE WEST

May 2005

## Officers 2005

### Interim President:

Kären Nady  
621-0286

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Franklin Lamb  
626-3993

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TBA

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### Committees:

*Finance:* Louie Nady  
*Governmental Affairs:*

Cathy Barnette

*Membership:*

Ernest Berger  
SEEDS

Fran and Donald Terry

*Utility Board:*

Lon Johnston

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Olde Towne Daphne West  
Association Inc.  
P.O. Box 506  
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### Annual Dues:

Business: \$100.00

Family: \$25.00

Newsletter is Published  
Quarterly. Comments are  
welcome. Email:  
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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS: Condo Overlay

The Daphne City Council voted on March 7th to approve a height variance for the Churchula Energy Project. The Daphne City Council then passed a resolution to place a six month moratorium on all height variance requests until the City can develop an overlay district, or other solutions, to address building height needs. A public meeting will be held in early July (at the latest) to unveil the proposed plan. The height variance moratorium is scheduled to be lifted in mid-September. Contact Cathy Barnette with questions or comments at [barnette2@bellsouth.net](mailto:barnette2@bellsouth.net).

## Planning Growth Advisory Committee

Mayor Small is developing a new citizens committee to help plan for future growth of Daphne. Bob Segalla, Frank Lamb and Louie Nady have been named to the committee to date. The OTDWA priority for 2005 is planning and we hope our members can make valuable suggestions regarding our community to our Mayor.

## May 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting: Wind Damage Insurance

Senator Bradley Byrne (Montrose) 32<sup>nd</sup> district, will speak regarding the State of Alabama Hurricane Insurance Task Force and possible solutions for coastal residents seeking affordable hurricane insurance. The meeting will be held at Daphne City Hall, in the Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m. Daphne and Eastern Shore residents are encouraged to attend.

After an active hurricane season in 2004, portions of coastal Alabama were rezoned from Sea Coast to Beach Coast. This places Daphne, Montrose and Fairhope in the same zone as Gulf Shores!

Many local residents have seen the cost of their homeowners insurance policies increase significantly, had their wind coverage cancelled or discovered that their policy will not be renewed (2,300 in Baldwin and Mobile counties). Finding adequate affordable insurance may become increasingly more difficult in 2005 as predictions are that it will be an active hurricane year.

Will economic growth slow if residents can not find affordable insurance for their homes or businesses? What insurance options will be available to Baldwin Co. residents in the future? Will planning and building codes/standards be affected?

Senator Byrne serves on the 20 member Hurricane Insurance Issues Task Force formed in March 2005. The goal of the panel is to insure a stable market where insurance will be available and affordable for coastal residents and insurance companies will remain financially viable.

Bring your neighbors, come to the meeting, meet Senator Byrne and learn more about the future of your homeowners insurance and have your questions or concerns ready to voice.

## From the Board

The Board has been developing a new brochure to reflect the new face of OTDWA. As our community grows, our organization grows and we hope to reach further into our community to expand our membership. Preview part of the brochure on page 4. We are delighted to have Fran Neumann designing a logo and hope to unveil it in the Fall.

Also, we would like to welcome Donald and Fran Terry as our representatives to SEEDS and hope that everyone will participate in the upcoming Gulf Coast Zydeco Music Festival this weekend to benefit this organization and its educational enrichment goals for all Daphne students.

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## McMillan Bluff Planting Update



The McMillan public beach access project is underway! Take time to walk by and check the progress. The deck has been constructed and the irrigation system is partially installed. Thanks to our Mobile Bay National Estuary Program grant, our vintage and native plants have been purchased. We were lucky to have a hard to find native *Gordonia* (loblolly bay) tree donated by Tom Dodd Nursery and many native plants grown by our City horticulturists. Plant materials are in the City greenhouses waiting for planting day. As soon as the path is installed, we will have a work party, hopefully before the end of May. Kären Nady will

contact volunteer gardeners on our list. Please contact her (621-0286) to join the work party! Gardening skills are not required, the experts will guide us!

While the project is proceeding, so is the court case. The City of Daphne and OTDWA remain defendants in a lawsuit filed by the property owners adjoining this public beach access. No court date has been set, however there will be a status hearing in June.

## E-Mail Contact Information:

Please take the time to contact us at [OTDWA@aol.com](mailto:OTDWA@aol.com) and provide us with your Email address. We will be able to keep you informed about current issues, council items or ask your opinion. Please note in the subject section: Add name to OTDWA e-mail list. Of course, our membership information is never shared.

## Construction Zone

OTDWA is currently updating our web site and changing its name to: [OldeTowneDaphne.org](http://OldeTowneDaphne.org). Student volunteers at Bayside Academy will be helping develop our new site. We will be adding a section on plant material selected for the McMillan project. Let's keep Daphne beautiful! Our e-mail address will remain: [OTDWA@aol.com](mailto:OTDWA@aol.com)

## Bayside/Belrose

The committee will present its findings this week to the Mayor. Stay tuned for how this group has developed potential compromises and solutions to the traffic, environmental and safety problems.

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**AGENDA**

May 24, 2005

General Membership Meeting

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Call to Order - Ernest Berger

Approval of Minutes- General Meeting, March 1, 2005

Treasurer's Report- Glenn Robinson

Committee Reports: See Committee Chairs after the program

Village Point - Al Guarisco

McMillan Bluff Project/ Pending Lawsuit- Kären Nady

Council Report- Cathy Barnette

Finance- Louie Nady

Utility Report- Lon Johnston

SEEDS - Don Terry

Introduction of Senator Byrne - Franklin Lamb

**PROGRAM**

Senator Bradley Byrne (Montrose), District 32, will speak regarding the Hurricane Insurance Task Force and possible solutions for coastal residents seeking affordable hurricane insurance.

