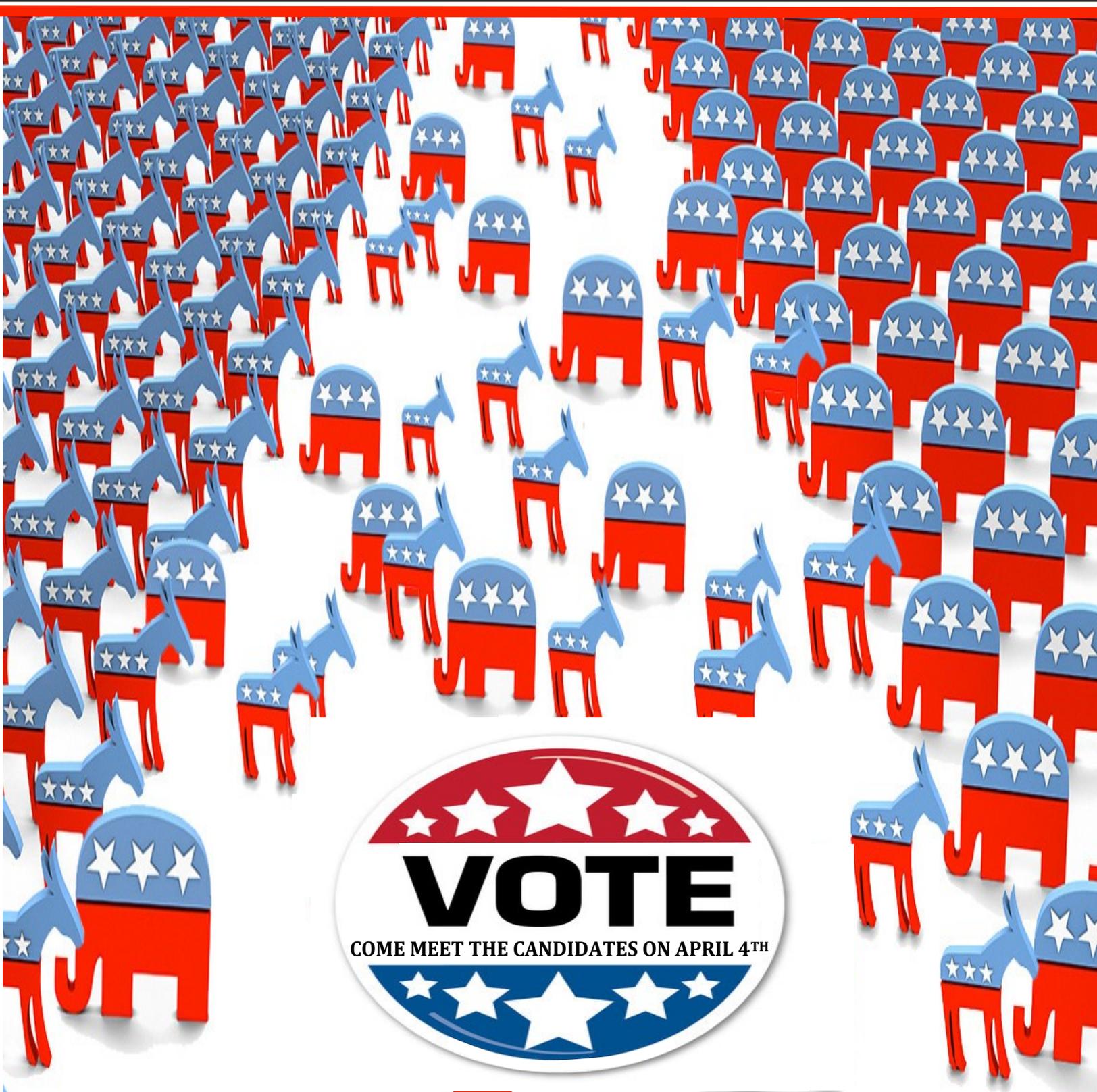


April 2018

THE CORNER

SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

Serving All of South Mobile County



VOTE
COME MEET THE CANDIDATES ON APRIL 4TH

"In Step With Progress"

Message from the President



Happy Easter and Happy Spring! Hopefully the up and down temperatures we had in March are almost over and we can look forward to a beautiful April and an awesome Spring. Flowers in all colors of the rainbow will be bringing smiles of admiration. We always seem to have a new energy with plenty of sunshine and the warm days we waited all winter. Enjoy them!

The 5th Annual First Responders Breakfast, which was sponsored by Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home was a big hit. Chaplain, Ed Connick opened with a prayer and the Policemen and Policewomen, Firefighters, Ambulance EMTs, Sheriff's Deputies, County Constables and many others enjoyed a terrific breakfast, especially those yummy biscuits, from Dick Russell's. Several Speakers thanked these awesome First Responders for their service to our City and County.

