



Mission: To make The Village of Spring Hill a neighborhood center by improving the pedestrian, aesthetic and commercial amenities of the area

...From our President

Word on the street is... "The Village" is getting restless. Great places don't happen by accident. It takes time, planning, vision, cooperation and money from all the stakeholders. We vowed from the beginning that our efforts to revitalize Spring Hill would center on a long term plan involving community input addressing all our challenges.

SIDEWALKS A PRIORITY

Since our initial community meeting, 550 of you prioritized your concerns about Spring Hill. The number one request was for more sidewalks. In response to this, we have been looking into grants and any other money available for this improvement. A Transportation Enhancement Grant has been applied for on our behalf by the City of Mobile to continue sidewalks on Old Shell Road from McGregor Avenue to University Boulevard.

ABOUT THOSE POWER LINES....

Unightly power lines was another concern for our community. We have been working with Alabama Power Company and the other utilities to re-engineer the power lines out of the intersection of Old Shell Road and McGregor Avenue. Burying these lines would be cost prohibitive; moving most of them behind the buildings is costly enough. City Council Member Gina Gregory has committed \$200,000 towards improvements to this intersection.

100 NEW TREES!

The City of Mobile has pledged over 100 trees to help with a replanting initiative for the Spring Hill area. The City has been working with us on the removal of old trees, placement of new trees and labor to make this happen. This can become a reality through a combined effort of City employees, paid labor and community volunteers.

THE URBAN PLANNING PROCESS

The big news is that we are in the process of searching for an urban planning firm to help with the vision and plan for the future development of Spring Hill. We want to make sure the company we hire is qualified to address all our community challenges and needs. We have spent many months researching

and interviewing qualified companies and trying to secure funding for this endeavor. With the guidance of the urban planner we will begin revitalization efforts for Spring Hill.

APPROVED NON-PROFIT STATUS

We are now approved as a non-profit organization and all your donations to us are tax deductible. Moving power lines, planting trees, repairing and building sidewalks and infrastructure is very expensive. All these projects are at our fingertips. The success of revitalizing Spring Hill can become a reality with your support.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

I would like to say, on a personal note, that I am proud to be part of an effort that has brought so much generosity to the forefront. The accomplishments we have made to date would not have been possible without the commitment of our Board Members, residents, property owners and merchants. I think we have only just begun to build a more neighborhood friendly environment for all of us to enjoy. The support of each one of you is vital to the success of "The Village of Spring Hill". *Together, we can make it happen.*

Sincerely,
Linda St.John

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SIDEWALKS TO SOMEWHERE

At the first meeting of The Village of Spring Hill, it became very clear that sidewalks are a priority for our community. To date, representatives of our organization have met with Mayor Sam Jones, City Council Members Gina Gregory and Reggie Copeland, County Commissioner Stephen Nodine, State Senator Hap Myers and State Representative Jamie Ison in an effort to secure a grant for sidewalks for our area. All of these leaders have been responsive and supportive of our efforts. As a result of this meeting and through a combined effort, a Transportation Enhancement grant application was

submitted to the Alabama Department of Transportation in September. This grant for funds totaling \$379,000 will be used to construct sidewalks on Old Shell Road. These sidewalks will connect University Boulevard to McGregor Avenue on the south side of Old Shell Road, effectively linking the University of South Alabama to Spring Hill College as well as connecting to the newly constructed sidewalks in Langan Park. Preliminary feedback has been encouraging. We hope to have a response from the State by January, 2007.

In the meantime, we have an ambitious plan to raise additional public and private

funds for the construction of sidewalks throughout other areas of Spring Hill. Council Members Gina Gregory and Reggie Copeland have agreed to help obtain City funds for this project. Just recently, County Commissioner Stephen Nodine announced plans to match City funds up to \$500,000 from his 2008 Pay-As-You-Go Program. We also hope to begin connecting all of the fragments of sidewalks "leading to nowhere" by introducing a program called **Sidewalks to Somewhere**. Money raised for this program will also be used to repair damaged sidewalks. For \$100 per foot, your help can make our community more neighborhood-friendly and more accessible to all.

The Village of Spring Hill looks forward to working cooperatively with the City of Mobile to make **Sidewalks to Somewhere** a success. We encourage you to help our sidewalk initiative by donating to our program.

KUDOS

The Village of Spring Hill would like to thank all these people for their dedication and hard work to make our efforts successful!

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We would also like to thank our hardworking volunteers and generous supporters. Together, we hope to build a Village we can all take pride in and sustain for generations to come.

501(c)(3)

APPROVED!

