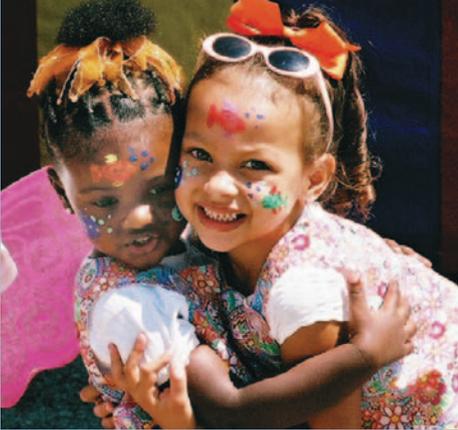


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"The mission of the Gulf Coast Zydeco Music and Crawfish Festival is to celebrate community, a segment of American Culture, promote tourism, and build pride in Daphne through festive activities which enhance the quality of life in our community."

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Letter from the Mayor



Happy New Year! 2008 should prove to be an exciting year in Daphne and Baldwin County. The Bicentennial Committee is steady at work preparing for the celebration of the 200th year of Baldwin County. Please read about the plans for the park that will be

located in Stockton. In August you will have the opportunity to vote for Mayor and City Council persons to serve you.

Speaking of serving, that is what we do in Daphne – People Serving People! I wanted to provide you some information about our departments and employees you may or may not know and also let you know what Daphne has to offer you – what's in it for you! Whether it is providing a safe environment, administering the growth in our area, picking up the garbage and trash or having the latest curriculum available at our library we are here to help Daphne be all it can be – for you – the citizen, business owner, developer or tourist.

Mark your calendar for the story times at the Library, registration for baseball, free dance lessons at the Civic Center, Easter Egg Hunt, Music Under the Stars, and Daphne's Gulf Coast Zydeco Music and Crawfish Festival, Flounder Parade, and Community Day!

I personally invite you to join me on the last Thursday of every other month (January, March, and May) for Coffee with the Mayor at 8:30 in the morning. Drop by on the way to work, workout, or taking the children to school - come casual. We always have a guest speaker to keep us informed of local, regional or national topics of interest. I also welcome the opportunity for the citizens to visit with me personally at this time on City topics of interest.

Best Regards,

Mayor, City of Daphne

Individual Efforts Combined Create Extraordinary Results.

We wanted to share some of these efforts and accomplishments with you. You will read about them in this issue but below are a few highlights of how 250+ employees of the City of Daphne work for you!

Daphne—What's in it for you?

Did you know –

the Recreation Department had over 1600 children participate in soccer, football, cheerleading, baseball, and softball this year? They served seniors in the area 11,000 meals. Over 1500 children participated in the Art in the Park and Wet n' Wild Wednesday programs last summer which are free events—including the hot dogs! And there were 27,000 people to visit and exercise in the fitness area.

Did you know –

the Community Development department handled over 93 submittals for new development, annexed in over 250 acres and collected over \$198,000 in fees?

Did you know –

the Civic Center along with the Bayfront facility hosted 470 events in 2007 and that the Civic Center produces the Gulf Coast Zydeco Music & Crawfish Festival which drew thousands of people to the area in May 2007?

Did you know –

the Library's circulation has increased 18% over the last year and patronage has increased 15%? We continue to serve surrounding communities with interlibrary loans increasing from 13 loaned out and 7 borrowed in 2006 to 1480 loaned out and 1280 borrowed in 2007.

Did you know –

the Public Works department constructed over 5 miles of sidewalks and visited your home 156 times last year for garbage and trash pick up?

Did you know –

the Parks Department continues to work very hard each day beginning early when most are having coffee—to keep the grass mowed at all the parks and ball fields for everyone to enjoy?

Did you know –

the Fire Department responded to 1,900 calls, 1400 of which were rescue and medical emergency calls? We offer Advanced Life Support Services to our citizens bringing a response time to your call to under five minutes—we had 599 responses this past year.

Did you know –

the Building Department handled 130+ new residential permits along with 30+ new commercial permits this past year with a value of \$90,200,000, and fees at \$690,000? They are also responsible for environmental protection of our natural resources, through Site Containment, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation. This past year they achieved compliance with the adopted codes such as 2006 International Building, Residential, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes; 2005 National Electrical Code and the City of Daphne Land Use Ordinance.

Did you know –

the City of Daphne has over 5400 active businesses registered with approximately 1500 businesses located within the corporate limits? The Revenue Department processed over 4000 business license applications and renewals last fiscal year.

Did you know –

the Police Department responded to 15,692 complaints and 2,234 motorist assists in the 2006-2007 fiscal year?

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10,000 Eggs!!! Daphne Jubilee
Easter Egg Hunt
March 15, 2008
Lott Park + 2000 Main Street + Daphne

Hunt for eggs, find a prize egg, enjoy stage entertainment, and vendors with food! Especially for children: balloon animals, clowns, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, space walks, train rides, games, art projects and PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

The Easter Egg Hunt will be from 12:30 PM.

Hunt Schedule

TIME	AGE GROUP
12:30 PM	Children in strollers
1:00 PM	Boys & Girls age 1 & 2
1:30 PM	Boys & Girls age 3 & 4
2:00 PM	Girls age 5 through 7
2:30 PM	Girls age 8 through 10
3:00 PM	Boys age 8 through 10

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Daphne, Daphne, Inc. and the City of Daphne. The Baldwin County Commission, area businesses and individuals.

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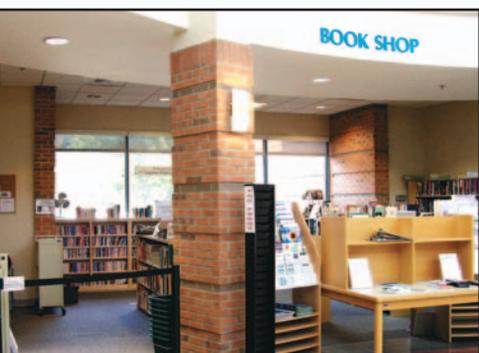
Daphne Public Library

Did You Know.....

Library Director: Tonja Young

General Library Information

Address/Phone/Email:	Hours:	
2607 U.S. Highway 98	Mon. through Thurs.	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
P.O. Box 1225	Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Daphne, AL 36526	Saturday	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Phone:(251) 621-2818	Sunday	Closed
Fax:(251) 621-3086		
Daphlib3@bellsouth.net	Website:	daphneal.com/library



Join The Friends of The Library!

Support your Library by joining the Friends of the Library. Great volunteer opportunities are available for fund raising events, the annual book sale, and the Friends' Book Shop.

Friends Book Shop

The Friend's Book Shop offers **A GREAT DEAL** on books, games, puzzles, tapes, and more! Drop in to collect your favorite author. Books are **REASONABLY PRICED** and proceeds are used by the Friends of the Library to help make purchases, such as Library computers and to help fund the "Spring-Into-Reading" Children's Festival and the Summer Reading Program.

Shop Hours

Mon.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteer workers are needed.
Call 621-2818
for more information.

*"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."*

~ Joseph Addison

The Library Expansion will allow us to better serve YOU! We hope to add automatic front doors, additional meeting spaces, study carrels for students, language study carrels, a computer lab, a larger area for Young Adults, a larger area for Juniors, a quiet research and reference area suitable for college-level students, an auditorium space for programs and meetings, increased seating areas, a larger FODL Book Shop, work space to accommodate a growing staff, additional search stations, AND increased shelving space for materials so that we can reach the Blue Ribbon Standards for Alabama Libraries!

Jubilee Mornings

The first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. presentations by local authors and speakers served up with hot coffee, good friends, and refreshments. Join us to learn more about local literature!



Did you know the Daphne Public Library currently offers:

Daily

Reference Services
Tax Forms
Proctoring Exams
Public Announcements
Free Wireless Internet
Public Access Computers
Reader's Advisory
Bilingual Books & Tapes
Interlibrary Loans
Over 51,000 Circulating Items (books, CDs, DVDs and more)

Weekly

3 Preschool Storytimes
1 After-School Story Hour
2 GED Classes (with Faulkner)
Newly Cataloged Items
School Field Trips
Preschool Field Trips
Meeting Spaces
AVL Cards

Monthly

Jubilee Mornings Author Talks
Teen Advisory Board Meetings
Jubilee Book Club Meetings
Outreach for Seniors
New Displays
New Art Exhibits
Activity Calendars
Updated Website
New Website Links

Annually

Summer Reading Programs for Teens and Children
WinterRead for Adults
Spring into Reading for Kids
Santa Stories Event
Fall into Reading Teen Event
My United States Courses
Candy Corn (Trick or Treat)
4 Alabama Humanities Speakers
Bookmark Contest

Daphne Public Library Teen Advisory Board

Daphne Teen Advisory Board - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3:45 pm. Join us for activities, entertainment, volunteering, and helping to choose books, décor, and more for the teens of the Daphne Public Library!

Library



Young Adult Librarian

Louise Youngblood
621-2818, ext. 211
louisedpl@bellsouth.net

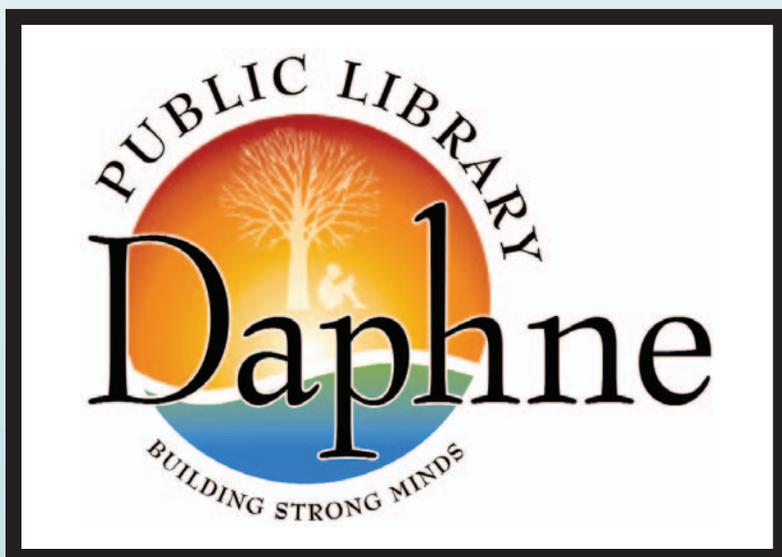


Did you know.....

The Daphne Public Library:

- Circulated over 242,000 items during FY 2007!
- Issues new library cards to approximately 225 patrons every month!
- Catalogs over 500 new items for your use each month!
- Serves over 1,700 computer users every month!
- Provides at least 16 children's programs every month!
- Answers approximately 500-600 reference questions every month!
- Serves approximately 15,000 patrons each month!
- Provides FREE wireless Internet for use with YOUR laptop!
- Offers events for all ages sponsored by The Friends of the Daphne Library!

Photos by L. Youngblood



Jubilee Book Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month!
Come for discussion, friendship, and refreshments!
The group reads and discusses a book or novel every month.

