

Old Dauphin Way Newsletter

September 2025

ODWA's Meet and Greet a Success

Candidates for the District 2 City Council seat presented their platforms and answered questions from the audience at ODWA's Meet and Greet event on July 17. Incumbent William Carroll, along with challengers Reggie Hill and Samantha Ingram, discussed their visions for Mobile and mingled with participants afterwards. Approximately ninety people attended this event.

Location Needed for ODWA Holiday Party

The ODWA annual Holiday Party, currently scheduled for Thursday evening, December 4, is in need of a location! Last year we enjoyed the festivities at The Driskell, and the year before we met at the Kate Shepard House. If anyone would like to open their home or business for this event, please contact us at susanthomas1744@comcast.net

Panel Discussion on Homeless Issues set for Sept. 18

Old Dauphin Way Association's fall general membership meeting will feature a panel discussion on homeless issues. Participants on the panel will include Capt. Richard Watts of the Salvation Army, Mr. Kendell Young, Homeless Outreach Coordinator for the City of Mobile, and a representative of Driftwood Housing, a non-profit dedicated to building micro-homes for the chronically homeless. Audience members will have an opportunity to address questions or concerns to specific participants. This promises to be an informative presentation. Plan now to join us on Thursday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

Special Thanks to Bill Boswell!

Bill Boswell, the main facilitator of the Government Street Collaborative, has announced he is retiring from the position. Bill, a resident of the Leinkauf community, helped establish the GSC several years ago along with Brenda Bolton and several other individuals dedicated to preserving the historic integrity of Government Street and surrounding neighborhoods. Bill has been very supportive of Old Dauphin Way and has always willingly shared his advice and guidance on legal, zoning, beautification, and other issues confronting our neighborhood. We have benefited from his expertise in these areas. We wish Bill good luck in his "retirement," although we hope he will continue to be involved in historic preservation.

Community Event – Son of a Sailor (S.O.S.) Fest – A sailor's salute to Jimmy Buffett and Gulf Coast culture in his waterfront hometown of Mobile, benefiting the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation's marine research and educational initiatives. For more info - <https://www.sos-fest.com>

Litter Clean-Up Efforts Underway

Special thanks to Karrie Arnold who recently organized a litter clean-up event in the Brown Street and Bradford Avenue area. Karrie's group has joined the Love Your Community project, which assists with local clean-up events and beautification projects throughout the county. The Old Dauphin Way Association board is currently looking into partnering with Love My Community to carry out several clean-up projects.

News from around the Neighborhood

The proposed ODWA neighborhood yard sale has been postponed until Spring due to too few persons interested in participating. We will offer this event again in Spring 2026.

Special thanks to all ODWA residents who assisted at the polls on election day. Please remember to vote in the run-off on September 23.

We are sad to report that the unusually tall century plant (*agave americana*) which blossomed in June on Hannon Avenue is now dying. Century Plants typically bloom once in their lifetimes and will then afterwards die. Special thanks to Deborah Graham who has nursed this plant and protected it from traffic for over 33 years.



A Message from Our President

Greetings, ODWA Neighbors!

We are in the last weeks of summer. School is back in session. City elections are behind us. Congratulations to all! We do have a run-off mayoral election so REMEMBER TO VOTE Sept. 26.

As he steps down from his leadership role with Government Street Collaborative, we offer a huge SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU to Bill Boswell for all the hours and work he has done throughout his tenure as leader and, most recently, throughout this election cycle on behalf of our ODWA community and for all of the historic districts. Thank you, Bill!

Old Dauphin Way hopes you will engage in some of the neighborhood enhancement projects we will begin in the next few weeks. We will have details soon and look forward to meeting and connecting with YOU at these events.

Join us at our September general meeting for a discussion on homelessness in our area and watch our calendar and notices for updates in our neighborhood.

Creating relationships and creating a presence in our community are important to gain momentum in our association. And we need YOU to do that! Join us as we work to improve our neighborhood.

Enjoy your fall!

Michelle Talbott Rogers, ODWA President

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Fall Gardening Seminar

Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:00 - 1:00

Christ United Church

6101 Grelot Road Mobile, AL 36609



Jacob Kelley
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Gardening Topics

**Planning your Fall Garden
What, Where and When**

**Winter Sowing. Grow
Transplants from Seed the
easy way.**

**Backyard Fruit Problems?
We Can Help.**



Jack LeCroy
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Public Welcome - No Admission Fee

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