GREAT NEWS! The Village of Spring Hill has received non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service with approval of our 501(c)(3) application. We would like to thank Congressman Jo Bonner for his help in expediting our response from the IRS. What does all of this mean? It means that as a nonprofit organization, all donations made are tax deductible.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation in memory or honor of someone, a gift card will be sent. Just go to our website (www.thevillageofspringhill.com), click on "Join", and download the Membership/Donor form or use the form on the back page of our newsletter. *This is a great gift idea for the person who has everything.*

Tree Initiatives Underway in Spring Hill

In August, 2005, Hurricane Katrina swept through southern Alabama damaging large portions of the state's urban forest. The Spring Hill area was particularly hard hit. Many heritage oaks were uprooted, native trees were lost, and the flowering Bradford Pears were badly damaged or stressed.

Prompted by the community's desire to improve the landscape in our commercial area, The Village of Spring Hill has applied for a grant to replace the damaged Bradford Pears along Old Shell Road. Following the hurricane, Federal funds were appropriated to mitigate the effects of Katrina on the Gulf Coast. Through Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, we have applied for \$24,500 to replant Old Shell Road. If this grant is approved, the project will begin in early 2007 and be completed by September, 2008.

Removing the damaged Bradford Pear trees and maintaining replacement trees are not covered by this grant. These funds will have to be committed by our community to make this effort successful. If you would like to donate funds, please contact us by e-mail (info@thevillageofspringhill.com).

In addition, we are working with both the City of Mobile and Keep Mobile Beautiful to plant over 100 live oak trees throughout Spring Hill. The trees will be planted along sections of Old Shell Road, Museum Drive and McGregor Avenue over the next two years. We are very grateful to the City of Mobile and Keep Mobile Beautiful for their generosity and their efforts to help restore our beautiful oak canopy.

R E M E M B E R

Clean Up Day March 30, 2007

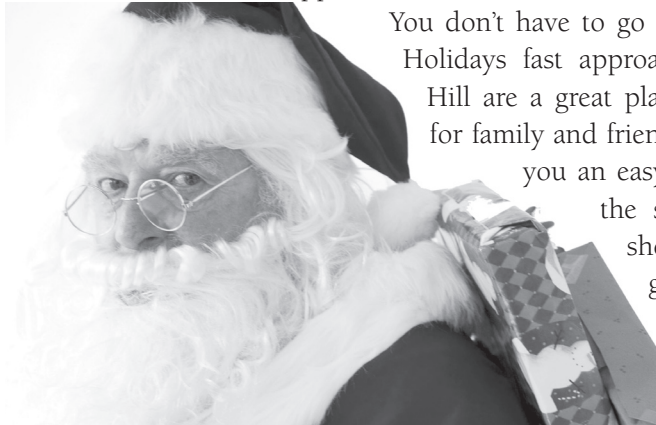
CONSIDER ADOPTING A SPECIAL PROJECT

JOIN TOGETHER WITH OTHERS and adopt a project to enhance Spring Hill. Choose from one of 28 designated **Diamonds In The Rough** posted on our website (www.thevillageofspringhill.com). These spots are in need of polishing or finishing. It will take the dedication of generous, energetic volunteers to do some of the work. Other **Diamonds** will only take a phone call or two. You can also participate by picking up litter on daily walks. It can be rewarding to know you are doing something to improve our Village area.



CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

Christmas on the Hill is a tradition that has been enjoyed for 20 years! On **Sunday, December 3, from 1 - 6 pm**, the shops in Spring Hill at Old Shell and McGregor will be brimming with exciting gift selections, refreshments, music, tree lighting and lots of activities for children and adults, too! We even hear that Santa will make an appearance in his horse-drawn sleigh!



You don't have to go far to get the best! With the Holidays fast approaching, the shops in Spring Hill are a great place to find just the right gift for family and friends. This special day will give you an easy and fun chance to get into the spirit of the Season and to shop early while the selection is great! Remember, every year a percentage of sales goes to aid Wilmer Hall.



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info@thevillageofspringhill.com

Thank you!

More and more of you are seen picking up trash on your walks through the neighborhood. It gives us all a great sense of pride to keep our area of the City looking the best it can!! **A big salute to you all!**



TOGETHER, WE CAN...

Join your friends and neighbors and be a part of something exciting happening in Spring Hill!

Friend: \$35 – 99 **Contributor:** \$100 – 249 **Supporter:** \$250 – 499 **Sustainer:** \$500 – 999 **Patron:** \$1,000 – Above

*A 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Attached is my check for membership in the amount of: \$ _____

In addition to my membership, I would like to make a contribution for:

A Memorial to _____ \$ _____

A Gift in Honor of _____ \$ _____

Sidewalk to Somewhere @ \$100 per foot \$ _____

Total \$ _____

<i>Gift Card to be mailed to:</i>	
Name	_____
Address	_____

Diamonds in the Rough (Go to our website and click on Diamonds in the Rough to learn more about this program)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. and mail this form to the address below or charge to: MasterCard Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

Signature _____

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