Bay Rivers Art Guild of Daphne

THE TENTH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW

Poster art, "Sarah's Zinnias", by this year's Judge, Nina Fritz

- Eligibility:** Open to all Artists, 18 years and up.
- Entries Received:** January 4, 10am – 6pm, and January 5, 10am to 2pm, at the Guild.
- Fees:** \$15 for the First Entry - \$10 Each Additional.
Three Entries Maximum. Fees are Non-Refundable.
- Awards:** Best of Show, \$1000
The Roberts Sisters' Memorial, \$500
The BRAG Founders' Award, \$500
Five Merit Awards, \$100 Each
- January 12, 2008** Awards Ceremony and Block Party, Open To The Public, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Guild

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- March 2008 Exhibit** PHOTOGRAPHY, - March 1 to March 26. Block Party, March 1.
- April 2008 Exhibit** ARTISTS BY THE BAY – March 29 to April 30, Block Party March 29.
- May 2008 Exhibit** THIRD ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW & Annual Meeting – May 3 to May 28. Annual Meeting, May 3, 5pm. Block Party, May 3.

All Block Parties / Receptions, 5:30pm to 7:30pm are Open to the Public

SECOND SATURDAY SERIES

Don't know how to draw? Don't know anything about watercolor, acrylic, or pastel painting? Don't want to invest in materials until you know more about it? BRAG's Second Saturday Series is designed for you! Each class is a hands-on experience with instructors adept at teaching beginners. Just a \$30 fee and BRAG will furnish ALL the supplies. 9 AM to Noon. Students must call BRAG, 621-0659, to register by Wednesday prior to the class.

Jan 12 th	Valley O'Neal	Can't Draw? Use a Grid to Transfer
Feb. 9 th	Barbara Thomas	Introduction to Drawing
March 8 th	Nancy Winger	Introduction to Colored Pencil
April 12 th	Pat Ernst	Flower Arranging
May 10 th	Barbara Thomas	Introduction to Pastels

1704 Sixth Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526
251-621-0659

Visa/MasterCard/Amex accepted

Daphne Animal Shelter

Mission Statement:

To render efficient and quality service to the citizens of Daphne by providing protection of self and property from the dangers and nuisance caused by stray animals; to protect pets from the cruelty they may face from irresponsible citizens; to educate the public in the responsibilities of pet ownership, animal control, care and welfare.



GOALS

From
Lt. Ric Yelding

My goals as Lieutenant over the Daphne Animal Shelter are very simple: To elevate this division by keeping it in the forefront of the community. This will be

done by promoting daily adoptions, through the enforcement of stricter animal control ordinances. And, bringing awareness of the animal over-population concerns and the need for an aggressive spay & neuter campaign. Compliance of city ordinance will be enforced and accomplished by adding an additional animal control vehicle, and assigning both animal control officers to a daily patrol beat throughout Daphne. Animal adoptions will be promoted through continuous advertisement and the shelter will host at least two big events per year, in the spring and fall, to help save as many animals as possible from euthanasia.

SHELTER

History

The Daphne Animal Shelter was established in 1989. From 1969-1989, Dr. Albert Corte, D.V.M. of Highland Animal Hospital was the Daphne Animal Shelter veterinarian. Dr. Corte cared for Daphne's sick, injured, stray, and lost animals. He also helped to adopt the animals when their owners could not be found. The current shelter was named the Albert Corte, Jr. Animal Shelter in honor of Dr. Corte donating 21 years and uncounted hours of care and medicines to homeless animals in Daphne. From 1989-1994 Animal Control Officers were Randy Colville, Karen Mason and Tracy Bishop. In 1995 Rhonda Jones and Linda Mathews were hired to run the shelter. Both ladies are veteran city Animal Control Officers and have served in that position for the past 12 years. Today, Dr. Corte still visits the shelter on a regular basis as a consultant to Animal Control Officers Rhonda Jones & Linda Mathews.

"Rhonda & Linda participate in continuing education, and have worked to help keep the shelter in the Top 5 in the state. Daphne, after annexing Lake Forest, was the first city of 5,000 residents to get its own shelter and later Fairhope and Bay Minette built their own shelters. The Daphne Animal Shelter was the state of the art shelter when established in 1989 under then Police Chief Joe Hall. Bobby Lavendar made several trips to Birmingham during the researching of the proposed shelter to make it state of the art and helped clear the lot and hauled in the dirt to the old city garbage dump where the shelter now sits."

- Dr. Albert Corte

"Chief Hall, Building Inspector Fred Waldrop and Walter Phillips, at the time a volunteer, shared their "How To" plumbing expertise with me. Dr. Corte and I worked to build the shelter. The shelter has been expanded two-three times over the years due to growth of the city."

- Asst. Chief Bobby Lavendar

The Animal Shelter has come a long way since it's inception into Public Safety. From the first Animal Control Officer to the ladies that are now employed as animal control officers, the police officers have worked along with them, whether it be capturing an animal or helping a citizen locate their pet. The city's population has steadily grown and with this growth brings more animals into our community. This puts more of a workload on the animal control officers, but they are up to the task of providing the citizens of Daphne with the best service possible.

- Chief David Carpenter

Letter

10/08/07

Re: Daphne Animal Shelter



I have been working with the Daphne Animal Shelter for some time, keeping their site current on www.petfinders.com. I visit the shelter weekly to photograph available pets. I want to commend them for the cleanliness and friendliness that I always find. The staff is professional and kind, the trustees are quiet and helpful, the animals are in good shape, and the kennels and cat cages are clean. I like the fact that they allow the pets to stay as long as possible in order to have a better chance at finding a home. The ladies at the Daphne Animal Shelter work hard at their jobs and the shelter is a pleasant place to visit.

Amy Boddie
Fairhope, AL

Citations cost per violation

Animal Control Officers will be out in full force and effect enforcing the city's animal ordinance. Residents not in compliance can expect to pay fees if cited.

To download a copy of the Animal Control Ordinance: Go to www.daphneal.com and click City Clerk, then click Ordinances.

* All fines are subject to change without notice.

Adoptions

Daphne Animal Shelter will host "Yappy Hour" Pet Adoption at the shelter the last Saturday in every month except Nov. & Dec. Maddie's Tail Wag activity coloring books will be provided by the Maddie's Fund along with helpful tips for responsible pet ownership. Date subject to change.

Daphne Search & Rescue Squad

Making a Difference

by Michael Sager
DSAR Public Relations Officer

In today's lust for high speed information exchange, it seems nearly inconceivable that anything or anyone has slipped so far below the "radar" that it has managed to become nearly invisible. Yet for the past 31 years, working quietly day by day, a local Daphne volunteer force has managed to become a statewide icon in their chosen field of service. Doing jobs that not even the U.S. Coast Guard cares to become involved with, our own Daphne Search & Rescue Squad gobbles up every opportunity to come to the rescue of every imaginable distress call in the Mobile Bay and Baldwin County area, and has often been called upon to assist neighboring agencies all over northern Alabama, and the neighboring states of Florida and Mississippi.

Primarily, Daphne Search & Rescue fills the gap that was left when the Coast Guard no longer serviced the entirety of Mobile Bay. Trained and equipped with every imaginable water related piece of rescue gear, DSAR serves an area of the bay and delta

waterways from hwy 65 south to Fairhope, and from Mobile harbor area east to hwy 59. Not limited strictly to water related emergencies, DSAR has come to the aid of virtually every local law enforcement and fire department agency in the area. Responding to such diverse emergencies as airplane crashes, automobile accidents and retrievals, lost child searches, "Fast water" & "Black water" recoveries, (DSAR is one of the very few qualified squads in the state of Alabama to perform these type recoveries), the DSAR stands always ready with an outstretched helping hand. As a relative newcomer to the squad, I've been lucky enough to work with this great bunch of guys (and occasionally gals) for the past two years since moving to south Alabama. Every rescue, every mission, even every training session has become such a satisfying experience for me that I intend to stay with the squad as long as I am able.

Making A Difference In Our Community

With the firm conviction that our youngsters are truly the hope of our community's future, Daphne Search & Rescue Squad was pleased and proud to present a water safety lecture, and question & answer session, to our local Boy Scout troop at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Daphne.

Captain Ronny Champion (right) demonstrated the importance of properly fitting life saving equipment, and stressed having a respect for the water, which, here in Baldwin County is so much a part of our daily lives. The scouts teamed with questions for the DSAR members, concerning their roll as emergency responders, and concern for the local wildlife.

Dive Lt. Mike Kosek not only described and demonstrated the life saving gear used by the squad, but impressed upon the scouts that learning proper safety procedures around the water, may one day save their own or another's life.

Boy Scout Troops, by their very nature, are youngsters guided by the caring hands of their troop leaders, who shall one day shape the world we all live in. With the fine training they are always so pleased to share with their community, it's Daphne Search & Rescue Squad's belief that a safe and happy 2008 boating season, as well as a 'lifetime', may be enjoyed by all.

Daphne Search & Rescue is a totally volunteer organization, which, for the past 31 years, has aided virtually all local law enforcement, and rescue agencies. Qualified and experienced in every form of rescue situation or environment along the gulf coast, we have provided a 'peace of mind', and even at times a 'closure',



to hundreds of local families as well as visitors. We truly are, Making A Difference In Our Community.

Daphne Search & Rescue Squad is ALWAYS looking for new members! Our qualifications are quite basic. If you are 21 years or older, have a true desire to help others, and are willing to volunteer your time in an exciting and rewarding pursuit, we'll train you to do the rest! Don't think that if perhaps you're too old (I am 61 years old), too young, too THIS, or not enough of THAT, that there's not a place for you in Daphne Search & Rescue! We have members from every walk of life;

EMTs, doctors, retirees, divers, drivers, pilots, police officers, you name it... (everyone but an Indian Chief.) EVERYONE, has something to contribute! If it's your lifetime's worth of personal experiences; or your current line of work, DSAR can use your special brand of enthusiasm and participation, and we'll be proud and happy to have you in the squad! What are we paid? I'd have to say that our pay is the highest of any job in the world! It's usually that special look of relief on a victim's face when you come to their aid; or the feeling we get when we hear a truly heartfelt, "Thank You" from another human being after their rescue. You can't put that sort of paycheck in a bank account, but we do get to carry in our hearts and minds for the rest of eternity...

I'd like to invite everyone who may be interested in volunteering for Daphne Search & Rescue Squad to call our Captain Ronny Champion at 583-9602, and make a date to come to one of our meetings and get acquainted, and learn how rewarding our jobs can be!

Daphne Police Department

Personal Safety Tips

Three Simple Rules for Safety

- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings, wherever you are. Don't be taken by surprise. Be aware and prepared.
- Stand tall and walk confidently. Don't show fear. Don't look like a victim.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.
- Never pick up hitchhikers. Never. And don't hitch rides yourself.

In Your Car

- Always lock your car and take the keys, even if you'll be gone only a short time.
- Keep your car in good running condition, and keep the tank at least a quarter full; lock doors while driving.
- If your car breaks down, raise the hood and place emergency reflectors or flares. Then stay in the locked car. When someone stops to help, don't get out. Ask him or her, through a closed or cracked window to get the police to come and help.
- If you're coming or going after dark, park in a well-lighted area that will still be well-lighted when you return.
- Be especially alert when using enclosed parking garages.
- Don't walk into an area if you feel uncomfortable.
- Leave only your ignition key with a parking attendant. Don't leave your house key or other keys on your ring.

