

# FORT MORGAN NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Folks,

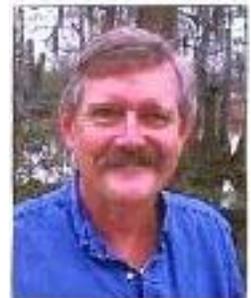
**Seasons greetings to all!**

Hope your Christmas was indeed Merry. Let us all wish for a more peaceful 2018.

Remember that we need a quorum to elect officers at our January meeting. Plan to attend.

Paul

Paul Barefield



### MEMBER NOTICES

**Membership Renewal for 2018**

**Please return your dues now with the attached member form  
To Chan West, Treasurer, at the FMCA post office box on the form.  
Thank you for your continued support.**

### January 8<sup>th</sup> Election of FMCA Officers ~ Please Join Us to VOTE

The Nominating Committee reported that all officers are willing to stand for re-election. Of course, nominations from the floor are always welcomed. Be there to vote at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting—WE NEED A QUORUM! **Please consider running for office!**

### **Volunteer Fire Department .....Chief Glenn Stevens**



Every year the Fire Department has an Annual Dinner to say, “thank you” to all the firefighters that volunteer their time to the Department. Others invited to the dinner that made valuable contributions are the Board of Directors and the Ladies Auxiliary. Both the Gulf Shores Plantation and The Beach Club made their annual donations, with the Beach Club presenting the Fire Department with checks totaling \$40,000. A special thank you goes out to Sassy Bass Amazin’ Grill, who hosted the event and picked up the tab.

The main event at our Annual Dinner was the announcement of our Firefighter of the Year. This honor is awarded by a vote of the firefighters, based on attendance to emergency calls and training meetings, ability to work well with other firefighters, and overall contribution to the Department. The 2017 Firefighter of the Year was awarded to the Department’s Medical Director and Captain of Station 2, Alicia Gutierrez.

Your Fire Department responded to 22 calls in November, which included:

- 12 medical
- 6 false alarms
- 1 vehicle fire
- 1 public assist
- 1 propane leak
- 1 assault

The Fire Department will hold its Annual Meeting on January 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., at Fire Station No. 1. At this meeting, the Board of Directors will give a summary of 2017 and present a budget for 2018 expenses and projects. Also at this meeting, the community in attendance will vote for 3 expiring Board positions, currently held by Jerry Ralston, Pete Jellison, and A.J. Andreasen. All three members have expressed interest in retaining their Board positions; however, any permanent resident of Fort Morgan may be nominated. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

## Committee Formed to Investigate Fort Morgan Community Future Options

The new Committee's aim is to obtain a designation to preserve our community as an autonomous entity and to protect it from high-density development. If you wish to contribute ideas, suggestions, solutions, etc., please contact one of the following members:

Ernie Church (Chair)	(334) 220-0851	<a href="mailto:ecaces4@gmail.com">ecaces4@gmail.com</a>
Thelma Strong	(251) 540-7383	<a href="mailto:twstrong@gulftel.com">twstrong@gulftel.com</a>
Bonnie Lowry	(251) 540-9327	
Carol Kittrell	(251) 605-4134	<a href="mailto:ckittrell@southalabama.edu">ckittrell@southalabama.edu</a>

For historical purposes, the committee needs to get a handle on how many homes and buildings in District 25 are more than 50 years old. If your home or building fits that description, please contact Ernie Church at [ecaces4@gmail.com](mailto:ecaces4@gmail.com)

## Baldwin County Commission Contacts

### Commissioners:

**Charles "Skip" Gruber**  
[cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov)  
 251-943-5061

**Tucker Dorsey**  
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 251-972-8502

**Chris Elliott**  
[ctelliott@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:ctelliott@baldwincountyal.gov)  
 251-990-4606

**Frank Burt, Jr.**  
[fburt@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:fburt@baldwincountyal.gov)  
 251-937-0395

To speak at a regular commission meeting, you must have signed up before the meeting. Check the dates, times and locations for all meetings at <http://www.baldwincountyal.gov>

## FMCA Executive Board Contacts

If you have questions, need information or would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following board members.

