



# The Old Dauphin Way Association News Update for May 2017

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## Old Dauphin Way Association

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### Old Dauphin Way Mission Statement

To preserve the integrity of our beloved historic district as a fellowship of residents and businesses working in harmony and collaboration to ensure that Old Dauphin Way grows and develops for the betterment of all who live here.

### Our Pledge

As a neighborhood association comprised of 3,000+ structures, we pledge to:

- Organize our large district to better learn from and serve the needs of its residents, by serving as a central resource for our district's diverse and individual enclaves.
- Provide family friendly events that promote fellowship and entertainment.
- Disseminate information regarding business, government, social, and legal activities that may affect our neighborhood.
- Serve as voice with our community leaders and organizations.
- Recognize excellence in landscaping and beautification.
- Promote public safety and crime prevention.

## Important Old Dauphin Way Reminders: Please Put These on Your Calendar

May 7, 2017	<b>Spring Picnic</b> – Little Sisters of the Poor Grounds – 1PM to 4PM – Bring the whole family
June, 2017	Outdoor Family Movie Night – Details To Be Announced
July, 2017	No General Meeting
August 10, 2017	General Meeting at Dauphin Way Baptist Church – Details To Be Announced

## ODWA SPRING PICNIC – MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Bring the whole family out for music, games, good eats, and lots of socializing on the beautiful grounds of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the corner of Hannon Ave. and McGill Ave. from 1 PM to 4PM.



We will be providing grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert, chairs and blankets, and relax under the oaks with your neighbors. The String Slingers will be playing. We will have corn hole, croquette, and other lawn games to play. This is an event for ODWA members, but all ODWA residents are encouraged to attend this neighborhood social.

Rain date will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Susan Thomas if you have any questions or email [info@odwa.org](mailto:info@odwa.org).

# BUILD MOBILE Rolls Out the “Neighbor Leader” Program

Last week, Rudy Auerbach and Diana Canady were privileged to attend the Neighborhood Leaders meeting, hosted by “Planning NEXT” for the Mobile Neighborhood Toolkit Initiative.



Representatives from all over the city discussed what they saw as critical needs and challenges that face Mobilians.

The participants initially complete a survey that was used to help the program leaders to better understand the needs of our fair city’s neighborhoods. This survey, coupled with more information shared by participants, is being used to compile a “Neighborhood Toolkit”.

The purpose of this toolkit is to help the leaders and active neighborhood representatives by providing a comprehensive resource on:

- How to organize and plan processes for improvement and development projects.
- How to source funds and grants.
- How to engage community residents.
- How to implement project plans.

This program will work like other models that are successfully being implemented in many cities throughout the US, including Seattle, Denver, and New York. It will assist us in accessing funds that are available as a result of the BP Oil Spill settlement.

In addition to addressing critical needs, such as safety, infrastructure, blight, and preservation, the program seeks to help residents develop the city through identifying and implementing capital improvements that benefit neighborhoods and attract new people, such as green spaces, community centers, walking and biking trails, and other amenities.

In July, we will attend a follow up meeting to review a draft of the toolkit before it is published.

ODWA has a unique opportunity to effect change by using the toolkit to organize, fund, and implement improvement projects that meet our specific needs.

It is a perfect time to ramp up the “ODWA Neighborhood Rep” program so that we can have strong and concerted representation from our residents in moving forward with this program.

Neighborhood Reps will be responsible for developing a contact list of all homes in their area to gather and disseminate information in regards to our organization’s activities, community needs, improvement project development, etc.

A detailed explanation of each rep’s duties and a map of the 20+ rep areas will be sent out this month to everyone that will show the geographic areas that will be represented. Since there are many groups that have already organized, leaders of these groups will be contacted to request their representation.

Please contact Diana Canady at [president@odwa.org](mailto:president@odwa.org) if you would like to become a representative of your street or enclave.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS/LINKS**

The Mobile Historic Development Commission (MHDC) will hold its monthly Architectural Review Board Meeting.

Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of every month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3. The meeting will be held in the Multi Purpose Room located in the North East side of the Government Plaza Building (205 Government Street). Meetings commence at 3:00 p.m.

If anyone should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office of the Mobile Historic Development Commission (251.208.7281).

If you have a neighborhood event to share, please send information to [newsletter@ODWA](mailto:newsletter@ODWA). We will try to post it here or on our website.

# MEMBERSHIP IN ODWA

Please click here to [subscribe](#) to our newsletter at the bottom of the Home page in order to continue receiving our monthly online letter detailing current happenings!

Visit the [“Membership Page”](#) at [www.ODWA.org](http://www.ODWA.org) to sign up or renew your membership. Our form and payment method have been automated, so you can sign up quickly.

Members enjoy the benefits of:

- Numerous monthly social activities that promote interaction with neighbors.
- Supporting our shared interest in community development from an historic preservation perspective.
- Strength in numbers as a group when addressing issues with community leaders.
- News about what’s going on in our community through our monthly newsletter.