



# OLDE TOWNE DAPHNE ASSOCIATION

**AUGUST 2008**

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### **Annual Dues:**

Business: \$100.00

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## **2008 CANDIDATE FORUM: AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

We are delighted to be joined again by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce as a sponsor and co-host of the 2008 Candidate Forum at the Civic Center in Daphne on August 5th. The Civic Center doors will open at 6:00 p.m. to allow the candidates and the public to meet and speak together. The program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Greg Petersen, WPML, will be our moderator.

The event is a forum, rather than a debate, allowing newcomers as well as incumbents the opportunity to address a large audience through introductory remarks and responding to moderated questions. Blank cards will be available for written questions that will be limited to the following topics:

- City Function and Finance
- Recreation
- Planning and Development
- Education
- Environment

All mayoral and council candidates have been invited to participate and asked to answer several written questions in advance. Copies of the candidates' questions and response booklet will be available to the public the night of the forum. Additionally, a separate booklet, compiled by the Chamber will also be available. This booklet will include questions and responses of candidates running for municipal office on the Eastern Shore.

Just as a reminder: Many OTDA members are active politically in our community, but OTDA is not. Our organization is non-partisan and non-profit. We do not endorse candidates and we do not sponsor candidates. We will, however, provide a platform for candidates to speak and the opportunity for the community to listen. Daphne residents deserve the opportunity to make the most informed decisions possible when choosing their elected officials. Please join us at the 2008 Candidate Forum and be part of our community conversation!

## **HISTORY OF THE CANDIDATE FORUM**

In 2000 OTDA hosted a Mayoral Forum at the Civic Center as a public service for Daphne voters. In 2004 we invited the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce (ESC) to join us as co-hosts and expanded the scope of the Forum to also include council candidates. With the 2008 Candidate Forum, we continue our tradition of working with the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce (ESC) and providing a forum for all mayoral and council candidates. Both the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce and the Olde Towne Daphne Association work to serve our community and the Candidate Forums are now much anticipated events in the election season in Daphne!

## **CAN'T ATTEND THE 2008 CANDIDATE FORUM?**

OTDA will post a copy of the candidates' questions and answer packet on our web site after the conclusion of the forum. The Chamber will make extra copies available at key sites throughout the city.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Campaign season is here and I encourage you to take time to learn about the candidates. Go to a candidate coffee in your neighborhood and listen. Mark your calendar for the 2008 Candidate Forum and attend. Be part of the conversation that determines our community leaders for the next 4 years.

Vote!

Kären

## WHERE TO VOTE!

A map of the City by voting districts is available in City Hall

District 1: Boys and Girls Club at 1317 Johnson Rd.

District 2: Nicholson Center, corner of College Ave. and Captain O'Neal Dr

District 3: Fire Station #2 at 1410 Main Street

District 4 and 5: Civic Center on Hwy 98 and Whispering Pines Rd.

District 6 and 7: Daphne High School Trojan Hall

## WON'T BE IN TOWN ON ELECTION DAY?

Vote by Absentee Ballot! You may vote by absentee ballot, in person, in the City Clerk's Office until August 21st. Remember to bring your ID. You may also vote absentee by mail. Emergency absentee ballots will be available, *with restrictions*, from August 21<sup>st</sup> to noon on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by August 26<sup>th</sup> and hand delivered ballots must be delivered by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact David Cohen, City Clerk, at 621-9000 for details.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS UPDATE

In 2002, Louie Nady, OTDA Board member for finance, developed an analysis of the City's financial condition, projected its future needs and provided the information to the City of Daphne Finance Committee. He has updated his analysis over the years and in May 2008 provided his most current update to the Finance Committee. The most recent analysis indicates that budget pressures remain and deficits could occur next year. See enclosed supplement of this report. It is also available on the web.