### Officers

President	Paul Barefield	540-7727	<a href="mailto:csbarefield@gmail.com">csbarefield@gmail.com</a>
Vice President	Ernie Church	334-220-0851	<a href="mailto:ecaces4@gmail.com">ecaces4@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Chan West	979-4932	<a href="mailto:chan@goefish.com">chan@goefish.com</a>
Secretary	Carol Kittrell	251-605-4134	<a href="mailto:ckittrell@southalabama.edu">ckittrell@southalabama.edu</a>

### Standing Committee Chairs

District 25 Planning & Zoning	Chan West	979-4932	<a href="mailto:chan@goefish.com">chan@goefish.com</a>
Future Options	Ernie Church	334-220-0851	<a href="mailto:ecaces4@gmail.com">ecaces4@gmail.com</a>
Membership	Bonnie Lowry	540-9327	
NEWS & Website Editor	Sonja Sanders	233-6208	<a href="mailto:39sunnisands@gmail.com">39sunnisands@gmail.com</a>
Sunshine	Vickie Matranga	543-1555	<a href="mailto:vpowers110@gmail.com">vpowers110@gmail.com</a>

## FMCA 2018 MEETINGS

FMCA Monthly Member Meetings ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm, Shell Banks Church  
 January 8 ~ February 12 ~ March 12 ~ April 9 ~ May 14 ~ June 11

**Fort Morgan Civic Association**  
 P. O. Box 5313 ~ Gulf Shores, AL 36547  
[www.fortmorgancivic.org](http://www.fortmorgancivic.org)

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**2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM – ANNUAL DUES \$15.00**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Fort Morgan Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This property is west of mile 14.7: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no -- See Article III, Section 1 below Associate Member? \_\_\_\_\_ yes

Registered Voter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Fort Morgan District 25 \_\_\_ Alabama-Other district/city \_\_\_ State \_\_\_

**Email (please provide for special alerts)** \_\_\_\_\_  
[Save trees, stamps, time, get your NEWS in color by e-mail] Send newsletter by email \_\_\_\_\_ by U.S. Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Your employment \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's employment \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to FMCA by \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for joining the Association \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: We need volunteers to help the Association in the following areas. Where can you assist? (circle)**

**Program Planning:** Identify & Arrange Speakers Phone/Survey Members for Interests

**Zoning:** Attend Meetings of Baldwin County/other Groups Write Brief Reports

**Membership:** Recruitment Phone Tree Greeter at Meetings Help with Pot-Lucks

**Communications:** Postal Mailings E-mail Writing for Newspaper, Publicity Releases, etc.

**Newsletter:** Desktop Graphics/Layout Gather/Submit News Items Write Brief Articles Photography

**Computer:** Set Up/Maintain Data Base Spreadsheets Excel Access Word PowerPoint

**Financial:** Bookkeeping Annual Audit

What other skills, experience or talents could you volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

**From the By-laws Adopted April 11, 2005**

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Regular (voting) Membership in this association shall be open only to property owners and/or residents in the unincorporated area west of mile 14.7 of the Fort Morgan peninsula.

Section 2 Associate (non-voting) Membership shall be open to residents of areas outside the Fort Morgan Peninsula whose interests coincide with those of the Association including the preservation of the environment and quality of life of the Fort Morgan peninsula.

Section 3 Membership application shall be made by completion of a form provided by the Association and payment of the required dues. Dues for the following year shall be determined at the October general meeting and shall be for the following calendar year January 1st through December 31st.

Section 4 Payment of Regular (voting) Membership dues entitles a member household to one (1) vote. A member household is comprised of Association members living at one physical address. Past year member households paying dues after January 31st and new members joining the Association will have no voting rights until thirty (30) days after payment of dues.

Section 5 Payment of Associate (non-voting) Membership dues entitles the member to attend all member meetings and receive the monthly newsletter.

Make checks payable to: **Fort Morgan Civic Association or FMCA**

**I would like to make a donation to the Legal Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**2018 dues @ \$15/household \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Your donation to the Fort Morgan Civic Association is not tax deductible as we do not qualify because of our political activity attempting to prevent proliferation of large-scale high-rise development on Fort Morgan Peninsula.