

Old Dauphin Way Newsletter

July 2025

Antique Appraisal Event POSTPONED!

We apologize for having to postpone our antique appraisal fund-raiser originally scheduled for June. Our volunteer appraisers had scheduling conflicts. We hope to re-schedule this event for the fall or winter months. Stay tuned!

Fall Neighborhood Yard Sale Considered

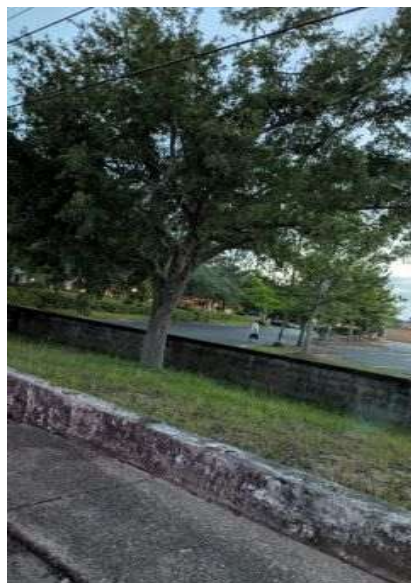
The Old Dauphin Way Association board is considering sponsoring a neighborhood yard sale in the Fall. Members of ODWA who wish to participate will have their addresses published on a map given out at each individual location. Participating houses will also be provided a yard sale sign. ODWA will provide publicity for the event. If you have any interest in participating, or if you have questions, please contact us at susanthomas1744@comcast.net. We can only put on this event if enough people agree to participate!

Save The Date

Our next Old Dauphin Way general meeting on Thursday, July 17, will feature an informal "meet and greet" for candidates running for the District 2 City Council seat. Incumbent William Carroll and challengers Samantha Ingram and Reggie Hill will introduce themselves and present their platforms. Audience members will have an opportunity to address questions to each candidate. Afterwards everyone will be encouraged to have refreshments and informally talk with the candidates. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the fellowship hall of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. Please join us!

Mayoral Forum a Success

The mayoral candidate forum held in May was a huge success with a standing-room-only crowd attending. The six candidates answered questions submitted by the leaders of the different historic districts. Old Dauphin Way assisted in putting on this event along with the other historic districts of Mobile. Special thanks to our president, Michelle Talbott Rogers, for coordinating ODWA's participation.



These walls separating The Shoppes of Midtown and Etheridge Street are often covered with graffiti and the greenspace between them strewn with litter. ODWA is looking into options for beautifying this area.

Consider the Cost of Litter

In a recent article published in the *Alabama Political Reporter*, the Alabama Department of Transportation stated that in 2024 ALDOT spent more than \$9.4 million statewide to clean up litter from Alabama's roadways—an increase of \$500,000 from the prior year. The article stressed, "Littering is not just illegal—it wastes taxpayer dollars that could be better spent on safety and infrastructure." The article concluded that keeping roads cleaned is a shared responsibility and that all Alabamians can help by "organizing litter cleanup activities in their local communities. Whether it is picking up litter in a park or simply disposing of litter, everyone can play a part."

ODWA has a strong commitment to helping clean up our neighborhood streets and adjoining thoroughfares. The board is currently looking into several long-term litter projects. These could include possibly joining the local Love Your Community movement, sponsoring individual street clean-ups, working with Keep Mobile Beautiful projects, applying for grants for beautification projects, and other activities. All of us can do our part by at least picking up trash in our surrounding areas. If you have any suggestions for long-term litter control, please contact susanthomas1744@comcast.net.

Hannon Avenue boasts an unusually tall Century Plant (*agave americana*) which has recently flowered. A Century Plant will typically take over 20-30 years to produce blooms and will do so only once in its lifetime.



A Message from Our President

Greetings, ODWA Neighbors!

Summertime is here and I hope you are enjoying yours!

Hopefully you were able to attend the 2025 Historic Districts' Mayoral Forum in May. It was wonderfully successful. If you were not able to attend, here is the website for you to access candidate information and a video of the event - <https://www.govstmoblie.org/mayoralforum>. Its intention is that it might help you in your decision-making.

This year is also election time for our Mobile City Council District 2. Please join us on July 17 to hear from our three District 2 candidates at our general meeting. You'll find details in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to other exciting ODWA projects and events. Although the antiques appraisal event was forced to cancel, we do look forward to its reschedule.

I invite you to watch our calendar and notices, and encourage you to join us for some of our activities. Creating relationships and creating a presence in our community are important to gain momentum in our association. And we need to do that! I hope to see you at our general meeting on July 17.

Happy Summer!

Michelle Talbott Rogers, ODWA President

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