

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

FALL 2013

Sidewalk Grant for the Village

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. is awarded competitive grant for more sidewalks!

In a crowded field of 78 applicants from Baldwin and Mobile counties, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., was one of only three applicants to receive a Transportation Alternative Grant (TAP) to fund more sidewalks in the Village. The **\$154,899** grant submitted was to fund sidewalks from Ridgelawn Drive West to McGregor Avenue on the north side of Old Shell Road. With only \$513,441 federal dollars apportioned for our area of Alabama, the competition was fierce!

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., credits our success in securing the grant to having the project already engineered at the time of submission and to the commitment by our organization to provide the 20% matching funds. These were two of the many criteria required in the grant application. The engineering was made possible by your continued financial support of our efforts, and the matching funds were made possible through the generosity of The **J.L. Bedsole Foundation** and the **2013 Sidewalk-A-Thon** initiated by our children in the Village. With this grant, what started out as one small step on the sidewalks became a giant leap for our Village! The funds will allow us to expand a two-block sidewalk project into a sidewalk network that will benefit a large number of residents in Spring Hill for many years to come.

The grant was also made possible through a partnership between the City of Mobile and TVSH. The terms of the application required that it be submitted by the City. Jennifer White, Director of Traffic Engineering, worked with us to submit the grant on behalf of TVSH. We anticipate construction of these new sidewalks to begin in the spring of 2014.

The 3rd Annual Sidewalk-A-Thon is scheduled for FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014. So mark your calendar now. Next year we plan to begin extending sidewalks on the north side of Old Shell Road just east of Spring Hill Shopping Center towards Dilston and Tuthill Lanes. *If you would like to contribute please use the attached form—Thank You!*



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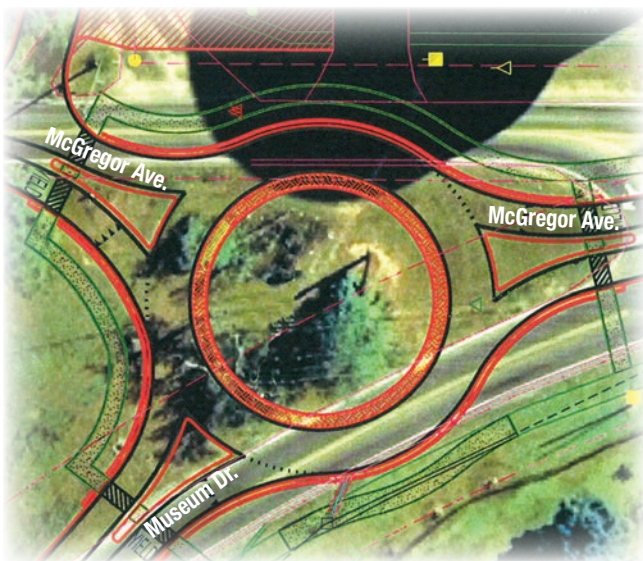


Our Library

The Monte L. Moorer branch of the Mobile Public Library has enjoyed increased attendance over the last year since The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., partnered with local foundations to create a more appealing front entrance. The attractive, renovated courtyard is the home of the first public sculpture placed by TVSH. Fifty to sixty folks per day now pass through the front doors, which were again opened to the public as part of the renovation. The library staff has used the courtyard as an “outdoor room” for educational programming and children’s activities. One day in June a giant chess set (borrowed from the Downtown Mobile Alliance) was set up for visitors. The unique set proved so popular that TVSH secured funding to provide the Moorer Library with its own set. Funds for this addition to the library were made possible through the generosity of TVSH supporters **Sybillie and Dr. Sven-Peter Mannsfeld** and the **Monte L. Moorer Foundation**.

Trees...and *more* trees

Since last year, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. has planted over 100 Drake Elm trees along Old Shell Road in the core of the Village. Many compliments have been received about the trees and their beautiful, graceful appearance. The elms were chosen for their drought and disease resistance and tolerance to pollution. We are grateful to **Austill and Vic Lott** for their generous contribution that helped make possible the planting of 68 of the elms last fall. TVSH will continue to add trees to the streetscapes in the Village to enhance the beauty of Spring Hill.



