

# OLD DAUPHIN WAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Mayoral Candidate Forum Planned

ODWA will be joining with other historic districts to host a mayoral candidates' forum in late spring/early summer. Plans are currently being finalized in conjunction with the Government Street Collaborative. Stay tuned for more details as they emerge!

## ODWA Dues are currently due

Dues for ODWA are collected annually in the month of January. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues of \$25 per household. Please mail checks to: ODWA, P.O. Box 41045, Mobile, 36640. You may also access Pay Pal through our website, [www.odwa.org](http://www.odwa.org).

## ODWA has Merch!

ODWA continues to sell ODWA flags, t-shirts and huggies to help our fundraising efforts! Full size flags can be purchased for \$40 each; garden flags are \$15; t-shirts are \$15; and huggies are \$1. To purchase items contact us at [susanthomas1744@comcast.net](mailto:susanthomas1744@comcast.net)

## ODWA Annual Business Meeting held Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

The annual meeting of the Old Dauphin Way Association was held January 16, at the fellowship hall of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. A slate of board members for 2025 was approved by the membership. The new board members elected were Raymond Maguire and Julie Martin. Returning board members were Dian Beitel, Anna Bush, Bettie Champion, Theresa Davidson, Karen Green, Chance Hall, Julie Hoagland, Charles McLeod, Bryant Olson, Forrest Raley, Michelle Talbott Rogers, Susan Thomas, and Tim Wicker. Highlights of ODWA activities

for 2024 were discussed. A litter pick-up day in May brought out many participants despite bad weather. Our fall and spring plant swaps were well attended. Board members consistently attended city meetings at Government Plaza to stay informed of zoning issues affecting our neighborhoods. We attended Architectural Review Board meetings to ensure historic guidelines are followed in our district.

Plans for 2025 include updating our social media presence, compiling a monthly newsletter for members, expanding our litter pick-up campaigns, hosting an "Antiques Roadshow"-type appraisal event, and working with the city to get more Old Dauphin Way Association signs installed throughout the district.

## ODWA Extends Sympathy to the family of Hank Caddell

Hank Caddell, a former board member of ODWA, died November 11, 2024, following an illness. Hank at various times served as President and Treasurer of ODWA. His wife Barbara was also a board member for many years. ODWA recognizes Hank's many years of service to the organization and extends sympathy to his family

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## Restore Mobile Actively Saving Historic Properties in our District

Kelley Ponder, director of Restore Mobile, outlined her agency's efforts to save threatened properties in Old Dauphin Way and other historic districts. Speaking at ODWA's annual meeting on January 16, she explained how Restore Mobile tries to identify, acquire, stabilize, and restore properties that are in danger of demolition.

She expressed a need for volunteers to help their efforts in the areas of research, fundraising, and public awareness. Anyone interested in getting involved with Restore Mobile, please contact Kelly at 251-289-0124 or [restoremobile@gmail.com](mailto:restoremobile@gmail.com).

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## Annual Holiday Party Held at the Driskell

ODWA's annual holiday party was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at The Driskell on Government Street. Councilman William Carroll attended the party along with his family and wrote the following about the event in his newsletter:

*Last night, I had the pleasure of attending the **Old Dauphin Way Association's annual Holiday Party** with my family, and I want to take a moment to recognize what a truly delightful event it was.*

*Held at the charming Driskell House on Government Street, the gathering brought together neighbors and friends to celebrate the holiday season in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. From the shared appetizers and desserts to the acoustic Christmas music performed by talented neighborhood musicians, every detail of the evening reflected the spirit of community and togetherness.*

*What truly stood out to me was the sense of camaraderie and joy that filled the space. Whether you were catching up with old friends or meeting new neighbors, it was clear that this event brought people together in the best possible way.*

*A special thank you to the **Old Dauphin Way Association** for organizing such a wonderful celebration and to everyone who contributed food, music, and cheer. Your efforts remind us of the importance of fostering strong neighborhood connections, especially during the holiday season.*

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## We Want Your Input and Ideas!

ODWA wants to hear from you! Please give us input on projects or activities you would like us to pursue. We are in the process of re-starting our newsletter, so we welcome suggestions on what to include, format, etc. If your neighborhood has an event that would interest other district members, please let us know and we can publish it (e.g., yard sale, litter pick-up, etc.) We also want to acknowledge the accomplishments of our members. Please send any news, comments, etc. to [susanthomas1744@comcast.net](mailto:susanthomas1744@comcast.net)



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