When Using an ATM Machine

- Try to plan your visits to automatic teller machines during the day, rather than after dark.
- Choose an ATM location that is in a busy public place.
- Avoid making withdrawals in isolated areas.
- If at all possible, take a friend who can watch the surroundings while you are conducting your transaction.
- Pre-plan your transaction carefully, and don't spend too much time at the machine.
- When you make a withdrawal, quickly place the money in your purse or wallet and leave as soon as you complete your transaction.
- Watch out for suspicious looking people waiting around an ATM- they may not really be customers.
- If someone offers to let you go ahead of them, decline politely and leave.
- When visiting a drive-through ATM, keep your doors locked and be prepared to drive away quickly. If someone approaches your car on foot, roll up your window and drive off. If you have not finished your transaction when you are approached by a suspicious character, press the CANCEL button, receive your card and leave quickly.

Daphne Fire Department hosts class on Technical Rescue

The Daphne Fire Department hosted an "Introduction to Technical Rescue" class on November 1 and 2. The class was taught by Lt. Troy Gorlott of the Daphne FD. There were 19 students from five local fire departments. Those departments were: Orange Beach, Fish River/Marlow, Magnolia Springs, Mount Vernon and Daphne.

Technical rescue enables the departments to handle rescues from high rises, billboards and water towers. The students were taught techniques such as types of ropes, maintenance of ropes, rope rescue equipment and knots. The students attended classroom training on Thursday and were at the Daphne Fire Training Field on Friday with hands-on practicals.

Firefighters that attended the class practiced all aspects of the rescue technician skills to ensure that they are cross trained to do any part that is required of them when they arrive at an emergency situation.

This is the first of many courses which will be conducted by the Daphne Fire Department to develop mutual training opportunities throughout the county. Visit the website for future classes dates and times.

The Fire Department offers a wide variety of services: parents or grandparents can have their child car seat put in place or checked for proper installation at Fire Station 2 on North Main Street, citizens may receive a blood pressure check at any of our stations and station tours can be arranged for "junior firefighters" wishing to see the trucks.





IT TAKES A TEAM!

The TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition and SEEDS urge everyone to support our students' success!

By Denise D'Oliveira, APR



*The basic goal of the TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition is to encourage every Daphne citizen to **Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model** good character for the children in his or her circle of influence.*



Character education is BIG in the Daphne schools! That's because research shows every investment in character education -- in addition to building responsible citizens -- pays great dividends toward improving attendance, school climate and academic achievement.

That's why the principals of Daphne's five public schools, Christ the King Catholic School and Bayside Academy are finding news ways to integrate character education into every aspect of school life. Everything from peer counseling programs, to in-house television productions, to class competitions involving positive behavior is encouraging Daphne students to do and be their best in school.

At our principals' request, SEEDS -- Daphne's educational enrichment foundation -- began inviting community members to get involved in supporting our schools' ongoing character education efforts in the fall of 2006. Following a memorable kick-off rally, the **TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition** was formed for this very purpose.

Since that time, the Character Coalition -- comprised of leaders from the business and faith community, city government and various agencies -- has been meeting to think about how Daphne citizens can

work together more effectively to support our students' success.

This past October SEEDS organized, in conjunction with the TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition, a "**Principal for a Day**" event that gave members from local civic organizations and the news media a close-up look at progress being made in the Daphne schools.

Tom Byrne, superintendent of Riviera Utilities, represented the Daphne-Spanish Fort Rotary Club as well as the SEEDS board of directors and the Character Coalition, as "Principal for a Day" at Daphne Middle School.

"It was a revelation to see firsthand how complex the job of running a school today really is," commented Byrne after shadowing DMS principal Tripp Oliphant for 10 busy hours.

"I realize now more than ever just how much our schools need the community to reinforce the important work they're doing," added Byrne.

The basic goal of the TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition is to encourage every Daphne citizen to **Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model** good character for the children in his or her circle of influence.



TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition members want Daphne students to know our community values their academic success. Pictured from left to right (front row) are Linda Phillippi, Show Me Character coach; Helen Callaway, Daphne Women's Study Club; Jane Robbins, mayor's assistant, City of Daphne; (back row) Rev. David Harrison, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; Tom Byrne, Riviera Utilities; and Tripp Oliphant, principal, Daphne Middle School.

In addition, the Coalition wants to remind parents and employers of some fundamental steps they can take to promote academic success – particularly as students prepare to take part this spring in statewide standardized testing to assess learning progress.

Students in grades 10-12 (along with some ninth graders in advanced classes) will participate in the **Alabama High School Graduation Exam during March 3-7** and **third through eighth graders** will take the **Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT) and SAT 10** during the **first two weeks of April**.

Every effort should be made during this time to ensure that students –

- ✓ Avoid working late – either at after-school jobs, spring sports, or family commitments.
- ✓ Get plenty of rest. Regular, reasonable bedtimes are especially important prior to school days when extra concentration is needed.
- ✓ Eat a good breakfast.
- ✓ Be on time for school.
- ✓ Receive as much positive encouragement as possible from parents, extended family, employers, church leaders and other caring adults.

TEAM Up for Daphne Character Coalition members plan to be visible in the community to remind everyone of these important steps to success. Anyone interested in joining their campaign – either through your business, church or civic organization – is encouraged to contact SEEDS at (251) 656-SEED (656-7333) or by e-mail at info@seedsindaphne.org.

SEEDS (Supporting Educational Enrichment in Daphne's Schools) is an independent, non-profit education foundation that brings together citizens of all ages who value learning and share a vision for education's role in Daphne's future.

Learn more!

**Support the work of YOUR education foundation!
Become a Friend of SEEDS!
Visit www.seedsindaphne.org for more information.**

Mark your calendar!

SEEDS' Classic Rock 5K and Fun Run

Saturday, March 1st

Race forms available at www.seedsindaphne.org

SEEDS' Lyceum Summer Enrichment Camps

Coming in June! Brochure available online April 1st
at www.seedsindaphne.org

Athletic Department

The Daphne Recreation Department's Athletic Division strives to provide quality athletic programs for adults and children alike. Our main objective is to provide programs in which everyone can participate, have fun, learn new skills and reap the benefits of exercising and living a healthy lifestyle. Youth sports programs provided by the Recreation Department in the spring include Girl's Softball (ages 6-13), Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13 & 14), and Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15&16). Adult sports programs include Men's Church League Softball, Open Coed League Softball, and Men's Open League Softball. If you would like information on any of our programs, please contact the Daphne Recreation Department.

The Daphne Recreation Department's Athletic Programs depend heavily on volunteer coaches. The volunteers are what make the programs successful. Coaching can be a very rewarding experience and can provide memories that will last a lifetime. We try to support our coaches in any way possible. Please consider volunteering to coach your child in the sport of their choice.

Any parent who signs up to be a volunteer coach will receive one free scholarship for their child. This is only available to parents who sign up as Head Coaches. No refunds will be given if you decide to be a head coach after you have paid the registration fee. This is available on a first come, first serve basis depending on the number of teams in the league.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletic Coordinator
Charlie McDavid
621-3703 ext. 211
athdir@bellsouth.net

Athletic Assistant
Clifford Hatch
621-3703 ext. 223
athprog@bellsouth.net

Parks Department Supervisor
Daphne Public Works
Dwayne Coley
621-3182

Weather Pagers: 568-1613 or 568-5016 (Call after 4:00 pm on game days to check for cancellations)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

BASEBALL

Daphne Dixie Boys Ages 13 & 14
(age of child as of May 1, 2008)
Registration: Jan. 19, 26, & Feb. 2 at the
Recreation Dept. from 9:00 to noon.
Cost: \$80 per participant

Daphne Dixie Pre-Majors
Ages 15 & 16
(age of child as of May 1, 2008)
Registration: Jan. 19, 26, & Feb. 2 at the
Recreation Dept. from 9:00 to noon
Cost: \$80 per participant

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Daphne Girls Softball
Ages: 6-13
(age of child as of Jan. 1, 2008)
Registration: Jan. 19, 26, & Feb. 2 at the
Recreation Dept. from 9:00 to noon
Cost: \$50 per participant

NON-CITY SPONSORED

Daphne Dixie Youth Baseball
Contact Number – 621-7985
Registration Dates – Feb. 7, 12, 14
Registration will be held at Daphne North.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Men's Church League Softball
Team registration Feb. 1-15
Cost: \$350 per team
Games will be played on Monday nights

Men's Open League Softball
Team registration Feb 1-15
Cost: \$350 per team
Games will be played on Wednesday
nights

Open Coed Softball League
Team registration May 1-19
Cost \$250 per team
Games will be played on Thursday nights

Recreation Department

ARTS & CRAFTS

Quilting

Eastern Shore Bee

Day: 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Recreation Department

This is an opportunity to meet with other ladies who quilt and show each other what you are working on as well as share quilting ideas.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Hard Body Exercise

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Recreation Department

Cost: \$20 per month

Contact: Marilyn Wimpee (251) 988-8089

Hard Body Exercise is a full body workout, which includes step, weights, ball and floor exercises plus lots of fun and laughter. To register or for more information, call Marilyn Wimpee at (251) 988-8089.

Pilates

Pilates ("pil-ah-tees") is designed to strengthen the body through an intense focus on the body's core (trunk) and its stabilizing muscles. A tried and true workout, Pilates will encourage a strong, aligned and stress reduced body. This is a progressive mat-based program - participants start out in introductory levels and progress to higher levels.

Each class meets 1/week for 55 min.

6 week sessions. Fee: \$60.

Session dates are as follows:

Winter 1: January 7th – February 16th

Spring 1: February 18th – March 29th

Spring 2: March 31st – May 17th

Summer 1: June 2nd – August 2nd

Class Offerings

Mon 5:30pm Wed 5:30pm

Wed 6:35pm Thurs 8:00am

Pilates classes offered include: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Toning Balls, Fitness (magic) Circle, Pilates for golfers and Stability Ball. To register for a class or for additional class times, call Instructor Kami Whiteis 626-2697 or e-mail phy-sique@hotmail.com.

KAMI WHITEIS, CFT - A Certified Personal Trainer and Pilates and Yoga instructor, Kami has 10+ years experience as a coach and instructor. Trained in the contemporary mat method, she has worked with one of the largest Pilates programs in the country. As Master Trainer for Phy-sique Pilates, Kami has preserved many of the principles set forth by Joseph Pilates and incorporated contemporary knowledge of kinesiology and biomechanics.

Yoga

Mind-body workouts build strength, promote flexibility and improve mental focus resulting in an overall release of tension. Taught at a moderate pace Hatha yoga is for all fitness levels. More dynamic and demanding, Power Yoga is for the stronger more experienced participant.

Class meets for 55 minutes. 6 week sessions (follows the same dates as pilates). Fee: \$60.

Mon. 9:30am Mon. 6:35 pm

Wed. 6:35 pm Sat. 9:00 am

To register for a class or for additional class times, call Instructor Kami Whiteis 626-2697 or e-mail phy-sique@hotmail.com.

Boot Camp

BOOT CAMP is a great class for men and women looking for a new way to get in shape and lose weight. This class includes a variety of outdoor fitness training activities.

Examples: plyometrics, calisthenics, running, circuit training, sports-inspired drills, core strengthening, etc. Boot Camp meets at the Al Trione Sports Complex on the soccer fields.

Class meets 2/week for 45-60 min.

6 wk sessions. Fee: \$96.

Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 pm

To register for Boot Camp or for additional class times, call Instructor Dave Whiteis 626-2697 or e-mail phy-sique@hotmail.com.

