



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

Public Art Makes Our Village Unique

Public art gives communities a sense of identity making them more memorable. This is becoming more important in a world where every place tends to look the same! The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. plans to expand on our initiative to place more public art in the Village making our community a more unique place to live!



The Flame of Knowledge

Moorer Branch Mobile Public Library in Spring Hill
commissioned by The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. in 2012.

Sculpture for the Roundabout

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., recently partnered with the **Mobile Museum of Art** to locate a piece of sculpture from the Museum's sculpture trail in Langan Park to the center of the roundabout at North McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive.

The sculpture, named *Centrifugal II*, was created of corten steel (weathering steel) by renowned local sculptor **Casey Downing Jr.** in 1983. When viewed from different angles the sculpture appears to change shape, bringing a unique animate element to its steel components. The Village of Spring Hill is grateful to the **Museum Board** and its director, **Deborah Velders**, for this collaboration that will bring a notable enhancement to the roundabout.

Celebrating History on Bit and Spur Road

Bit and Spur Road takes its name from the Bit and Spur Riding Club located in the area from late 1920 until 1980. First operated by a Major Kittell and daughter Elizabeth and later by local sisters Melva and Ellie Frazier, it was a precursor of Polo at the Point and enjoyed by generations of Mobilians!

Celebrating this history, we constructed a Mini Park at the entrance of The Gates subdivision featuring a horse sculpture. The park is dedicated to the memory of founding Village of Spring Hill board member **Sissy Hungerford**, and made possible through contributions in her memory, the **Doy and Margaret McCall Family Foundation**, and contributions in memory of **Dennis McPoland**.

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Sidewalks Connect Our Community *and* Increase Property Values

It is estimated that property values in neighborhoods with sidewalks are worth between 40 - 150% more than property in neighborhoods that are strictly drivable. Sidewalks also provide the street life environment young people are leaving Mobile for every year. If we want to change this trend, we must create a place they want to live, by continuing to make Spring Hill a walkable community.



More Than Just Sidewalks on South McGregor Avenue

The construction on South McGregor Avenue is part of a **City of Mobile Capital Improvement Project**. It includes extensive infrastructure upgrades such as curb, gutter, drainage, resurfacing and sidewalks mirroring the construction completed on the east side last year.

Council member Joel Daves committed all the funding for this total road upgrade using District 5 Capital Improvement Funds. The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. board members worked with **Council member Daves** to include sidewalks in the overall project to advance our initiative to build a walkable Village. Sidewalks on both sides of South McGregor Avenue will allow ALL residents to access the sidewalks safely without having to cross McGregor Avenue.



Sidewalk-A-Thon Lemonade Stand

Bit and Spur—No More Bits and Pieces

New sidewalks on the north side of Bit and Spur Road have been completed! The project included new sidewalk construction as well as connecting existing fragmented sections of sidewalk providing a complete network all the way from Old Shell Road to University Boulevard.

Funding for these sidewalks was the result of a state grant awarded to the City of Mobile on behalf of The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. We provided the matching funds and engineering expenses, roughly \$60,000.00. These funds were raised through our annual **Sidewalk-A-Thon** and a generous contribution from **The J. L. Bedsole Foundation**.

Myrtlewood to I-65 Service Road and Lavretta Park to University Boulevard

Last year was unprecedented for The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. when the City of Mobile was awarded two state grants on our behalf to construct sidewalks from Myrtlewood Lane to I-65 Service Road and Lavretta Park to University Boulevard on the north side of Old Shell Road. These two projects will complete one of our earliest goals, to connect the Spring Hill community on both sides of Old Shell Road all the way from I-65 Service Road to University Boulevard!

The 20% required matching funds and engineering expenses for the Myrtlewood to I-65 Service Road project were made possible through a generous contribution from **The J. L. Bedsole Foundation** as well as our annual **Sidewalk-A-Thon**.

The matching funds for the grant to build sidewalks from Lavretta Park to University Boulevard are being provided entirely by **District 7 Council member Gina Gregory**.

Another Million Dollar Project for Our Village!

It was a “leap of faith” when **County Commissioner Connie Hudson** partnered with The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. to build the very first roundabout on a major street inside the city limits. The intersection of North McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive was totally transformed by this project in 2015.

Once again **Commissioner Hudson** is partnering with us to continue these infrastructure upgrades to the north and south of the roundabout. The project will include drainage upgrades as well as curb and gutter infrastructure on both sides of North McGregor Avenue from Old Shell Road to Springhill Avenue.

The nondescript intersection of North McGregor Avenue and Springhill Avenue will be completely reconfigured as part of the project making the area more pedestrian friendly. It will feature pedestrian crosswalks, large islands and decorative traffic signal poles imitating the intersection at Old Shell Road and McGregor Avenue which was re-engineered in 2009. **Commissioner Hudson** included most of the needed funding in the Mobile County 2018 Transportation Pay-As-You-Go Program.

The additional funding for the sidewalk component of this million-dollar project will be provided by **City Council member Gina Gregory**. The project includes sidewalks constructed on both sides of North McGregor Avenue from Old Shell Road all the way to Springhill Avenue! These sidewalks will tie into newly constructed sidewalks on South McGregor Avenue completing a network in the Village all the way from Dauphin Street to Springhill Avenue on both sides of McGregor Avenue. When complete, the improvements will undoubtedly create a favorable first impression for visitors to Langan Park and give Spring Hill residents safe access to the park and beyond!



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The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization and every contribution received goes directly into the community where we live!

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350 Trees & Counting!

For thirteen years, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing the tree canopy of our Village by continuing to plant trees. Before our tree planting initiative, there was never a program to replace the trees in Spring Hill lost to hurricanes, damage, or disease. To date we have planted over 350 trees!

Last winter, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. added more Ligustrum bushes to screen the chain link fence line along the Emergency Management Agency. We created three new flower beds in the adjacent greenspace on Mordecai Lane where we planted three live oak trees, azaleas and added four more Village benches around the perimeter of the roundabout in memory and honor of Spring Hill residents.

Recently, we were awarded a grant from the **Sanford/Lott Charitable Family Foundation** to replant trees along the newly completed sidewalks on South McGregor Avenue and Bit and Spur Road. Look for red maples, live oaks and crepe myrtle trees to be planted along these new sidewalks this fall.

Spring Hill Fire Station Update!

Two years ago, The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. learned of city plans to demolish the old and obsolete Spring Hill Fire Station and build a new facility on the site. With assistance from **Council member Gina Gregory**, we started collaborating with city and fire department officials on the exterior design of the proposed new station.

The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. hired local architect **L. Craig Roberts** to help with this endeavor. The result is a traditional, neighborhood friendly design that will be located closer to North McGregor Avenue as called for in the Village Master Plan (*The Blueprint for Spring Hill*).

Construction is expected to begin this Fall, and when complete, will undoubtedly become a prominent fixture in the Spring Hill community for generations to come!



March 27, 2020

3:00 Registration / 4:00 Walk



December 8, 2019

1:00 - 5:00

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December 21, 2019

10:00 AM