



City of Satsuma Newsletter

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Satsuma Citizen of the Year

The purpose of the Satsuma Citizen of the Year Award, sponsored by Satsuma Community Development Organization, is to recognize an individual who has made significant civic contributions to the development and quality of life of this community through his or her personal volunteer effort.

Candidates for this award may be nominated by individuals, clubs, organizations, churches, or groups each year. A letter and resume recounting the nominee's service to the community must accompany the nomination. Deadline for nominations is March 2, 2012.

Forms will be available at Satsuma Public Library, Satsuma City Hall, or printed from the City website.

All nominees will be honored during a dinner at Steele Creek Lodge on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.. Tickets will be sold for \$15.00 each.

Reminder of Meetings

City Council– Feb 7th & 21st @ 7:00 P.M. (Pre-Council @ 6:00 P.M.)

Planning Commission– Feb 2nd @ 6:30 P.M.

Board of Adjustments
Feb 2nd @ 6:00 P.M.

Board of Education– Feb. 13th & 27th @ 6:00 P.M (pre-meeting @ 5:30 P.M.)

SYA Baseball

Last Registration Day

(Ages 3-12) Feb. 4th,
9 AM to 1 PM

Opening Day March 10th.

Contact Matt Dial at 604-4767 for more info.

SYA Girls Softball

(Ages 3 to 13)

Registration Feb. 11, 18, & 25th

Time: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Contact Chris Mears at 463-5687 for more info.

Satsuma Police Department will host a Home Burglary prevention and Self Protection Class at the Satsuma Community Center On February 16, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will have a public hearing on February 2, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. to hear public comments on an amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning the parking of commercial vehicles, boats, and trailers in residential areas.

Happy New Year

Due to the holidays, this is the first publication of 2012. I hope that each and every one of you had a safe and happy holiday. As we prepare for the New Year, the city is continually working hard to improve your quality of life. Some of the upcoming events and projects are:

- The first annual "Dogwood Festival". This event will be Saturday March 31st. In my travels around the area, I have yet to find anywhere more beautiful than Satsuma when the dogwoods are in bloom; you will hear more about this event in coming days.
- The highway beautification landscaping project will bid soon and construction will follow shortly after.
- The plans for the disc golf course at Steele Creek Lodge and Park are in the works. This will add a new and fun activity for the people of our community.
- A plan is in place and will be carried out to convince Norfolk Southern to gate the last unprotected RR crossing in our city.

In a special called workshop to discuss the needs and goals of our city, your City Council presented many ideas. They included new sidewalks, paving all unpaved roads in the city, an athletic complex, annexation, and a new public safety facility. Our fire and police station needs to be modernized. We have found a government source for financing, but we need to identify a revenue stream to pay for the building. I believe that an additional 1 cent charge per gallon to the diesel fuel sold in our city, along with the re-routing of some existing sales tax revenues, and possibly an additional voluntary \$1 per month donation to your water bill. These additional funds will help cover the land and construction cost of a new facility. We are making good progress with the finalization of the separation from the Mobile County School System, and the current target date to move forward with the Satsuma City School System is September of 2012.

Your feedback is very important. Please take a moment to send us an e-mail, give us a call, or come by and see us, but above all let us hear your ideas and goals. Finally let me urge you to become involved, we are always looking for people who wish to serve others in our great city.

Thank You for allowing me to serve you as your Mayor!

William Stewart