Home School Physical Education-

September-December, January-May

Home School Physical Education is a class designed to introduce kids to a variety of sports and athletic activities. This class is great for everyone – no previous sports experience necessary. Home School P.E., for boys and girls ages 8-13, meets at Lott Park.

Each class meets 2/week for 60 min.

Fee: \$105/semester.

Call for family discounts.

Mon. & Wed. 2:00 pm

To register for Home School P.E. call Instructor Dave Whiteis 626-2697 or e-mail phy-sique@hotmail.com.

DAVE WHITEIS, MSS, CPT - With over 12 years of experience in the fitness field and a Master of Sport Science from the United States Sports Academy, Dave is one of the premier Trainers in southern Alabama. Dave is a Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) through the National Endurance and Sports Training Association (NESTA) and a former collegiate Track & Field Coach. As a stand out athlete in college, Dave was an 8-time NCAA All-American, an individual National Champion and captained his team to 2 NCAA National Team Titles.



*Kindermusik

Day: Saturday mornings

Location: Recreation Department

Contact: Pam Southern (251) 621-9907,

(251) 599-2527 or e-mail

kindermusikbypam@bellsouth.net

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The Daphne Civic Center presents

The "Arabian Nights" Ballroom Dance

Featuring
the Debbi Bailes Band

Friday, March 14, 2008

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dance Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15 per person

No Ticket Resale or Refund. All Sales are Final.

Cabaret Style & B.Y.O.B.

Setups of Ice & Cups Available

Photographer on Duty



For Additional Information
Contact the Daphne Civic Center
(251) 626-5300

WINTER / SPRING COURSES 2008

Kindermusik has more than 25 years of experience creating curricula based on new and proven research in child development.

The award-winning books, CDs, games, and instruments nurture skills in the whole child: cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language. In class, your child will be lead through joyful activities, using music and movement. Parents learn more about their child's unique development process, and the shared learning experience creates a unique bond as the child associates learning with fun, musical play.

To register or for more information, call Pam Southern at (251) 621-9907, (251) 599-2527, or email kindermusikbypam@bellsouth.net

Parent involvement is required for all Kindermusik programs.

Pam Southern is a trusted, degreed and licensed child development Educator and is excited to provide a research proven and giggle-approved activities – all backed by Kindermusik's 25 years experience in music and child development.

Set your child's memories to music in a Kindermusik camp. You and your child will experience music, stories, and activities designed for a lifetime of learning. In these fun-filled classes, you and your child will play together, learn together, and share in the fun of making it happen.



MARTIAL ARTS

Shotokan Karate (Ages 4 and up)

Days: Monday and Wednesday; 3:45 - 4:45
OR Tuesday and Thursday; 6:00 - 7:00

Location: Recreation Department
Cost: Registration Fee \$45.00, includes a free uniform and registration in the CBBA (Christian Black Belt Association) \$65 per month

This program is for ages 5-9. Shotokan Karate is the primary discipline that is taught in the class. Students begin by practicing Kihon (the basics), Kata (prearranged movements) and Beginner's Kumite (sparring). Through this training, the student's self discipline, focus, and self-esteem gradually increase. Students are given a goal and are able to achieve that goal by following the direction of the Sensei (teacher). Through this art the student learns defensive and counter attack measures using blocking, striking and kicking techniques. Students who desire to compete in tournaments are also trained to compete at both local and national tournaments. For more information or to register, contact Sensei Darlene Collins at 621-3200 or e-mail shotokankarate@bellsouth.net. Website: www.daphnekarate.com



Shotokan Karate (Intermediate/Advanced)

Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Location: Recreation Department
Cost: Registration Fee \$45.00, includes a free uniform and registration in the CBBA (Christian Black Belt Association) \$65 per month

This class is for intermediate/advanced students over the age of 10. At this stage, students will begin to increase their strength, speed, and technical skills, while learning the art of Shotokan Karate. We continue kihon, kata and kumite, and the student begins to understand the true spirit of the martial arts. Self defense is also introduced at this stage. Students must be invited to participate in this class. Students

who desire to be trained to compete in both local and national tournaments. Anyone who has trained in another style or is transferring from another Dojo is welcome to be evaluated for this class. For more information or to register, contact Darlene Collins 621-3200 or e-mail shotokankarate@bellsouth.net. Website: www.daphnekarate.com

Self Defense for Women:

Women will feel empowered upon completion of this clinic. Certified instructor's Sensei Darlene Collins and Sensei Susan Ellis will be leading a "Women's Awareness and Anti-Rape Course". Both instructors know from personal experience and watching other women, that this course will have a positive impact on your life. Dates to be announced. Contact Sensei Darlene Collins at 621-2300 for more information or shotokankarate@bellsouth.net

Kobudo Weapons:

During twelve week sessions, students will be instructed in beginner waza (basic techniques). During the first session, the Bo (staff), will be taught. The Sai, Tonfa, Nunchaku, and Ana taught in subsequent sessions. Dates and times to be announced. Contact Sensei Darlene Collins at 621-2300 for more information or shotokankarate@bellsouth.net



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The Daphne Civic Center presents
The
“Return to Fantasy Island”
Ballroom Dance

Featuring
the George Winter Orchestra

Friday, July 18, 2008

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dance Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15 per person

No Ticket Resale or Refund. All Sales are Final.

Cabaret Style & B.Y.O.B.
Setups of Ice & Cups Available
Photographer on Duty



For Additional Information
Contact the Daphne Civic Center
(251)626-5300

WINTER / SPRING COURSES 2008

DANCE

Tribal Style Belly Dance

Day: Tuesday

Time: Beginner Class 7-8 p.m.

Intermediate Class 8-9 p.m.

(Permission Required from Instructor)

Location: Recreation Department

Cost: \$25 per month

Contact: Rita Brown (251) 443-9619 or e-mail dancingheartrita@hotmail.com

Take this exciting, unique opportunity to stay in shape while having fun celebrating the spirit, strength and beauty of women. This gypsy-fusion style dance is improvisational and influenced by Flamenco, Indian Kathak, Middle Eastern and American Modern dance.

Belly dance provides a low impact aerobic workout while strengthening and toning your body and developing grace. This class has no age limit and is for students who desire to learn basic belly dance techniques. This is beginning level, therefore no prior dance experience required. No matter your body shape, level of fitness or age, you can learn the basics! After the intermediate level, students can train to be a part of the Gypsy Chicks, an Eastern Shore professional troop, which performs on Saturdays at Poseidon's Mediterranean restaurant. To register today contact Rita Brown at (251) 443-9619 or e-mail at dancingheartrita@hotmail.com.

Beginning Belly Dance

by Zuri Dance Company

Taught by: Ziva Diva

Begins: January 3, 2008, 8 week session

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

\$45.00 per person (cost includes class materials and practice music)

Learn the beautiful moves of belly dance in a fun, energetic environment, while you gain greater body confidence and increased flexibility. No previous dance experience required. No age limits.

Contact: ZivaDiva, 402-2755 or

www.myspace.com/zivadivawithzuri

Intermediate Belly Dance

by Zuri Dance Company

Taught by: Ziva Diva

Begins: January 3, 2008, 8 week session

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$45.00 per person (cost includes class materials and practice music)

A more challenging belly dance class geared to those who have completed one or more beginner classes.

Contact: ZivaDiva, 402-2755 or

www.myspace.com/zivadivawithzuri



Discovery Dance

Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo Classes begin January 8

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m. Ages 3-4

4:00-5:00 p.m. Ages 3-4

5:00-6:00 p.m. Ages 5-7

6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 8-11

7:00-8:00 pm. Preteen to teen

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 3-4

4:30-5:30 p.m. Ages 5-7

5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 3-4

6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Tap

Ages 18 & up

Location: Recreation Department

Cost: \$25 per month, no registration fee

Contact: Darcie Fuqua at (251) 625-1832 or

e-mail discover-dance@hotmail.com

Discover Dance Company provides affordable, quality lessons in Ballet, Jazz, and Tap at the Daphne Recreation Department. Dancers will have the opportunity to perform in a formal recital and showcase his or her talents in local parades and festivals. Students not only learn technique and coordination, they also practice counting, listening, and developing good social skills. Discover Dance classes are fun-filled lessons promoting self-confidence and individual talent!

Please visit the Discovery Dance Company website at www.discoverdancecompany.com.

To register or for more information, contact Darcie Fuqua at (251) 625-1832 or discover-dance@hotmail.com.

Spanish Twirlers Square Dance Club

Day: Monday

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Recreation Department

Cost: \$30 donation per couple per month

Contact: Email Jack Busch at under2@gulftel.com

The Spanish Twirlers Square Dance Club dances modern western square dancing at the Mainstream and Soft Plus level with an occasional line dance. The club is very active and sponsors an annual Cruise, this year going to Central American and Mexican Ports, and two major special dances each year. Our membership consists of approximately 25 couples from most age groups. Each year the club sponsors a teaching program to permit new dancers to join the activity and welcomes guests from other clubs and areas. Visit our web site at www.mobilebayeastern-shoresquaredanceclubs.com.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

ProTouch Massage Therapy

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: Recreation Department

Cost: \$1 per minute

Contact: Stephanie Murray (251) 604-3186

Stephanie Murray specializes in Deep Tissue, Sports Massage, Swedish Massage, Neuromuscular Therapy and Pregnancy Massage. Both table and chair massages are available. To make an appointment today or for additional times, contact Stephanie Murray at (251) 604-3186.

Tutoring

Reading/Math/Language Arts

2nd -6th Grades

Contact: Ervetta Haas (251) 625-2352

Ervetta Haas is certified to teach K-8 and has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education.

Dance in Daphne

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Wednesday Night is dance night at the Daphne Civic Center

Wednesday Night Dance with The Daphne Community Steppers!

Did You Know

that Daphne has become the areas
"Dance Capital"
with your Civic Center producing
many great dance events from Zydeco to line
dance to disco to ballroom and more to come!

Wednesday is dance night
at the Daphne Civic Center.
Here is where you learn those new line dances
like the Jungle Slide, the Cupid Slide, and many
others along with Old School Swing
(you know swing like they did
on American Band Stand and Soul Train)!
Come out on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
and join your neighbors for dance
that's a good cardio workout and a great time!



Photo by Daphne Civic Center

Daphne's Wednesday Night Steppers **SCHEDULE**

Every Wednesday Night
from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
With the exception of 3 dates
January 30, 2008, February 13th and 20th, 2008
start time is 7:30 p.m.

Daphne Civic Center Ballroom Dance

Did You Know

that your Daphne Civic Center
produces three great Ballroom Dance events
each year with dance exhibitions!

First on Friday, March 14, 2008
it's the **"Arabian Nights" Ballroom Dance**
with the Debbi Bailes Band.

Next is our Friday, July 18, 2008
Ballroom Dance **"Return to Fantasy Island"**
with the George Winter Orchestra.

We end the Ballroom Dance year
with our Saturday, November 8, 2008
"Night of the Lovers Moon" Ball
with the Edd Jones Orchestra.

Join your neighbors and others
at these great ballroom dance events.
Tickets are \$15 per person and a table can be
reserved with the purchase of a table of 10.

Contact the Daphne Civic Center
at 251-626-5300 for ticket sale dates.



