

# MAGNOLIA SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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Mark your calendars for the 4th of July parade on July 4th at 10:30am! Check the Town of Magnolia Springs website and Facebook page for updates.

Baldwin County Sewer Service has been busy running new sewer main lines. This does not mean you automatically have to connect to sewer. Sewer Service is an optional service for your property. Please contact Town Hall for more information.

**Stop by Town Hall for a Homeowners Handbook to Prepare for Natural Disasters!**

## Hurricane Preparedness

Information from Baldwin County Emergency Management  
Baldwin County Hurricane Hotline  
251.972.6807

### Hurricane Safety Tips:

- Stock up on batteries, water and non perishable food
- Fill medical prescriptions for at least a two (2) week supply
- Gas up vehicles
- Secure all windows and tie down objects
- Have flashlights and a first aid kit available
- Moor small boats or move to safe harbors
- Wedge sliding glass door so they don't lift off track

When evacuating, leave 24 hours to 36 hours before gale force winds are expected to hit.

### Magnolia Springs Town Council

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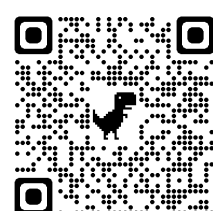
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**SIGN UP**

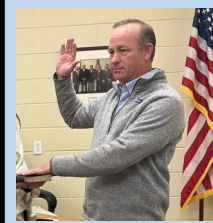
Email signup:



Text message signup:



## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Town of Magnolia Springs. The past months have been nothing short of exciting, as I stepped into the role of Mayor. Many of you may know me, but I wanted to take a minute and formally introduce myself to our town.

I was born and raised in Magnolia Springs, 4th generation on both sides of my family. I spent my younger days swimming in the river, riding bikes along the dirt roads, and buying, or should I say charging to my parents account, candy at Moore's store. I rode the school bus with many of our current neighbors, and like all of you, developed a love for this town many years ago. After graduating from Foley High School, I took off for Tuscaloosa- ROLL TIDE- and then resided in many beautiful cities such as Aspen, CO , Charleston, SC, and New Orleans, LA. My careers have spanned from telecommunications, owning and operating a construction company, an insurance adjuster, and most recently a marine construction business. I have seen it all...lived many places....but always knew Magnolia Springs was my home.

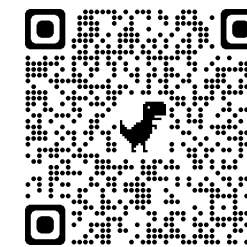
While away I always kept a second home here and 10 years ago, my wife Taylor and I returned to Magnolia Springs. We were excited to get back to my hometown and raise a family in one of the best towns in the South. Since our return, I have been an active member of our community, serving as Senior Warden of St. Paul's chapel, a member of the Historical Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, and a Town Council member for the last 4 years. I enjoy helping others and believe as a public leader I have a duty to create improvements and leave the town better than I found it. In my spare time I enjoy fishing, watching football, and most importantly cheering on my three children, Ruby, Jackson, and Carlisle.

I hope you know my door is open, so feel free to reach out with any ideas, concerns, or just to say hello.

I truly believe the future is bright in Magnolia Springs!

- Ross Houser

The Comprehensive Plan is in full swing! Please share your photos of Magnolia Springs to be considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Scan the QR code to submit your photos! See Page 3 for more information on the plan and what it means for Magnolia Springs.



## MAGNOLIA PROPER



Magnolia Proper had their grand opening on March 15th. This exciting new business is a co-located brand alongside Love, JUDE. Longtime Magnolia Springs resident, Eddie Sue Winter, developed a brand that offers new and vintage décor and art. Winter's collection neatly aligns with the aesthetic already established within Love, JUDE walls. In homage to a close knit community, Magnolia Proper places a special emphasis on entertaining such as bar sets, cocktail napkins, hostess gifts, and more. Alabama artists will be showcased as well. If you're looking for a convenient place for décor, art, curated clothing and accessories, please visit Magnolia Proper and Love, JUDE located at 14906 US Hwy 98.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 23 | Regular Council Meeting 5 PM
- Apr 24 | Comprehensive Plan Town Meeting at the Community Association 5 PM
- Apr 25 | Town-Wide Bulky Pick-up
- May 2 | Historic Preservation Commission 4 PM
- May 7 | Planning Commission Meeting 4 PM
- May 14 | Bookmobile at The Park
- May 14 | Council Workshop 5 PM
- May 23 | Town-Wide Bulky Pick-up
- May 28 | Bookmobile at The Park
- May 28 | Regular Council Meeting 5 PM

