



OLDE TOWNE DAPHNE ASSOCIATION

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NOVEMBER 10TH OTDA GENERAL MEETING: OLDE TOWNE MAP AND STORMWATER PRESENTATION

OTDA has been working on developing a map for Olde Towne. We have highlighted the Olde Towne District from school to school. It includes our businesses and services, parks, historic sites, and a little history about some the Olde Towne buildings. We have also included a history walk and a beach walk on the Bay Trail.

The focus of the meeting will be to show the map, which is almost completed, to members and residents and gather input. Our goal is to have the map ready before the holidays, so that our Olde Towne community can show case what it has to offer.

Al Guarisco, local historian and Daphne Museum member, will have 2 books to sale: Daphne, by Florence and Richard Scott (\$25) and the 2002 walking tour guide, A Tour of Historic Olde Towne Daphne (\$3). The walking tour guide was a Eagle Scout project by David Mancini Gardener. Both books provide wonderful insights into the history of our community and proceeds support the Daphne Museum.

Cathy Barnette, will also make a presentation about Storm Water and be available to answer your questions about Olde Towne, the Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) and city issues.

Join us on November 10th, for our last General Meeting of the year. Give us your thoughts on our project and learn about storm water. Then, shop our local merchants November 21st on 'Mistletoe on Main Street' day and pick up your copy of our new map!

OLDE TOWNE DEVELOPMENTS:

The Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) currently does not have members, but it was recently budgeted to receive a portion of the lodging tax funds. It is hoped that members will be found to serve and help keep Olde Towne improving with intelligently planned changes that will enhance and not alter the charm of Olde Towne.

OTDA in 2010. We are looking forward to another year in 2010. We need you! In January, we will nominate new officers. Please consider participating. Bring your talents and ideas to the table and help us work to keep Olde Towne and Daphne a special place. Contact a board member to talk about your interests in helping **or** come to our December 8th Board meeting in the Library and join the conversation.

New Option: Electronic Newsletters. Would you prefer to receive your OTDA newsletter by e-mail? Let us know and we will change your subscription service.

Also, check our website after the holidays for the next gardening date to tune up the McMillan bluff garden. If you would like to help work or organize the gardeners, contact Kären Nady 621-0286.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the spring, we joined with Olde Towne merchants and business owners for a community social. One of the reoccurring comments that evening was the need to find a way to highlight all the special features that Olde Towne has to offer. OTDA decided that a map might just do the job. It is low tech, low cost and high on community spirit. Those of us who live and work in Olde Towne know why we put down our roots here and we need to share our community spirit with others.

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NEW COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

On November 2nd, Gus Palumbo (District 7) took over as Daphne Council President and Cathy Barnette (District 2) is serving as Council Pro Tem. Congratulations to them both! And, thank you John Lake for the leadership you provided during your term in the last year!

SEEDS MAMMA MIA!

On November 14th, City Hall will provide the background, and Main Street will be closed for a tented food fete, as our community celebrates its Italian heritage with the 5th annual cooking challenge event. Competition will be fierce! The food will be delicious! Tickets can be purchased from Olde Towne businesses. For more information, call 656-7333 or e-mail info@seedsindaphne.org.

WIRELESS

The City has provided wireless services to parks and green space within 1,000 feet of City Hall. The wireless zone includes the Daphne fountain area, Centennial Park and some outdoor restaurants. The Utility Department is hosting free wireless in Elizabeth Yelding Park. Take time to have lunch downtown, bring your laptop and stay connected to the world!

City Services: Featuring our Library

Planning for the Future: Construction is underway for the new 16 seat computer lab and drive up book return. Behind the scenes, our librarians will have additional space for cataloging, processing and repairing materials. There will also be space for homework help, proctoring exams and reference interviews. It should be open in January 2010!

Helping Preserve the Past: The Daphne Oral history Project: The Daphne Public Library continues to collect the oral histories of longtime Daphne and Eastern Shore residents. Audio copies of the recorded interviews, digital photographs and scanned copies of original materials are being cataloged into the Daphne Special Collection.

Contact Tonja Young, Director of the Daphne Library, to arrange an appointment to record your memories of our area. Our community history is too precious to lose, so be a part of this special project for residents and scholars to use now and in the future.

<p>Friends Book Shop: <i>Support library projects and enjoy a bargain book!</i> Hours: Mon: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Tues. 10:00 a.m.-5:00p.m., Wed 10:00 a.m.-6:00p.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</p>
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Learn something new! Free! Daphne Fire Department Station #2 continues to offer free CPR training and First Aid courses . The last classes this year will be: First Aid class on December 1st (Tuesday) and CPR December 19th, (Saturday). The department can make arrangements to teach CPR to a business or group. Call 621-2802 for details about class times and other safety courses.

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 2009

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)

USE THE WEB-SITE!

OTDA serves our community by posting valuable information on our web-site: www.OldeTowneDaphne.org. Our newsletter is quarterly, but our web-site changes constantly and we include information that just won't fit on the printed page. The web will be our way of keeping you informed between meetings. **We have added useful links to make our web-site a local resource.** Don't forget to email us at ContactUS@OldeTowneDaphne.org with your local news. To receive urgent community e-mail alerts, please send us your email address. Visit the site often and stay informed!

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.

2009 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 10th (Tuesday) *General Meeting: Map Project and Stormwater Management* presented by Cathy Barnette. Meet at the Library, 6:30- 7:45 p.m.

November 11th (Wednesday) *Veteran's Day Ceremony* at City Hall. Congressman Jo Bonner will be speaking, music and an opportunity to remember our veterans. 10:00 a.m.

November 14th (Saturday) *Mamma Mia Cook-Off*. SEEDS 5th annual event on the lawn of City Hall from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Main Street, Olde Towne. Tickets available at Olde Towne businesses and online at www.seedsindaphne.org.

November 19th (Thursday) *Coffee with the Mayor*. Speaker will be Drexel Gilbert, City Hall, 8:30 a.m.

November 21th (Saturday) *Mistletoe on Main Street*. Stroll down Main Street and start your holiday shopping with our Olde Towne Merchants. Santa will be at the Frame Corner for photos. (Contact 626-3999 for appointment and photo pricing.)

December 4th (Friday) *Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting*. Main Street, Olde Towne, 6:00 p.m.

December 8th (Tuesday) *OTDA Board Meeting*. A series of brief reports from Board members about up to the minute city issues. Your chance to be in the know or learn more than is in the press reports. Meet at the Library at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTDA Board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Meetings are open to members and the public. The next Board meeting will be held on December 8th in the Daphne Library.

Daphne City Council Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Work sessions are scheduled for the Monday between the Council meetings. A copy of the Council packets and agenda are posted on the city website at www.daphneal.com, under the city council section. The Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance is posted on the city website at www.daphneal.com. Copies of the 2008 City of Daphne Budget are available in the Daphne Library.

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