Photo by Fran Campbell

CITY OF DAPHNE COMMUNITY CALENDER

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JANUARY - MAY 2008

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January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
1		New Year's Day	City Offices Closed	19		Dixie Boys Baseball Dixie Pre Majors Registration Begins	Rec Center
2	10:00 am	Jubilee Mornings	Library	21		Martin Luther King Day	City Offices Closed
2	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	22	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
2	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	22	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
3	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	23	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
3	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	23	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
3	4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Library	24	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
4-5		Eastern Shore Chamber Commerce Expo	Civic Center	24	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
7	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall	25		Apollo's Mystic Ladies Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center
8	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	26		Eastern Shore Jubilees & Jubilette's Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center
8	3:45 pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	Library	29	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
9	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	30	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
9	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	30	7:30 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
10	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	31	8:30 am	Coffee with the Mayor	City Hall
10	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	31	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
12		Athenian's Social Club Red & White Ball	Civic Center	31	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
14		Drug Council Red Ribbon Awards	Civic Center	<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">February</h2>			
15	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	Date	Time	Event	Location
16	10:00 am	Jubilee Book Club	Library	1 -29		Love your Librarian Month!	
16	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	1		Beginning of Adult Winter Reading Program	Library
16	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	1-15	6:30-8:00 pm	Dixie Youth Baseball Reg. Daphne Elementary Adult Softball Registration Men's Softball Registration	Rec Center Rec Center
17	8:30 am	Mayor's Radio Address	WABF				
17	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
17	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library				
18		Sunset Rider's Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center				

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1		Mystic Order of Persephone Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center	28	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
				28	3:45pm	School Age Storytime	Library
2		Shadow Baron's Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center	29		Baldwin County Home Builder's Association Home Show	Civic Center
4		Krewe of Don Q Mardi Gras Ball	Civic Center	29		End of Adult Winter Reading Program	Library
4	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall				
5		Mardi Gras Day	City Offices Closed				
6	10:00 am	Jubilee Mornings	Library				
6	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library				
6	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center				
7	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
7	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library				
7	4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Library				
7,12,14	6:30-8:00 pm	Dixie Youth Baseball Registration Daphne Elementary					
12	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
12	3:45 pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	Library				
12	6:30 pm	Quarterly 'Road Scholar' from Alabama Humanities Foundation: Frances Robb	Library				
12	6:30-8:00 pm	Dixie Youth Baseball Reg. Daphne Elementary					
13	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library				
13	7:30 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center				
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21	8:30 am	Mayor's Radio Address	WABF				
21	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
21	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library				
23		Spanish Fort Beauty Walk	Civic Center				
26	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
27	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library				
27	7:30 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center				
<h1>March</h1>							
				<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
				1-2		Baldwin County Home Builder's Association Home Show	Civic Center
				3	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
				4	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
				5	10:00 am	Jubilee Mornings	Library
				5	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
				5	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
				6	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
				6	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
				6	4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Library
				7		Spanish Fort Elementary School Fundraiser	Civic Center
				8		New York Los Angeles Dance Convention & Competition	Civic Center
				11	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
				11	3:45 pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	Library
				12	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
				12	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
				13	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
				13	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
				14		Arabian Night's Ballroom Dance Event	Civic Center
				15	Noon	Easter Egg Hunt	Lott Park
				17	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
				18	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library

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19	10:00 am	Jubilee Book Club	Library	11		Junior Auxiliary of the Eastern Shore Fashion Show	Civic Center
19	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library				
19	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	13 - 19		National Library Week!	Library
20	8:30 am	Mayor's Radio Address	WABF	15	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
20	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	16	10:00 am	Jubilee Book Club	Library
20	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	16	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
21		Foley High School Prom	Civic Center	16	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
25	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	17	8:30 am	Mayor's Radio Address	WABF
26	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	17	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
26	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	17	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
27	8:30 am	Coffee with the Mayor	City Hall	18		Music under the Stars	Plaza
27	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	19		Music under the Stars	Plaza
27	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	20		Music under the Stars	Plaza
28		Mobile Bottle Collectors Club Antique Bottle Show	Civic Center	21	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall

April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	22	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
2	10:00 am	Jubilee Mornings	Library	23	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
2	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	23	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
2	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	24	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
3	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	24	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
3	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	24	7:00 pm	Baldwin's Pop's Spring Concert	Civic Center
3	4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Library	25		National Arbor Day	
5		Daphne High School Prom	Civic Center	25		Partner's in Education Luncheon	Civic Center
6-12		National Telecommunicators Week		26	11:00 am-3:00 pm	Friends of the Library "Spring into Reading" Children's Festival	Library
7	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall	26		Spanish Fort High School Prom	Civic Center
8	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	29	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
8	3:45 pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	Library	30	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
9	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	30	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
9	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center				
10	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library				
10	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library				

May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
1-19		Adult Softball Coed Registration	Rec Center
1	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library

Due to construction at City Hall, some of the events currently at City Hall may have to be moved to another location temporarily.
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1	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	16		Zydeco Festival	Civic Center
1	4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Library	17		Zydeco Festival, Flounder Parade Community Day	Civic Center
5		Board of Education Job Fair	Civic Center	18		Zydeco Festival	Civic Center
5	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall	19	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting	Civic Center
6	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	20		EMS Week	
7	10:00 am	Jubilee Mornings	Library	20-26		National Public Works Week	
7	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	20	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
7	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	21	10:00 am	Jubilee Book Club	Library
8	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	21	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
8	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library	21	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
8		Sherian's School of Dance	Civic Center	22	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
8		Daphne High School Band Event	Civic Center	22	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
11-17		National Police Week		26		Memorial Day City Offices Closed	
13	8:30 am	Mayor's Radio Address	WABF	27	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
13	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	28	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library
13	11:00 am	City of Daphne Employee Recognition	Civic Center	28	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center
13	3:45 pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	Library	29	8:30 am	Coffee with the Mayor	City Hall
14	2:00 pm	Children's Storytime	Library	29	10:00 am	Art in the Park	W.O. Lott Park
14	6:00 pm	Dance Lessons-Old Swing & Latest Line Dance	Civic Center	29	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library
15	10:30 am	Children's Storytime	Library	29	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library
15	3:45 pm	School Age Storytime	Library				
15		Zydeco Festival Dance Warm-up	Civic Center				



Coffee with the Mayor

The last Thursday of every other month you are invited to have Coffee with the Mayor. You can drop by on your way to the gym, grocery store, library or to work. At 8:30 AM we will begin with coffee and visiting and then gather to hear what is going on in Daphne, Baldwin County or a topic that affects and is of interest to all of us. We

have had individuals speak on different topics, Internet safety issues and the celebration of Baldwin County's Bicentennial in 2009.

The Mayor also uses this time to recognize city employees for their service and time.

Please mark your calendar and join us for fellowship and an opportunity to ask

questions about interests you have in the City of Daphne.

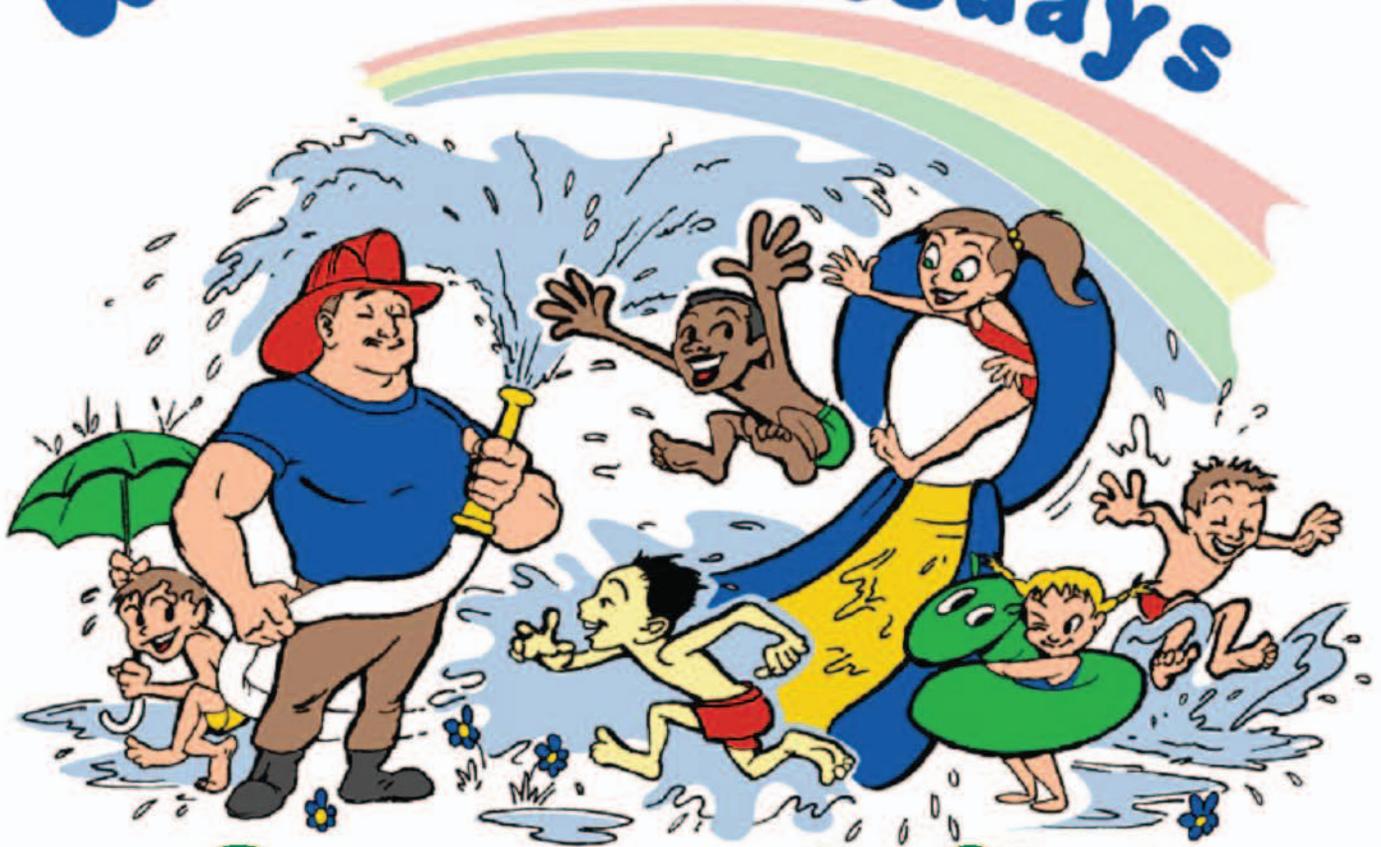
January 31 • March 27

May 29

If you have any suggestions for topics, please contact the Mayor's Assistant Jane Robbins at 621-9000.

Recreation Department's Special Events Presents

Wet n' Wild VI Wednesdays

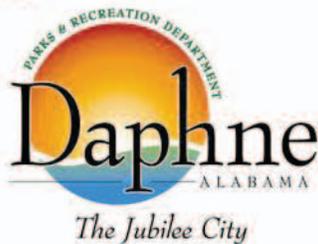


June 11, 18, & 27

10 AM to 1 PM

W.O. Lott Park, Main Street, Daphne

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Come in your bathing suit!
Enjoy Giant Water Inflatables,
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Concessions Available

"Community Day"

in Daphne is
May 17, 2008

and is in conjunction with

Daphne's Gulf Coast Zydeco
Music and Crawfish Festival!