Shown is the basic placement of the new roundabout over current landscape..

Progress on the Roundabout

The roundabout planned to replace the dysfunctional intersection of North McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive is a work in progress. With the assistance of County Commissioner **Connie Hudson** and City Councilmember **Gina Gregory**, the project was included for funding by Mobile County’s 2012 Transportation Pay-As-You-Go Road Improvement Program. Engineering and design plans are currently being reviewed by public utilities and appropriate City departments. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2014. **Paul Fontenot**, landscape architect and owner of Garden Design Solutions, Inc. (GDSI), will design the center of the roundabout to create a beautiful landscape feature in the midst of this intersection. The roundabout will provide improved traffic flow and enhanced safety for pedestrians along McGregor Avenue. Sidewalks will surround the perimeter, and crosswalks will feature TVSH pavers.

ING HILL UPDATES

Sign Of The Times *TVSH Leads Charge for Digital Sign Restrictions in the City*

After years of discouraging several attempts to place digital signs within the Village, the Board of Directors of TVSH decided it was time to take a proactive stance. Digital signs have been perfectly legal in Spring Hill according to City of Mobile ordinances, but they are totally counter to the core principles of the master plan developed for the Village.

With the help of our master plan firm Dover Kohl and Partners, TVSH crafted an ordinance that would restrict digital signs in the Village except in areas with 4 lanes of thru traffic. It would also require such signs to be at least 300' from any residential area. After review by the City of

Mobile Urban Development Department, including weeks of discussion and months of planning, the City Council voted 6-1 to approve the restrictions for Spring Hill. The Council also voted to restrict digital signs to a 300' buffer from residential areas throughout the City of Mobile, thereby protecting smaller neighborhood communities citywide. TVSH is proud to have initiated citywide digital sign restrictions and is grateful to Councilmember **Gina Gregory** for her assistance in the successful passage of this sign ordinance, which will enhance the aesthetics of neighborhoods all over Mobile.

WHAT'S NEXT? *New Look for the Village Entrance at Old Shell Road & I-65*



Drawing for illustration only. Does not reflect final design.

When The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., was approached this summer about revamping the area at Old Shell Road and I-65, we saw the perfect opportunity to create an attractive entrance into our Village. Through a collaborative effort, a design was created and a plan was formulated. **Keep Mobile Beautiful** will supply 25 Nellie Stevens Holly trees to be planted along the chain link fence adjacent to the interstate. **Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)** will fund the concrete and TVSH pavers to fill the medians. TVSH will pay for the labor to install the landscaping as well as a Village sign. Through the efforts of **Gina Gregory**, an agreement was reached with the City for the Mobile Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the area. *"Together We Can!"*

SAVE the DATE!
Sunday, Dec. 8
1:00-5:00 p.m.



JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE BELLS!! Make plans to do your Christmas shopping on the Hill! There will be a bounty of gifts available for your selection. Christmas on the Hill is an annual family event created and promoted by the Spring Hill Merchants Association and the individual merchants of the Spring Hill area. Look for special store hours, holiday refreshments, sleigh rides, photos with Santa, holiday music, children's activities as well as sales and special merchandise promotions. We encourage everyone to support our area merchants. For additional information, visit the "Spring Hill Merchants Association" on Facebook.



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SCREEN ON THE GREEN

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., in conjunction with the City of Mobile and numerous sponsors and donors, held its 1st Annual Screen on the Green during the month of October. This family-friendly event featured a series of free movies in Lavretta Park on the three Saturday evenings preceding Halloween. Food was available at each event from local vendors and

there were associated contests ranging from online trivia games, pumpkin decorating, costume contests, plus activities organized for children prior to the movies.

"Screen on the Green" is part of TVSH's ongoing effort to provide our Village with entertaining events for families and to encourage interaction with the community.



Time to Renew for 2014!

Your generous yearly pledge invests directly in the community where you live when you support The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., and is KEY to continuing success in improving our Village.

Friend:	\$35 - 99
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