MEETINGS LOCATED AT TOWN HALL



## AROUND THE TOWN

### RIGHT-OF-WAY

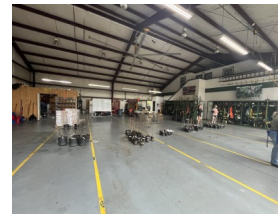
The Right-of-Way is an area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, sidewalk, etc. in which a municipality has an interest. This diagram shows that a property line does not always extend to the street. The space between the property line and the road is the right-of-way. That area can be used for sidewalks, utilities, and other public interests. It does need to be maintained to ensure safety and access to the right-of-way. Nothing should be built or installed in this area. In an effort to ensure an accessible right-of-way, property owners should keep this area free of debris. This includes plants or trees that may need to be trimmed to ensure access.



### SWEET BEAN ESPRESSO BAR

The Sweet Bean Espresso Bar is scheduled to open in July! Owner, Stacy Miner, loves Magnolia Springs and is excited to create a welcoming environment. There will be breakfast items, sandwiches, ice cream, and of course, coffee. Stacy has been in Magnolia Springs since 2006 and brings restaurant experience with her along with a passion for providing a quality experience that leaves customers happy and excited to return. Please support this small business at 12446 Magnolia Ave.

### ARBOR DAY IN MAGNOLIA SPRINGS



Arbor Day, hosted by the Magnolia Springs Garden Club, was held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were potted plants ranging from Live Oaks to Summer Red Maple to Vitex. This event is a wonderful way to honor nature and the environment. The Arbor Day holiday, founded in Nebraska, was named a legal state holiday in 1885. By 1920 more than 45 states and territories were celebrating Arbor Day. In fact, the Arbor Day Foundation has a goal of planting 500 million trees by 2027!



The Magnolia Springs Garden Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Community Hall.



## MAGNOLIA SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Mark your calendars for the 2024 Firefighter Festival on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10am - 5pm!

This annual event supports the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department. There will be local bands to enjoy, delicious food provided by the firefighters and many wonderful arts and crafts vendors! There will be a Kids' Area as well. Please come out and show your support. This event has continued to grow every year and the Volunteer Fire Department is proud of the work and dedication to this event.

Are you in need of a smoke detector? The Fire Department will bring one to you and will install it! Call 251.965.7808 or email [info@magnoliaspringsfire.com](mailto:info@magnoliaspringsfire.com) to set up an installation appointment.



The Alabama Department of Environmental Management Burn Ban will be in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> — October 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is an annual warm weather ban on open burning as part of the effort to protect air quality. For questions please contact ADEM Air Division at 334.271.7879.

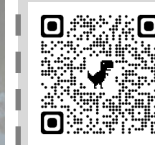


## AROUND THE TOWN



Mobile Baykeeper tests the waters of The Cold Hole and Bemis Bay. These tests provide us with the health of the water which allows us to enjoy the River and all that it brings to the community.

Mobile Baykeeper conducts weekly tests from April 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>.



Check our Facebook page for weekly updates on the health of the water.

Scan here to sign up for the weekly reports via text and email.

The Comprehensive Plan is an official public document that provides the framework for long-range planning and decision-making in a community. The Plan serves as a guide to manage the Town's growth and development through a time period of twenty years. However, the Plan should be updated every five to ten years, or as needed, to properly align with the growth and changes that are occurring over time.

The adopted Comprehensive Plan serves as the statutory basis for many of the Town's land use regulations and other regulatory and policy tools such as subdivision regulations and zoning codes, as well as the application of zoning districts, as zoning must be consistent with a comprehensive plan per Code of Alabama, 11-52-72.

### WHAT DOES THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ACCOMPLISH?

- Express a community's vision of itself - the community it would like to become.
- Establish an organized public process to identify community values and goals
- Examine community needs and identifies solutions
- Create a framework for decision-making regarding the future of the city and guides the investment of public funds and services
- Provide a policy framework to ensure consistency with other planning efforts, land use decisions, and capital improvement projects
- Offer a budgeting tool by targeting the need and timing for investment of tax dollars in public facilities and infrastructure
- Ensure consistency and compatibility with the plans of nearby cities and the county
- Indicate what is needed to support planned growth, striking a balance between the land use and its capital improvement needs
- Offer a tool to coordinate the provision of city programs and services
- Expand eligibility for grants and other funding sources needed to bring projects to fruition

### TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 PM AT COMMUNITY HALL



The Baldwin County Bookmobile will be in the park across from Town Hall every other week from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm.

The dates for April and May are:

April 30<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>

Please check [townofmagnoliasprings.org](http://townofmagnoliasprings.org) for summer dates.

Sign up to receive texts when the Bookmobile arrives in the park!

### TOWN HALL INFORMATION

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