CRAWFISH

GREAT CREOLE/
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**BIG
FAMILY FUN!**

MUSIC & DANCE

All are invited to a full day
of "Free" music, dance,
and family entertainment
all on the grounds of the
Daphne Civic Center Complex!
Mark your calendar
and be there!

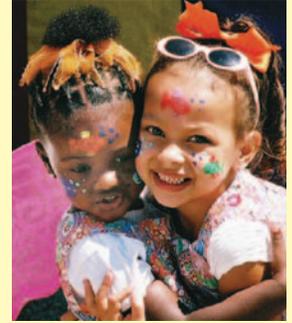


The
"Flounder Parade"
kicks off the morning of
"Community Day"!
Sign up your family,
children, subdivision,
business and more today!
Application on page 25.





The City of Daphne's official
“Community Day 2008”
Flounder Parade Application



View 2007 Flounder Parade photos at the
www.gulfcoastmusicfestival.com!

Come join us as Daphne the Jubilee City
 presents the annual “Flounder Parade”!



The “Flounder Parade” route is Main Street in Daphne. The extended parade route is to be announced. The Flounder Parade will open Community Day at Daphne’s Gulf Coast Zydeco Music and Crawfish Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 10 a.m. All communities are invited! The parade will end at the “Community Day” festivities which will be held at the Daphne Civic Center Complex with great Zydeco bands, dance, Creole/Cajun food and more! We all live near water so make your costumes to represent water critters such as shrimp, flounders, crabs, etc. and be prepared for a great time! All applicants will be contacted with lineup information for the parade. After the parade the fun really starts with activities for kids of all ages and lots of adult fun too with great bands and dance at the Daphne Civic Center Complex! The Flounder Parade, “Daphne Community Day” and The Gulf Coast Zydeco Music & Crawfish Festival is presented to you by Daphne the Jubilee City! Contact the Flounder Parade, Community Day, and Gulf Coast Zydeco Music and Crawfish Festival Committee to get involved and for additional information at 626-5300.

**(Have fun with the costumes!) (Costumes are not mandatory but they are fun!)
 There is no entry fee! It’s all about Community!**

**Return this completed application as soon as possible to the
 Daphne Civic Center to reserve your parade space or mail to:
 Daphne Civic Center “Parade”, P.O. Box 400, Daphne, Alabama 36526**



Name: _____

Adult Child (Age) _____ Company _____

Group _____ Club _____

Group Description _____ # in Group _____

Please check here if this is a walking group.

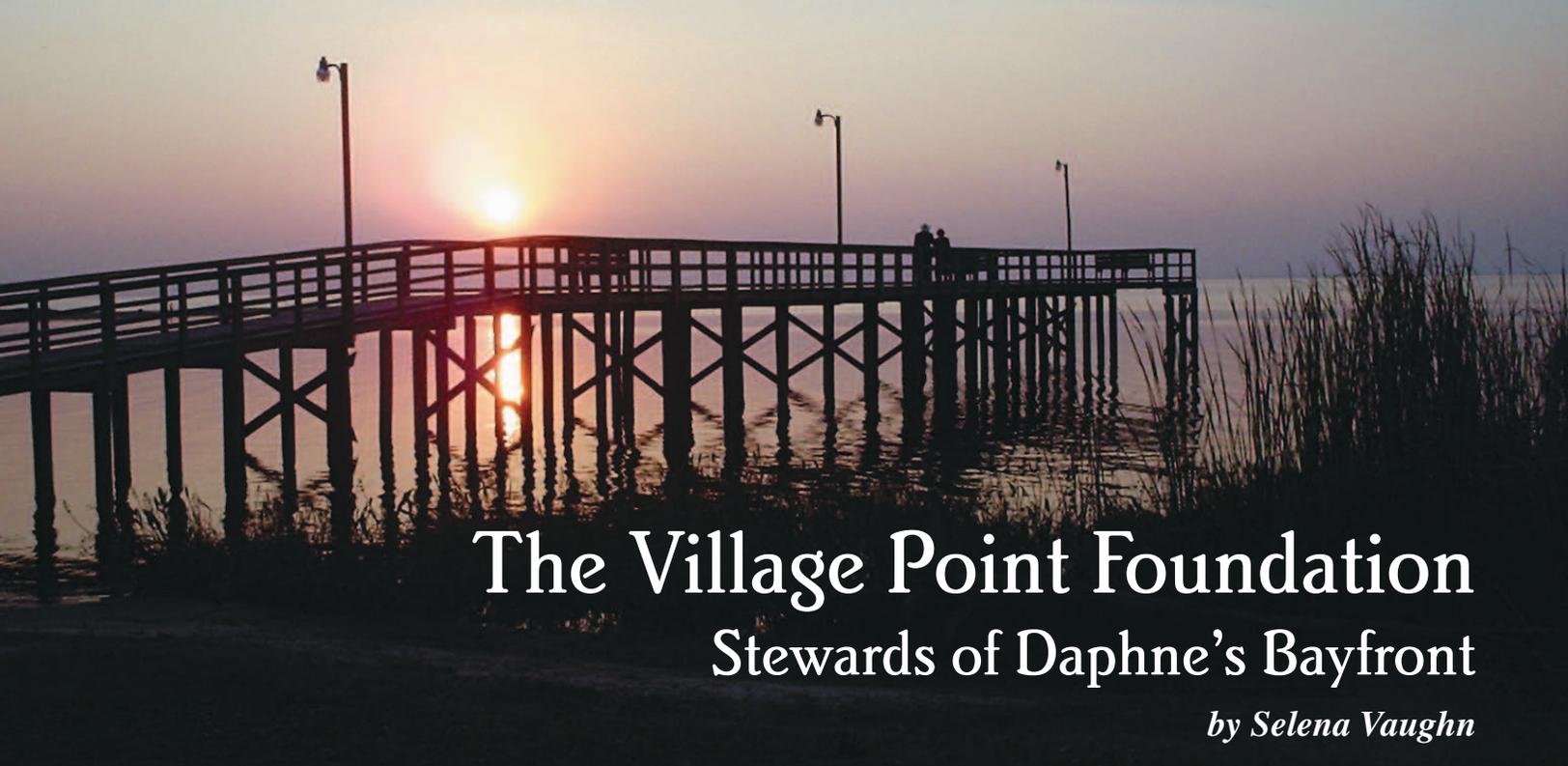
Name of Float or Vehicle _____

Email Address _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____





The Village Point Foundation

Stewards of Daphne's Bayfront

by Selena Vaughn



“In the last century the Eastern Shore was vastly rural and home to many part time residents and founding families who were generous in sharing their bay views and water access with others,” remembers Al Guarisco,

Chairman, The Village Point Foundation. As populations grew around Mobile Bay, developers closed in on the waterfront in what seemed a blink of the eye, and suddenly popular public gathering spots gave way to booming residential and commercial development. Daphne's growth was exploding like the rest of Baldwin County, and concern mounted within Daphne citizens and City leaders as bayfront tracts began disappearing. There were environmental concerns as well as a real possibility that our bayside town could end up with very little waterfront access for its people.

1994 marked the inception of The Village Point Foundation, an organized grass roots effort to preserve waterfront property for municipal parks. The first elected officers were President, Councilman John Lake, Vice President, Richard Scardamelia, Treasurer, Mary Toulmin, Secretary, Pat Oberholtzer, and Legal Counsels, Kelly McGriff and Tom Fouts, who served alongside many other dynamic people whose names are displayed on a plaque at Village Point Park Preserve. Working with the City, Foundation members identified available property and encouraged officials to move quickly on a 6.3 acre parcel for sale, now known as Bayfront Park. Though 51 acres south of Bayfront Park was next on the Village Point Foundation's wish list, it would be 11 acres adjacent and north of Bayfront Park that Daphne acquired next. Meanwhile Foundation members

were fighting to stop the slated residential development of the historically and environmentally significant property that would eventually, in two separate pieces, become Village Point Park Preserve and give Daphne over 80 continuous acres on Mobile Bay.

Today the Foundation is working on a plan with City officials to improve Bayfront Park by moving the parking lot around to the back of the Scardamelia Pavilion and provide more landscaped green space along the waterfront side.

Included in the plans are outdoor restrooms, seating, and playground equipment.

Also in the works are plans for an outdoor amphitheater on the 11 acre bluff north of Bayfront Park. This would be host to outdoor concerts and picnics providing grassy seating areas tiered to the natural contours of the bluff, complete with a fitness trail that will wind down through undisturbed nature connecting to Bayfront Park. As always, there will be a sharp eye kept for future properties.



1994 marked the inception of The Village Point Foundation, an organized grass roots effort to preserve waterfront property for municipal parks.

Many people have joined the Village Point Foundation over the years and consider their role as stewards of public bayfront property. Some members have come at a time when action was needed, completed their project and then moved on. Others faithfully attend meetings keeping on top of the news and needs, with some serving in administrative capacities while others support the organization financially through paid memberships and still more remain forever on call for project work or even physical labor. There is a place for everyone. The next annual open meeting will be February 15, 7 PM at the Daphne Recreation Center. All interested Daphne citizens are welcome.



Daphne Senior Citizen Center

Seniors

Enjoying New Friendships & New Experiences
Check the monthly calendar for day trips and new activities.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Club Monthly Meeting -

Meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
This Club is open to all adults 55 years and older. Come and enjoy the educational programming, trips, games and arts and crafts. Covered Dish Luncheon and Bingo is held the third Thursday of each month. For additional information call (251) 621-3703, ext 219. The meetings are held at the Daphne Senior Center, 2605 Hwy 98, Daphne, Alabama. Come and enjoy a social atmosphere and learn new skills.

Lunch Meal -

Monday-Friday at 11:30 am - The only qualification is that you have to be 60 years old. This program is not about the meals it is about people over 60 years of age coming in and sharing a meal with other people and socializing. Meals are limited to 80 servings a day (\$1.50) donation is accepted.

Senior Exercise -

8:30 a.m. M-W-F Weight Training
8:30 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday -
Stretching & exercising.
1:00 pm Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Movie & Lunch -

Last Monday of the month @ 11:00 a.m.

Blood Pressure Check -

1st Monday @ 10:00 a.m. Provided by AseraCare Hospice
2nd Monday @ 10:30 a.m. Provided by Amedisyn Home Health Services
3rd Monday @ 10:00am Provided by Southern Care
2nd Wednesday @ 10:00am Provided by Thomas Hospital

Monthly Birthday Party -

3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Potluck & Bingo -

3rd Thursday of the month at 12:15 p.m. bring your covered dish, we provide the main course and bingo cards are \$3.00.

Cards & Games -

Mondays- 1:00 pm
Beginning Texas Hold-em
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.- Bridge Lesson -
Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.- Bridge Games -
Wednesdays at 9:30 am - Bocce games @ Lott Park. Call Al Guarisco 626-2729 for more information.
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. (**Needed Pinochle & scrabble players)

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Art/Crafts

Art Class – Beginners Mondays 9:00 am – 11:00 AM Instructor Mary Ann Lee
Craft Class – 4th Friday @ 10:00am

Computer Classes -

sponsored by the Friends of the Daphne Library and the Daphne Senior Center - call Mary Jensen at 621-3703 for more information. Free for the members of the Friends of the Daphne Library. Join the Friends of the Daphne Library for only \$10.00.

