

FORT MORGAN NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all FMCA members:

February has been a productive month for the FMCA. We have established a strong line of communication with our County Commissioners who expressed their support for the Fort Morgan community. We also outlined a Master Plan for future growth and density. Public input at our last meeting also has helped identify some specific areas of concern that we are working on with the County to help remedy.

As spring break draws near, I reached out to the Sheriff's Office to ascertain what their plans were for what should be a very busy spring break season. Sheriff Mack and his Captain assured me that they are taking the necessary measures to protect the community. These measures, such as increased patrols and manpower both on the highway and beaches, should make law enforcement more readily available if they are needed.

I encourage members to help spread the word about our association, if your neighbors aren't members, invite them to a meeting. Strength in numbers. We now plan on having a guest speaker at each of our monthly meetings. These speakers will be from organizations or businesses that are based in Fort Morgan or have direct ties to our community. At the March 2019 meeting, we will be welcoming Mr. Bill Lynn from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Lynn specializes in the endangered Alabama Beach Mouse and the protection of its habit. This should be a very informative presentation and I hope to see a good turnout.



Joe
Joe Emerson

March Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monday March 11

SPECIAL EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Fort Morgan Fire Dept. Auxilliary 's annual spaghetti dinner will be hosted at Fire Station 1 on March 9th, 11:00 until 2:00.

(Best spaghetti dinner west of Napoli)

We also have a 50/50, bake sale and cookbooks for sale.

(Best baked goods south of grandma's kitchen)

Dinners are \$8.00 and you can eat-in or carry-out.

Hope we see you there!

Bakers, bring your goodies to station #1 the morning of the sale.

Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department..... Chief Glenn Stevens

Your Fire Department responded to 20 runs in January:

- 9 medical
- 7 false alarms
- 3 elevator entrapments
- 1 vehicle accident

Every 3-5 years, the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) inspects fire departments for equipment, personnel, maintenance records, training records, incident records, and fire hydrants. This inspection grades fire departments with a score that is used to set the fire insurance premiums for the community. We are expecting a visit from ISO sometime during the first half of 2019. One component of the ISO inspection that Fort Morgan cannot provide is an on-site training facility. A qualified facility includes a drill tower and a burn room that is located on a 2-acre plot of land completely cleared of brush and trees. Our problem is locating a 2-acre tract of land that contains no protected wetlands and no beach mouse habitats. Any help from the public on this matter would be appreciated.

Don't forget that our meetings, located at Fire Station No. 1, are open to the public. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m., and our training meetings are held on the first and third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m.

Indian Canal.....Harry King

We are going to dig Saturday the 2nd of March At the Meyer site, 9:00am to 3:00pm, on the west side of Laguna Dunes, across from Peninsula Golf Course. Bring snacks, water, and a shovel!

A presentation is also scheduled to the Baldwin County Genealogy Society for 9 March 2019, 10:00am, at the Foley Library, East Highway 98. For more information call Harry at 251-610-1565.

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge

Winter Walks and Talks are scheduled for the month of March. The schedule and brief descriptions of the topics can be found at the refuge website or Facebook page:

<http://www.fws.gov/bonsecour>
<http://facebook.com/BonSecourNWR>

For more information or to sign-up for an event, please call the Refuge Office,
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., (251) 540-7720

Fort Morgan History

Dixie Graves Parkway..... Chan West



These pictures give you an idea of the manual labor which was involved in the construction of the highway. The cut and fill was accomplished with shovels and wheel barrows, which had iron wheels, would sink into the sand, and had to be moved on plank paths. There was no base. The surface was asphalt and sand, mixed in place. In hot weather a load would sink into the surface.



Fort Morgan Peninsula Neighborhood Safety & Crime Report..... Lt. Donnie Payne

There were 2 thefts, credit card in the 500 block of Beach Club Tr. and two windows from the 300 block of Buchanan Court West. There was a delayed report of residential burglary in the 8000 block of Ft. Morgan Rd. An A/C unit was taken. There were a couple of narcotic arrests from patrol. I have moved to the Narcotics Division. Contact Sgt. Mike Walker mwalker@baldwincountyal.gov for future info.

EMERGENCY: 911

Report all potentially life-threatening and suspicious activities

Sheriff's Department—Administrative Office.....972-6802

Sheriff's Office Website: www.sheriffofbaldwin.com

Anonymous Tip Email Address (NOT for Emergencies):

<http://sheriffofbaldwin.com/contactRC.asp>

Special Notice: Our news editor Sonja Sanders has been hospitalized and so Chan West has edited this edition. We wish Sonja a speedy recovery.

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FMCA 2019 MEETINGS

FMCA Monthly Member Meetings ~ 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Shell Banks Church

March 11 ~ April 8 ~ May 13 ~ June 10 ~ July 8

Annual Dues Were Due December 31!

**Of our 400 member families at the end of 2018, only 226 have paid in 2019!!!
If you have not yet paid 2019, please send the attached Membership Form [see last page] with your \$15 annual dues to the address on the form.**

Join us for the First Ever
Fort Morgan Alabama



Sunday, March 3rd 2019
1:00pm

Ponce de Leon Ct

From Triple Tail Ln to Bernard Court E



Special thanks to:

Sassy Bass
Behind the Pines
Tacky Jack's 2
Island Carts LLC/Southern
Luxury Rentals LLC
Whitson Home Builders

Music Events Happening:

Sassy Bass - Greg Brown 2:00-
5:00pm
Tacky Jack's 2 - Poarch Ninjas
3:00pm - till
Behind the Pines - Quintin Berry
and Blue Eyed Soul 5:00-9:00pm

Fort Morgan Civic Association
P.O. Box 5313 • Gulf Shores, AL 36547
www.fortmorgancivic.org

2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM – ANNUAL DUES \$15.00

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Fort Morgan Address _____ Phone _____

This property is west of mile 14.7: _____ yes _____ no -- See Article III, Section 1 below Associate Member? _____ yes

Email (please provide for special alerts) _____

[Save trees, stamps, time, get your news sooner by e-mail.] Send newsletter by email _____ by U.S. Postal Service _____

Your employment _____ Spouse's employment _____

Reason for joining the Association _____

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

Program Planning: Speakers Phone/Survey Members for Interests

Zoning: Attend Meetings of Baldwin County/Gulf Shores Write Brief Reports

Membership: Recruitment Phone Tree Hospitality 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

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 \$ _____

2019 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 in attempting to prevent proliferation of large-scale high-rise development on Fort Morgan Peninsula.