### THE MISSION OF OTDWA

We recognize that our community, Daphne, is the largest city in Baldwin County and among the fastest growing in the State of Alabama. Our Mission is to support our community and local & county government in the intelligent and balanced planning and management of its growth. Our focus is on preserving our unique quality of life while enhancing both public safety, residential & commercial property values and city services.

**WHO WE ARE:** Olde Towne Daphne Association is a non-profit corporation. Our members include residents, businesses, private schools and non-profit organizations who primarily reside in Olde Towne Daphne. Membership is open to anyone residing in Daphne, Alabama. The leadership and staff of OTDA are volunteers supporting our community.....our home.

**OTDA IN ACTION:** Volunteer staff is actively involved in the local governmental process. Here's what we do...

- ◆ We attend meetings of the Daphne City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning & Adjustments, Utility Board, Finance Committee, SEEDS and Village Point Foundation.
- ◆ We alert our membership to Daphne government meetings that involve important focus issues such as requests for zoning variances, traffic & safety, public land, etc. You will receive advanced notice of meetings that warrant your time and participation.
- ◆ OTDA conducts its own telephone polls and circulates citizen petitions on pressing issues to be acted on by our city council.

**OTDA LEADS IN ISSUE RESOLUTION:** OTDA believes in issue resolution through fact gathering, thoughtful analysis, proactive planning, member involvement and public communications. OTDA supports mediation as a successful method of issue resolution, however, OTDA will support legal action to address an issue as a final option.

**OTDA SUPPORTS DAPHNE:** We support Daphne in other ways beyond public safety, intelligent land usage and managed growth.

- ◆ OTDA sponsors special forums inviting our county, state and federal representatives to address issues impacting our members.
- ◆ OTDA cooperates with other community organizations in supporting special cultural and community events.

**OTDA IS VITAL, CURRENT AND GROWING...JUST LIKE OUR HOMETOWN, DAPHNE:**

- ◆ OTDA publishes member newsletters and also utilizes Email to distribute them to our members in a timely and cost efficient manner.

**If you haven't taken the time to renew your membership, please do it now! Bring your check to the May 24th meeting or mail it to the Treasurer. OTDWA does not share its membership list.**

## I CARE ABOUT DAPHNE'S FUTURE! SIGN ME UP AS A MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\$100.00 Business \_\_\_\$25.00 Family

Mail to: Glenn Robinson, OTDWA, P.O. Box 506, Daphne, AL 36526

- I want to help out! Give me a call.
- I have enclosed a note about something I think is important to Daphne.
- I have enclosed the name and address of someone to contact for membership.

## Membership: 2005

If you haven't paid your membership dues this year, please consider doing so today! A form is provided on page 4. ALSO, an e-mail contact will help us keep you informed about important issues or rally the troops when needed.

**ACTIVE (dues paid)**

**INACTIVE (dues not paid)**

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### *Agenda Protocol, Council Packets and Council Contacts*

Do you want to have something placed on the agenda for a Council Meeting? Contact City Hall before 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council Meeting. To read the complete council packet online go to: [www.daphneal.com](http://www.daphneal.com), click on Legislative News and then click on council packet. Copies of the complete Council packets are available in the library. Want to contact the Mayor or council members? Email and phone numbers are listed below. The postal address is: City of Daphne, P.O. Box 400, Daphne, AL 36526.

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Fred Small  
621-9000  
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#### **District 4**

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#### **District 7**

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### *Last Minute Volunteer Opportunity*

SEEDS needs volunteers to help sell drinks at the Zydeco festival. Shift times are Friday 5:30 - 11:30 and Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12 pm. Volunteers are also needed to help with day-of-race registration/packet pickup and water stations (help needed from 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday). Volunteers are granted free admission to the Festival. Contact Don Terry at 626-0935 for details or to sign up.

### *Tell Us What You Think...*

OTDWA is working to provide better service. Please let us know if you think we could expand our membership by accepting credit cards. Send us your thoughts at [otdwa@aol.com](mailto:otdwa@aol.com).

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## 2005 Calendar of Meetings and Events

**May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** -Gulf Coast Zydeco Music Festival. Daphne Civic Center. Contact SEEDS at 626-5300 for details or visit the festival web-site at [www.gulfcoastzydecomusicfestival.com](http://www.gulfcoastzydecomusicfestival.com). Proceeds to benefit SEEDS.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**—OTDWA General Membership Meeting: Senator Bradley Byrne Hurricane Insurance Task Force. Daphne City Hall, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE)

**TBA**—McMillan Bluff Dedication!

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**—OTDWA General Membership Meeting: Topic TBA

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**—OTDWA General Membership Meeting: Topic TBA

Board Meetings are scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Board meetings are open to the public. Please contact a board member to confirm meeting date and time.

Daphne City Council Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. The meetings are open and public participation is encouraged. A complete set of the council agenda and information packet is available in the Library on the Friday afternoon preceding each Council meeting as well as on the city website at [www.daphneal.com](http://www.daphneal.com). Official council minutes must be viewed in the City Clerk's office. Copies of the 2004 Daphne City budget and the Comprehensive plan from 2000 to 2020 are also available.

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