“Eyes Support Group” -

Support group for people with vision problems. 2nd Thursday @ 10:00am.

For additional information on these or any other Senior Citizen issues call Mary Jensen at 621-3703, ext. 219.

Daphne Senior Travelers

Monthly meeting first Wednesday of each month @ 9:30 am.

2008 Trip

February 2008 - Galapagos Islands – Full

March 6-17 - Southern Italy and Sicily

April 18-25 - Cajun Trip-Baton Rouge, Houma, LA – discover the back roads, Louisiana airboat rides, Louisiana Spoonbill watching & more.

May 2008 - Shades of Ireland

Fall 2008 - Branson, MO

For information on trips or the join the travel club-call Judy @ 945-5616



The City of Daphne & Daphne Civic Center
present



A Spring Evening

of great music with
The Baldwin Pops

**FREE
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

Doors open at 6 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Daphne Civic Center at 251-626-5300.

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Daphne Fitness Center

AT DAPHNE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation

HOURS

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

621-3703

2605 Hwy. 98 • Next to Library



FEES

	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	YEARLY
INDIVIDUAL	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$170.00
FAMILY	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$230.00
<i>(Includes husband or wife & children under the age of 21 living in the same household)</i>			
SENIOR	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$115.00
<i>(Must be 60 years old)</i>			
SENIOR Family	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$134.00

NON-DAPHNE RESIDENT FEE \$10.00 Additional fee per billing period
(Non-residents are individuals not living within the corporate city limits of Daphne.)

DAPHNE RESIDENT DAILY	\$2.00
DAPHNE RESIDENT GUEST DAILY	\$2.00
NON-RESIDENT DAILY	\$4.00
NON-RESIDENT GUEST	\$4.00

ALL PAYMENTS DUE 1ST OF MONTH
 (If joining after the 15th, fees will be prorated.)



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Daphne Beautification Committee Members are:

"People Serving People - What's in it for you?"

✍ By: Tomasina Werner

From our "Mission Statement," which is to provide leadership and strategic direction to beautify Daphne, to fulfilling our burning desire to do "Something Worth Leaving Behind," DBC is constantly on the move. Look around and "see what's in it for you."

January 2008, marks our 2nd Anniversary since restructuring the committee with a "New Charter." We welcome energetic, enthusiastic members eager to make Daphne more beautiful. Working under the area of the Daphne Public Works Dept. with Liaisons: Marshall Parsons & Marjorie Bellue, our projects are budgeted items to be approved by the City Council. Meetings are at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Daphne Recreation Center. Public is invited to attend.

DBC benefits tremendously from its member's affiliation in other social & civic organizations such as Master Gardeners, Olde Towne Daphne Assoc., Lake Forest Improvement Committee, garden clubs, women's clubs & Realtor Associations. They know that, "Happiness is no accident - it's a habit;" and, that "Work is a wonder drug - a large part of life." They are truly, "People Serving People." Read further to see the many wonderful things they and volunteers have accomplished since January 2006, and "see what's in it for you."

The Four Gateway "Welcome to Daphne" Signs - All approved & ready for installation

1. Along US 98 south entry to Daphne (Complete)
2. On the AL 181 entry corridor near I-10
3. For entry corridor along Baldwin 64 eastern entry
4. For entry corridor Scenic 98 entry from Montrose

Crepe Myrtle Trail Project - A done deal

Due to their size & location, the State required removal of the Crepe Myrtles along the Hwy 98 medians. President, Anne Talton, her committee and Marshall Parsons, were instrumental in designating placement of hundreds of beautiful, large Crepe Myrtles throughout the City of Daphne. None of this would have been possible without the "fantastic crew" at Daphne Public Works.



DBC President, Anne Talton with Marshall Parsons & DBC Nancy Henderson at City Council meeting presenting, "Alabama's Tree City USA Program Award" to Mayor, Fred Small.

Beautification Award

The "Certificate of Beautification Award" was established to recognize our business owners for improved beautification of landscaping and architecture of their business. Bea Wilson's committee selected and voted "Handy Lock Self Storage" as recipient of the first award since 2006. On September

13, with her committee, Marshall Parsons & Mayor Fred Small, Bea presented the framed "Certificate of Beautification Award" to Sandra and Robert Summer, Resident Managers who live on the property. We thank "Duets Gallery & Framing" for donating the frames for our certificates. There was also a "Daphne Beautification Award Sign" posted on the front lawn under the giant, beautiful, historic, "Old Oak tree" for three months.

Works crew -- all this for public enjoyment. "What's in it for you?"

Through the leadership of Marshall Parsons, DBC was the recipient of the "Alabama's Tree City USA Program Award." Alabama has 81 tree cities. This award is given to recognize and congratulate volunteers who are truly devoted to making their communities better for people through urban trees. Anne Talton, Nancy Henderson & Marshall Parsons presented the framed award to Mayor Fred Small at the October 1, Daphne City Council meeting.



Far Left:
DBC Beautification Award Sign under historic, giant Oak tree at "Handy Lock Self Storage" location.

Left:
Scout, Charlie Sumner ready to present his project plan to the DBC for picnic tables & benches at "Gator Alley."

D'Olive Park:

Butterflies & Alligators – Picnic Tables & benches – Native Shrubs & Trees – Sidewalks & Parking Lot – all this and more

Bottom Left:
Scout, Robert Colville, with family & friend installing irrigation to his Butterfly Garden at "Gator Alley."

Is what's happening at "Gator Alley" which trails off north Main Street, going under Hwy 98 and I-10 as part of the Baldwin County Trailblazers trail." Scouts, Robert Colville and Charlie Sumner from Troup 177 added their touch with a "Butterfly Garden" and "Picnic Tables & Benches." Each "volunteer scout" was responsible for design, plan and funding of their projects.



Right:
DBC Selena Vaughn's volunteer crew planting native shrubs & trees at "Gator Alley." Richard Kersey, Anne Talton, Councilman, Ron Scott.



Master Gardener,

Selena Vaughn (DBC), came in with her volunteer troops planting native shrubs & trees within the understory of the existing Loblolly Pines followed by Dorothy Morrison & Frieda Romanchuck's (DBC) volunteer clean-up crew. Dorothy & Frieda dream of sculptures of alligators, pelicans, etc. being donated for this area. The "crown jewel" was irrigation brought in by our fantastic Public

As you can see, by working together with you and the City, DBC's achievements are speaking for themselves through

"People Serving People."

Bayline

“Connecting Communities”

New Bus Route Between Eastern Shore and Mobile

“We are thrilled to offer this convenience to the citizens of Daphne and surrounding areas. It will make a difference for many folks traveling between Mobile and Baldwin Counties.”

- Mayor Fred Small

Bayline is the first effort in south Alabama to provide regional public transportation by connecting two counties. It is the result of effort by the two transit systems, local, state and federal elected officials, chambers of commerce, community leaders, members of transportation task forces, the Baldwin County Public Transit Coalition and many other transit stakeholders representing both sides of the bay. Bayline is an Envision Strategy in Action effort.

“The Envision Coastal Alabama volunteers from Baldwin and Mobile Counties are witnessing a dream come true,” said Ron Martin, Chairman of Envision Coastal Alabama. “Bayline can be the answer to workforce issues because of workers living in affordable areas and working elsewhere.”

“It is an exciting day for public transit in south Alabama,” said Rider. “It is great to see Baldwin County and the City of Mobile working together harmoniously to join our communities via public transit. Thanks to all who helped bring this service to

fruition.”

Schedules for the bus route are available at the BRATS hub at 18100 County Road 54 in Robertsdale, online at www.co.baldwin.al.us or call (251) 990-4636. The Wave schedules are available at the main headquarters at the GM&O Transportation Center, 1100 Beauregard St., Mobile, online at www.thewavetransit.com or call (251) 344-6600. Schedules are also available at all chambers of commerce offices. BRATS rates range from \$1.50 to \$3.00 depending on rider distances. The regular Wave fare is \$1.25. Riders will need to have the correct change. Rider Discount Cards will be available for purchase from the bus drivers. All buses are handicapped accessible. Parking at the various stops along the Eastern Shore will be free. Employers may furnish seats to their employees as a pre-tax employment benefit and employer tax deduction of up to \$110 a month.

The primary purpose of providing the new route is to help the workforce get to available jobs at both sides of the bay to aid in work-

force development.

However, the routes are not limited to just that one use, they may be used for shopping, medical appointments, and many other needs that the citizens may have.

Riding the bus also helps to save on fuel, wear and tear on automobiles and eliminates parking fees. The new route will also provide transportation to those who have no other mode and for those who are either elderly or handicapped. The community benefits by reduced emissions, thereby creating cleaner air. The busses are clean and comfortable and riders are guaranteed a relaxed, worry free commute.

For more information call BRATS at (251) 990-4636 or The Wave at (251) 344-6600.



(251) 990-4636

Bayline
Baldwin-Mobile Route
envision
STRATEGY IN ACTION
Working together to connect communities and lives.



(251) 344-6600

Monday - Friday

	Fairhope / Hardees Baldwin County	Daphne Library North side of Baldwin County	Spanish Fort Hilltop Prodissee Center Baldwin County	Bienville Square Mobile, Alabama Connection to WAVE Transit	Spanish Fort Hilltop Prodissee Center Baldwin County	Daphne Walmart Food Center Baldwin County	Fairhope Walmart Food Center Baldwin County	Marriott Point Clear Employee Parking Lot Baldwin County	
1	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:45 AM	7:05 AM	7:25 AM	7:35 AM	7:50 AM	8:05 AM
	4:55 PM	4:40 PM	4:30 PM	4:05 PM	4:10 PM	3:45 PM	3:35 PM	3:20 PM	3:05 PM

Monday - Friday

ONE WAY FARES INTO MOBILE									
	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50		\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	
THE FARE FOR ONE WAY INCREMENTAL STOPS IN BALDWIN COUNTY IS \$1.00. FOR EXAMPLE; IF SOMEONE BOARDED IN SPANISH FORT AND WANTED TO GO TO THE GRAND HOTEL - THEIR FARE WOULD BE \$3.00 ONE WAY.									

	Fairhope / Hardees Baldwin County	Daphne Library North side of Baldwin County	Spanish Fort Hilltop Prodissee Center Baldwin County	Bienville Square Mobile, Alabama Connection to WAVE Transit	Spanish Fort Hilltop Prodissee Center Baldwin County	Eastern Shore Center East Entrance of Belk's and Dillard's Baldwin County	Lowes Center Baldwin County	Jubilee Center Hobby Lobby Baldwin County	
2	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:25 AM	7:45 AM	8:05 AM	8:25 AM	8:35 AM	8:40 AM	8:50 AM
	5:55 PM	5:40 PM	5:30 PM	5:05 PM	5:10 PM	4:45 PM	4:35 PM	4:30 PM	4:20 PM

AED Equipment Provided for Each City Building

The City of Daphne now has an AED (Automatic Emergency Device) unit in each of its city buildings. This is a device that will allow someone to administer an electric shock while administering CPR. The company that provided the units has conducted training to 65+ employees. Our Fire Department will train others and give refresher courses as these are the same type of units that our Fire Department uses.

We think this will provide a safer environment for not only the employees that work in the buildings but for citizens as well. With the Monthly Council Meetings along with weekly committee meetings this safety measure will be available if necessary to all who visit City Hall and other buildings.





by Melinda Youngblood

The Lake Forest Home School Club is a non-profit, like-minded group of homeschooling parents who serve one another throughout the school year, by planning activities for our children and serving in the community in civic service opportunities.

