

Fall 2018



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

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. secures funding to transform North McGregor Avenue!

Members of The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. (TVSH) board and City Council member **Gina Gregory** submitted a proposal to **Commissioner Connie Hudson** to partner with (TVSH) to fund a total makeover of North McGregor Avenue through the **Mobile County Pay-As-You-Go Program** in 2018.

The improvements will include updated drainage, curb, gutter, and sidewalk construction, and resurfacing of North McGregor Avenue from Old Shell Road to Springhill Avenue. Incorporated in the project will be a pedestrian crosswalk from the west side of North McGregor Avenue near the **Spring Hill Manor** residential area to the **Spring Hill Village Shopping Center**, which will allow safe pedestrian access to the commercial area.



Need for curb, gutter, updated drainage and sidewalks on North McGregor Ave.

In addition, the intersection of Springhill Avenue and North McGregor Avenue will be completely reconfigured to make it more pedestrian friendly. Pedestrian crosswalks, large islands and landscaping will be added, similar to the intersection of Old Shell Road and McGregor Avenue, a project that was initiated by TVSH in 2007.

With additional financial support for the sidewalk portion of the project committed by Council member **Gina Gregory**, the estimated one-million-dollar public works initiative is on the County Commission November ballot for approval.

“I am very pleased that the 2018 Mobile County Pay-As-You-Go Program referendum will include \$821,561 in funding for road improvements to North McGregor Avenue. It is a pleasure to partner with the Village of Spring Hill and Council woman Gregory in an effort to enhance and improve infrastructure and pedestrian access within the community.”

-Commissioner Connie Hudson

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Four New Sidewalk Projects for the Village!

Four new sidewalk projects are scheduled to begin in late 2018 and into 2019 in our Village. After these projects are realized, over 2 million dollars in sidewalk infrastructure will have been installed since The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., became organized 11 years ago! This amazing accomplishment has been made possible by identifying feasible projects, applying for state grants, conducting fundraising efforts throughout the Spring Hill community, and engaging financial support from our City Council members **Joel Daves** and **Gina Gregory**. Bringing a sidewalk project to fruition is approximately a two-year process.

Bit and Spur Road

First to come to fruition will be sidewalks on the north side of Bit and Spur Road from University Boulevard to the commercial area on Old Shell Road. This project is made possible by a \$200,000 Transportation Alternative Grant (TAP) secured by the **City of Mobile** on behalf of The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. The 20% required match of \$40,000 and approximate \$20,000 for engineering and surveying costs has been funded by TVSH. This \$60,000 was raised through the annual Sidewalk-A-Thon events.



South McGregor Avenue West Side

The west side of South McGregor Avenue will be completely transformed with the installation of updated drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalk infrastructure from Old Shell Road to Dauphin Street. This project was initiated by TVSH and will be completely funded by **Councilman Joel Daves** with Capital Improvement Funds for District 5. Once these improvements have been completed, South McGregor Avenue will be resurfaced from Old Shell Road to Dauphin Street. *The project is in the final stages of approval.*

Myrtlewood Lane to I-65 and

Lavretta Park to University Boulevard

Last year (2017) was an unprecedented year for The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. We received not one but two state TAP grants to construct sidewalks on the north side of Old Shell Road. One project spans from Myrtlewood Lane to I-65, and the other from Lavretta Park to University Boulevard. These two projects will complete a network of sidewalks on both sides of Old Shell Road from University Boulevard to the I-65 Service Road.

The very successful 2018 Sidewalk-A-Thon along with a generous contribution from **The J.L. Bedsole Foundation** has provided the \$60,000 matching funds required to secure the Myrtlewood to I-65 grant. Council member **Gina Gregory** helped secure the Lavretta Park to University grant by committing \$60,000 for the required match. Construction is expected to begin sometime in 2019.



*Before and After of East side South McGregor Ave.
completely transformed last year*

Village Master Plan Guides New Development

R ester Brothers Auto Repair shop was a fixture on Old Shell Road for years and years. The business closed, and the property was purchased by **Jeff and Todd LaCour**, who are undertaking a massive renovation/repurposing of the building under the guidelines of *The Blueprint for Spring Hill*. **The LaCour** brothers, who grew up in Mobile, worked with the Village to incorporate key elements of the master plan, including on street parking on Border Drive, wide sidewalks, signature Village lighting and street trees. **Maple Street Biscuit Co.**, featuring breakfast, brunch, and lunch, will locate in the building and is expected to open sometime this fall. Check the **Maple Street** website in anticipation of the arrival of this newcomer to the local food scene!



Developer's rendering of proposed development

Future Developments...



*Conceptual rendering of Fire Station as depicted in
The Blue Print for Spring Hill*

New Fire Station for the Village

As part of the **City of Mobile's** quest to upgrade public safety, the old and obsolete Spring Hill fire station on Museum Drive is scheduled to be demolished next year and replaced with a new state-of-the-art facility on the site. Village of Spring Hill board members have been meeting with **Fire Chief Mark Sealy** and **Chief of Staff Jeremy Lami** along with Council member **Gina Gregory** and the **City of Mobile Architectural Engineering Department** to collaborate on aesthetic elements of the exterior design of the new building. Plans are being developed for a traditional neighborhood friendly design in keeping with *The Blueprint for Spring Hill* Master Plan.

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Dauphin Street Landscaping

After Council member **Joel Daves** secured funding for a landscape enhancement project under the existing crepe myrtle trees in the median on Dauphin Street between **Springhill Medical Center** and McGregor Avenue, he reached out to The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., for assistance. He asked if the organization would design a landscape plan and oversee the installation of the project. The design included a selection of old varieties of plants that have been staples in the Mobile landscape for years and years. Also included in the project was new sod and an irrigation system.

The result of this partnership is another beautification initiative enjoyed by thousands of motorists traveling along the upper end of Dauphin Street.

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Bit and Spur Pocket Park

As an enhancement to the sidewalks to be constructed on Bit and Spur Road, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. will install a pocket park at the entrance to The Gates subdivision. The park is made possible by a generous contribution from the **Doy and Margaret McCall Family Foundation** and gifts in memory of TVSH founding board member **Sissy Hungerford**, for whom a bench will also be placed. Two trees will be planted in memory of **Dennis McPoland**, who was a resident of **The Gates**. The park will also feature a piece of sculpture alluding to the history of the area.

The Bit and Spur neighborhood has been a vital part of Spring Hill life for decades. The stables that were located where the **Convent of Mercy** now stands were a source of enjoyment for generations of youngsters. Even the road takes its name from the **Bit and Spur Riding Academy!**



March 29th, 2019



Sunday, December 2,
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Carpe Diem Coffee
& Tea Co.
Santa Run

Saturday, December 22,
10:00 a.m.