## NATURE WATCH

**Mobile Manatees:** Manatee sightings are increasing in Mobile Bay, the rivers and the delta. In 2007, a program was started to record sightings. The program focuses on defining where manatees live and what they eat while visiting. You can assist the Mobile Manatee Sighting Program by reporting your manatee sightings in Mobile Bay and adjacent waters. The program shares data with other researchers, managers and the public. Call (866) 493-5803 or visit their web-site <http://manatee.disl.org>.

**The Alabama Coastal Clean Up:** This annual event will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00a.m. to noon. Volunteer to clean up our waterfront from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For information call 928-9792.

**Alabama Coastal BirdFest:** Participate in this nationally know birding and conservation event and learn about our local flyways, birds and their habitat. Birdfest will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at sites all around Mobile Bay and Delta. A portion of the proceeds will be used to match grant funds for the purchase of land to be set aside forever for wildlife. Details on [www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com](http://www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com)

## OLDE TOWNE UPDATES

**Wi-Fi in Olde Towne?** The new Elizabeth S. Yelding park is open! This beautiful little park is located behind the Daphne Utilities. Once the site of a power substation, it now represents the best of our community efforts to make Olde Towne a great spot to visit. Bring your computer, sit by the fountain and enjoy a beautiful setting while keeping connected to the world.

**Downtown Streetscape:** The Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) has brought forth several plans for Olde Towne. The proposed plans include decorative lighting, underground utilities, crosswalks, changing the width of sidewalks, trees and plantings to make Olde Towne more inviting. The DRA and Village Point Foundation have discussed joint projects including an amphitheater near Bayfront Park, additional decorative lighting on Main Street and purchasing future waterfront property for the City. Funding sources and debt service would be paid by the lodging tax. The Council will be continue its discussion regarding fund allocation. The streetscape plans are available on the OTDA web-site. Share with the Council your support of this exciting project.

## THE MISSION OF OTDA

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.

### MEMBERSHIP 2008

If you haven't paid your membership dues this year, or simply want to support OTDA with a donation, please consider doing so today! A form is provided below. **ALSO**, an e-mail contact will help us keep you informed about important issues or rally the troops when needed. We have noted your membership/e-mail status below!

ACTIVE (dues paid)

E-mail (need address)

INACTIVE (dues not paid)

**If you haven't taken the time to renew your membership, please do it now! Mail your check to the Treasurer. OTDA 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 \_\_\_\$10.00 Student \_\_\_\$50.00 Non-Profit \_\_\_\$250.00 Sponsor

Mail to: OTDA, P.O. Box 1022 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.

## 2008 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) *2008 Mayor and Council Candidate Forum*. Hosted by The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce and OTDA at the Daphne Civic Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Contact Greg Loughlin at the Eastern Shore Chamber at 928-6387 for details or [ContactUs@OldeTowneDaphne.org](mailto:ContactUs@OldeTowneDaphne.org) or visit [www.OldeTowneDaphne.org](http://www.OldeTowneDaphne.org).

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) *8th Annual Taste of the Eastern Shore*. Proceeds benefit Daphne High School at the Daphne Civic Center. For tickets, contact 621-3703.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) *Alabama Coastal CleanUp*. For information call 928-9792.

**The Last Saturday of every Month:** Pet Adoptions at the Daphne Animal Shelter from 8:00 to noon.

### Election Calendar

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) *2008 Mayor and Council Candidate Forum*.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) *Last Day to Register to Vote*. Applications available on-line at <http://www.co.baldwin.al.us/uploads/VoterRegistrationForm.pdf>.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** (Thursday) *Last Day to Apply for Absentee Regular Ballot*. Contact City Clerk at 621-9000.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) *Last Day to Apply to Emergency Absentee Ballot*. Restrictions apply. Contact City Clerk, David Cohen at 621.9000.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) *ELECTION DAY*. Be an Effective Citizen. VOTE!

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) Election Runoff if necessary.

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 council packets and agenda are posted on the city website at [www.daphneal.com](http://www.daphneal.com), under the city council section. Worksessions are scheduled on the Thursday before the second Council meeting each month.

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