Civic service opportunities consist of events like this year's Catfish Rodeo in Bay Minette. This event is held annually for the handi-capable to have a day of fishing. This is just one example of how our all volunteer club members serve others. (see photo of the Catfish Rodeo).

In order to afford our children the opportunities for field trips, seasonal parties, enrichment classes, and workshops,

we all volunteer to serve on one of the planning teams. Each member serves the others with their gifts and talents through planning or teaching.

The Eastern Shore now has a home school girls soccer team, started by Coach Napier, who moved in November, but Coach black has taken the ball and ran with it. We also have TEEN P.E. classes with Coach Steph and Jubilee Rec Days with Bro. Ken McCormick. We have science lab classes at the Exploreum, night astronomy classes, drama classes, and a concert band. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the area churches who graciously allow us use of their buildings for our programs.

What's in it for you?

Are you a retired teacher?

We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in teaching our well-mannered students a unit study, one day a week.

Could you use 6th-12th grade volunteers on occasion?

We'd like to help.

Some families wonder why someone chooses to home school.

I invite you to visit our website for that answer.

www.homeschool-life.com/al/lakeforesthsc

Daphne Public Library

Did You Know.....

Library

Children's Librarian

Cathy Chandler
621-2818, ext. 203
cathydpl@bellsouth.net



Children's Librarian Assistant

Rhonda Moss
621-2818, ext. 209
rhondadpl@bellsouth.net



Photos by T. Young



Storytimes and Story Hour Schedules

Preschool Storytimes

Tuesday 10:30 am
Wednesday 2:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am

After-School Story Hour

Thursday 3:45 - 4:45 pm

Spanish Storytime

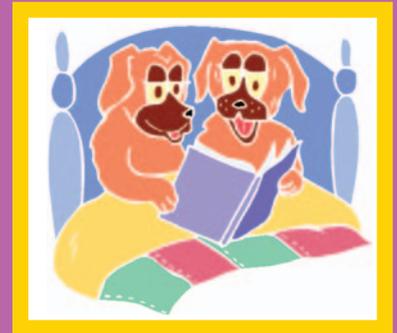
Beginning January, 2008 with Ms. Veronica

Preschool Spanish

Second Monday of each month, beginning
January 14, from 10:30 - 11:00 am

After-School Spanish

Fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning
January 29, from 3:45 - 4:45 pm



2008 Annual "Spring-into-Reading"

Children's Festival

Westward Ho!

Saturday, April 26, 2008

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Come as a
Western Character!**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Daphne Public Library

Petting Zoo
Roping!
Arts & Crafts
Music
Storytelling
Face Painting
Games and Prizes!
Police & Fire Departments

New
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Weekly
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information!

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ART IN THE PARK VIII

SUPERHERO

**Themed Arts
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Face Painting

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Kiddy Train Rides

D.A.R.E. Care

Inflatables

Clowns

**Fire Fighter
Tom & Antique
Fire Truck**

A Magician

Games

**GyroSpace &
More!**



MAY 29, 2008

10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

W.O. Lott Park - 2000 Main Street - Daphne

COME AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO!

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ART IN THE PARK VIII

ARTIST'S BRUSH

**Themed Arts
& Crafts**

Clowns

Face Painting

**Fire Fighter
Tom & Antique
Fire Truck**

Storytelling

A Magician

Kiddy Train Rides

Games

D.A.R.E. Care

**GyroSpace &
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Inflatables

JUNE 5, 2008

10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

W.O. Lott Park - 2000 Main Street - Daphne

COME BE AN ARTIST

Sponsored by:



10,000 Eggs!!!

Daphne Jubilee Easter Egg Hunt

March 15, 2008

Lott Park ✦ 2000 Main Street ✦ Daphne

Hunt for eggs, find a prize egg, enjoy stage entertainment, and vendors with food!

Especially for children: balloon animals, clowns, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, space walks, train rides, games, art projects and

PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

The Easter Egg Hunt will be from 12-3 PM.

*Parking is available adjacent to the park and at the Civic Center.
A BRATS bus will be running from 11:30 AM until 3:30 PM to and from the Civic Center.*



Hunt Schedule

TIME	AGE GROUP
12:10 PM	Children in strollers
12:35 PM	Boys & Girls age 1 & 2
1:00 PM	Boys & Girls age 3 & 4
1:25 PM	Girls age 5 through 7
1:50 PM	Boys age 5 through 7
2:15 PM	Girls age 8 through 10
2:35 PM	Boys age 8 through 10

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Daphne-Spanish Fort, the City of Daphne, the Baldwin County Commission, area businesses and individuals.





MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

CLASSIC ROCK

Friday, April 18
6-9 PM

APRIL 18-20, 2008

MOTOWN

Saturday, April 19
6-9 PM

DAPHNE CIVIC COMPLEX PLAZA
2605 Hwy 98 & Whispering Pines Rd

JAZZ

Sunday, April 20
6-9 PM

Presented by the
Daphne Recreation Department

In case of rain, event will move to
the Daphne Civic Center.

251.621.3707

FREE ADMISSION

Concessions available for purchase.

Bring your own seating. No alcohol. No pets.

Artwork by Kristin Williams

Sponsored by:



SAVE THE DATE!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME



**Love, Hope & Joy
Wrapped in a Warm Santa Hug
for Special Children & Their Families
365 Days A Year!**

Santa-America got the call. A nine year old boy survived Hurricane Katrina but stopped talking. He had heard the cries of his best friend and friend's mother during the killer storm. When Santa Ernest walked into the counselor's office, the young boy jumped up, flew across the room shouting, "Santa, I thought you were dead." Santa helped this young boy begin to heal!



How We Build Community



Santa-America volunteers unite generations and work together to build community through service to

our children. The gifts of Love, Hope & Joy transcend politics, culture, race and religion. These gifts are treasured universal values.

Santa-America Changes Lives!

Founded in 2003 by Daphne resident Ernest Berger, Santa-America is a national non-profit volunteer service organization that offers Santa visits to children and families in crisis...365 days a year! Santa nurtures children and their families by giving compassion during an emotionally stressful time of their life. Following the initial visit, the same Santa re-visits the family year after year helping in their grief and bereavement. Santa-America is proud to call Daphne, AL the North Pole and highlights the generosity of Alabamians throughout the country.

**Gifts for
Our
Children**



When we visit our special children, Santa-America gives gifts that symbolize Love, Hope and Joy. Our signature Santa Hugs™, sleigh bells, and our special book, *An Angel in the Sky*, continue to remind children and their families of their special visit with Santa.



**Caring For Our
Children**

Santa-America is the leader in advancing the highest standards for its volunteers. We conduct rigorous national background checks and intensive training...the same background check as a doctor or nurse.



For more information about Santa-America, visit Santa-America online at www.Santa-America.org or contact our Executive Director Cathy Barnette at 251.379.0462.

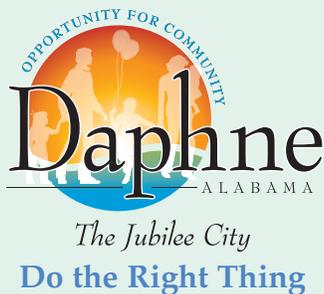
Photos courtesy of Elizabeth McGonagle Graham, Lasting Memories Photography.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS



New Member Coffee

The Welcome Newcomers of the Eastern Shore Club held a new member Coffee social at the home of Maureen Muschel. Board members were present to acquaint new members with the club's many activities and interest groups. The club serves to welcome new residents to the Eastern Shore, to engage in charitable endeavors, and to promote the social and educational life of club members. Membership has grown from 40 members in 1977 to 420 in 2007. For general information, contact club publicity chair, Gerry Carnevale at gcarnevale@bellsouth.net or 990-2345.



As neighbors let's all do the right thing.

Garbage cans only go to the street 24 hours prior to pick up and we ask that you remove them from the street within 12 hours.

This courtesy also applies to trash. And remember pine straw and leaves need to be in a bag. Please note the Holiday Schedule because if garbage and trash is put out on a holiday it will not be picked up until the following week.

We are happy to serve you and thank you for helping Daphne look beautiful!

Daphne Public Works
621-3182

2008 Garbage & Recycle Holiday Schedule

If you're scheduled service date is: Your alternate day will be: If you're scheduled service date is: Your alternate day will be:

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday January 1 Wednesday January 2

LABOR DAY

Tuesday Sept 2 Wednesday Sept 3

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Monday January 21 Tuesday January 22
Tuesday January 22 Wednesday January 23

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday Nov 11 Tuesday Nov 12
Tuesday Nov 12 Wednesday Nov 13

MARDI GRAS DAY

Tuesday February 5 Wednesday February 6

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday Nov 27 No Service
Friday Nov 28 No Service

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday May 26 Tuesday May 27
Tuesday May 27 Wednesday May 28

CHRISTMAS

Wednesday Dec 24 No Service
Thursday Dec 25 No Service

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday July 4 Thursday July 3
Thursday July 3 Wednesday July 2

NEW YEARS 2009

Thursday Jan 1 Wednesday Dec 31

Baldwin County's Bicentennial Fast Approaching

As Baldwin County fast approaches its 200th birthday, the Baldwin County Commission has made the preservation of the county's rich heritage a priority through the construction of a public park that will offer visitors an immersion into the cultural, historical, and natural attractions that Baldwin County offers. With direction coming from the Baldwin County Commission, the appointed Bicentennial Steering Committee has made it their mission to develop a heritage park and to participate in festivities that highlight the diversity of each community. Celebrations will incorporate events that have long been tradition within the county and will introduce new events that are designed specifically for the Bicentennial. A calendar announcing the events will be released early in 2008.

Some of the features will be a 10,000 square foot museum/cultural center featuring a replication of a federal style (façade) school that was present in the county during the 19th century. An outdoor pavilion area suited for a quiet afternoon with family and friends relaxing, bird watching, or just resting from a visit to other portions; an antebellum wharf system will be staged near Hastie Lake and replicate the type dock-side system used during the antebellum period. A proposed 1840s working farm will interpret a common yeoman farming operation as it would have appeared in Baldwin County mid-century. The farm will encompass a variety of sample subsistence crops as well as export crops com-



monly grown in Baldwin County during this period. As with other historical attractions at the Park the working farm will encourage interactive learning among the guests visiting the site. Living historians will be on hand to discuss the trials of 19th century farm life and to demonstrate the techniques used at the time. In addition to the historical components of the Bicentennial Park, the site will feature a recreational sector and nature conservation components that will provide access to the waterways of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. At the same time the project will offer a large measure of protection for the wetlands that provide the plant and animal species of the delta with food and shelter. A public boat launch will allow fishermen and pleasure boaters the opportunity to launch their craft into the Hastie Lake/Hamilton Creek tributary of the Tensaw River while boardwalks into the wetland will provide an educational and enjoyable outing for visitors curious about the delta ecosystem. The goal again is education in an effort to bring to light the beauty and fragility of the delta wetland.

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Any questions concerning park development can be directed to John Jackson, Director of the Baldwin County Department of Archives and History at 251-580-2572 or to Nick Warren, Special Historic Projects Coordinator with the Department of Archives at 251-580-1826.



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