Our thanks to the local businesses who donated lots of gift cards and other items that attendees won and also filled "Goodie Bags" with all types of items for our Responders to take home with them.

As we start to enjoy the sunshine of Spring, we must all be aware of the dangers that the sun can do to our skin. Be diligent and use a high number sunscreen as you enjoy the beach, skin cancer is preventable!

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. Rallying the passion of 4 million people worldwide, Relay For Life events raise critical funds that help fuel the mission of American Cancer Society, an organization whose reach touches so many lives-those who may face a future diagnosis, and those who may avoid a diagnosis altogether thanks to education, prevention, and early detection.

Help us take a stand against this dreadful disease by supporting the Society's lifesaving mission. Join us on Saturday, April 28 from 3:30 - 10:00 pm as we recognize and honor all those impacted by cancer in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere at The Hank. Festivities will include music, games, children's activities, food, a survivor/caregiver luncheon and more! A special luminary ceremony will be held at the end of the evening to honor and remember friends and loved ones.

We have elections coming up in June and if you want to hear more about the Candidates, make your plans now to attend the April 4th Chamber Luncheon and hear many of them speak. Lunch will be served beginning at 12 pm. Don't forget to RSVP by Monday, April 2, 2018. Lunch is being catered by Dick Russell's Bar B Que.

Theresa Orrell
President

Respectfully,



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APRIL CALENDAR



4 SWMCC Business Luncheon

When: April 4th 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Speaker: Come meet the Candidates
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: Chamber Office 251-666-2488
Cost: \$9 for members and \$11 for nonmembers
Sponsor:



7 Coffee with the Chamber

When: April 17th 7:30 am
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free to attend
Coffee & Refreshments Served
Sponsor:



21 Mobile Police Department Precinct 2 Event

When: April 21st 10 am - 2 pm
What: Community Outreach Event
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Cost: Free to attend



24 Snapper Talk - Town Hall Meeting

When: April 24th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Cost: Free to attend
More info on page 4



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SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

MONTHLY BUSINESS LUNCHEON

April 4, 2018

12:00 - 1:00 pm

C MEET THE CANDIDATES



Join us as we dive deep into different aspects of Mobile, the highs and the lows. We'll hear from both parties and beyond on their thoughts and ideas for improvements and what the future of Mobile County looks like.

This will be a respectful, positive, and productive thought and idea sharing platform, come with an open mind ready to learn from different perspectives on local issues.

Caterer:



5360 Highway 90
Mobile, AL 36619
(251) 661-6090

Luncheon Sponsor:



Menu:

Pulled Pork or Chicken
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Green Salad
Rolls
Banana Pudding
Sweet & Unsweet Tea

\$9 for Members & \$11 for Potential Members

Officer of the Month



Mobile County Police Department Precinct 2 awarded **Johnny Duval** as Officer of the Month for March. He was honored at the SWMCC March business luncheon. Officer Duval was congratulated by Capt. Jonathan Lee. Duval has shown outstanding service to the Mobile County Police Department. His dedication is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

SNAPPER TALK TOWN HALL MEETING

Tillman's Corner Community Center
April 24, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 pm

NO RESERVATION NEEDED



The Marine Resources Division is anticipating approval of an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in Mid-April allowing the Gulf states to set their own red snapper fishing seasons. Alabama has asked for a potential 47-day season. In order to ensure accurate information regarding the season is shared with the public, AMRD will be hosting town hall style meetings to allow for interaction with the public. The meeting at the Tillman's Corner Community Center will provide season and regulation information provided by the AMRD Director and Chief Biologist.

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2017-2018 Businesses of the Month

Small Business of the Year

It has been the pleasure of the Chamber to recognize the heartbeat of our membership. We are a voice for businesses and here to help promote and offer opportunities to watch small businesses grow, along with providing training classes to improve current business practices. On May 2nd we will be revealing the winner of this Award and recognizing the company that has excelled in leadership and commitment to entrepreneurship.

We are asking our members to go to our website beginning April 1st to cast your vote for your favorite Business of the Year. Our monthly finalists are all deserving of this award and need your help. Votes can be cast daily until April 15th and the business that has received the most votes will be announced at our Small Business of the Year Luncheon, May 2nd.

www.swmcchamber.com



Georgia Roussos Catering, located in West Mobile, is a loving continuation of the Roussos family legacy in the restaurant business. Georgia Roussos and her partners Mary Myers and Emanuel Theris all worked for the family's long-standing restaurant in downtown Mobile. Now the focus is entirely on catering, providing delicious food and genuine hospitality on site.

