

Old Dauphin Way Newsletter

May 2025

Spring Antique Appraisal Event Planned for June 7th

Do you have old collectables or vintage items stashed away that you are wondering whether or not they are worth anything? If so, pull them out and bring them to ODWA's second Antique Appraisal event, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. We have scheduled three locally known antique experts—Tim and Desiree Tait and Bill Appling—to examine and authenticate items brought in. They will examine one item for \$5 or three for \$10. All proceeds will go to ODWA for future projects.

We Want Your Input and Ideas!

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

Plans Progressing for Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Old Dauphin Way Association, along with other historic neighborhood organizations, will co-host a forum featuring all seven of the announced mayoral candidates on May 20 at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. The event will begin with an informal "meet and greet" session at 5:15 p.m., followed by the candidate forum at 6:00 p.m. The forum will conclude at 8:00 p.m. with a "mix and mingle" period afterward to provide more interaction time with the candidates. The event will conclude at 8:30. Please plan on attending this very important event. Our next mayor needs to be aware of concerns specific to historic neighborhoods and we need to know how these concerns will be addressed. We hope to see you on May 20th!

News from Around the Neighborhood

The Little Sisters of the Poor held their spring White Elephant sale on May 3. This event, mainly organized by volunteers, is a major fund-raiser for the facility. According to David Hyland, Development Director, this year's sale was well-attended and was "one of our most successful sales ever." He stated, "We thank all those who stopped by the sale and who continue to support our mission." Many residents of Old Dauphin Way helped with the sale and also came to shop!

The ODWA Spring Plant Swap was held April 12 at Central Presbyterian Church. Neighbors were able to trade plants as well as gardening advice. Thanks to Joan Hoffman for organizing this event.

The North Monterey Street Party was held April 5 and featured several live bands celebrating the event's 50th anniversary. The annual celebration was featured in the April 2025 issue of *Mobile Bay* magazine. This year's event was well-attended.

On May 8, ODWA board members provided lunch and refreshments for staff and ministers of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church who were participating in an annual planning retreat. ODWA provided the food as a small token of gratitude to church staff for their ongoing cooperation in letting ODWA hold meetings and activities in church facilities.

April General Meeting Well-Attended

Our Spring general meeting, held April 24, was well-attended. Speakers Lesley Walker, Deputy Director of Community Affairs for the City of Mobile, Captain Angela Prine, head of the Third Precinct of the Mobile Police Department, and Councilman William Carroll of Mobile's Second District, all gave informative talks about their respective City departments and activities. They answered questions from the audience and remained after their talks to visit with our members. We appreciate the positive write-up Mr. Carroll gave us the next day in his weekly newsletter.



William Carroll addresses the ODWA membership at April 24th Spring Meeting.

Collier-Sheppard House

The Collier-Sheppard House, featured in last month's newsletter, during the historic January snowfall



A Message from Our President

Greetings, ODWA Neighbors!

We have a lot of exciting activities in the plans for 2025, beginning with our antique appraisal event to be held June 7. ODWA t-shirts, flags, and huggers will be available for you to purchase to support ODWA, and we have other things in the works as well.

How exciting that we have the opportunity to co-host, with our other historic district neighbors in Midtown and Downtown, the 2025 Mayoral Candidates Forum! And in our own "backyard" at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church on Dauphin at Catherine Streets.

This is a *perfect* chance to come out and not only meet other Midtown/Downtown residents and business owners, but also attend a great venue to meet and greet and hear *your future mayor* speak. Your presence will help our neighborhood be seen and heard and recognized by those who will be leading us in these next few years. There will be broad content covered with the candidates, so I am sure you will appreciate having been there! Join us, won't you?

Michelle Talbott Rogers, ODWA President



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