From elaborate weddings to hard hat industrial lunches, Georgia Roussos Catering customizes each menu to fit the client's needs. Family menu items, like the famous Roussos gumbo are available along with new, innovative items to reflect current trends and ever-changing taste buds. Recently the business added a popular retail freezer where customers can pick up favorites like the gumbo, jambalaya, macaroni & cheese and other items.



La Quinta Inn & Suites opened in October 2008, we have 77 interior rooms. We are pet friendly with no extra fee, we also offer onsite laundry to all guest as well as a free hot breakfast bar seven days a week. We are located in Tillman's Corner off I-10. We have a outside hot tub and swimming pool & Our hotel offers ADA rooms and we salute the Red White & Blue. Come stay with us and wake up on the bright side. We are here for you please call 251-661-9978 to make a reservation today-special rates for special people: Lq6070gm@laquinta.com



Founded in 1947 by the Junior League of Mobile as The Beacon of Hope, United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile has grown to provide services to over seven hundred families each month in thirty-two counties in Alabama. Our mission is to promote the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. UCP's current programs include: CCEP, Early Intervention, Preschool, Therapy, Camp SMILE, Respite, Supported Employment and Adult Day. UCP continues to encourage a Life Without Limits for individuals with disabilities while showing members of the community that we are More Than Our Name.

Walker & Walker Tax Service

Walker & Walker Tax Consultants is a professional tax service office operating for 30+ years. In order to meet the rising needs of their growing client base, they decided recently to relocate from their original office on Bush Lane to Tillman's Square shopping center located at 5441 Hwy 90 W. Walker & Walker offer payroll and bookkeeping services, as well as income tax services. The business has grown to become a well-known, highly trusted income tax preparation service in the Tillman's Corner area.



Locally owned and operated since 1975, Mobile Lumber & Millwork is firmly rooted in the retail and wholesale building materials, millwork, truss and cabinetry business, offering customers a blend of products and services to meet their remodeling, homebuilding and commercial construction needs.

What makes our company special? Our people! Now in its third generation, The Henderson family is very hands-on in the day-to-day operations of the company and has surrounded itself with quality, competent employees throughout, some of whom have been with the Company from the very beginning.

Mobile Lumber is invested in its commitment to serve this industry and the Gulf Coast for years to come.



MOBILE MEMORIAL GARDENS
FUNERAL HOME

As an award-winning firm, Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home is committed to exceeding expectations and delivering a standard of service that is 100% guaranteed. Our staff has over 242 years of experience in the industry. Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home started serving the community in 1988. We make it personal.



Wal-Mart Store #866 in Tillman's Corner opened with 200 associates in June of 1988, near the current location. Wal-Mart #866 opened with Sam Walton's strong conviction that a retailer could help people save money and live better. That continues to be "Why" we are in business today- it's our purpose. Since that time the store has moved to Rangeline Road as a Supercenter and grown to 425 associates and serves approximately 2.6 million customers each year.



On the air since 1953, WALA FOX10 is Mobile's oldest operating TV station. In addition to providing entertainment and sports programming from FOX, WALA FOX10 serves the Mobile / Pensacola area with over 50 hours of local news every week. FOX10 News has been consistently recognized for its market leading journalism, including awards for its investigative reporting for four years running.



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In November of 2000 the lease at 7351 Theodore-Dawes Rd was signed and remodeling began. Time to Eat opened its doors for business in March 2001. At the time of opening they started with only ten tables for dining. During the fall of 2001 they had already outgrown the 10 tables; they decided to expand the business. Later in 2005 they expanded once more. In 2006 Time to Eat earned its first culinary award, being "One of Mobile County's best burgers". In 2008 they decided to open a second location in downtown Mobile. Having been spoiled by years of constant growth, Time to Eat was hit pretty hard by the recession and had to close the second location in 2009. Thanks to their loyal customers, they survived and are growing once again! Time to Eat has a simple philosophy of serving generous portions of home cooked food at reasonable prices.



Preparing to celebrate its five-year anniversary, NAI Mobile is currently involved in the representation of an existing portfolio of commercial and industrial properties in excess of 2 million square feet along the Gulf Coast. The team is comprised of seasoned professionals with over 150 years of experience in all facets of commercial real estate, including buying, selling, leasing and property management of land, office, retail and industrial properties. There is no assignment too big, or too small, for NAI Mobile.



Precinct # 2 Neighborhood Watch Meeting

A Community Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on April 24th, at 6:00 pm at Travis Road Baptist Church. Guest speakers will be a representative from Mobile County Animal Control and a representative from Police Precinct 2.

At last month's meeting, County Commissioner Jerry Carl spoke concerning key issues of Blight in our area, homelessness and roaming dogs at large. These key issues affect each neighborhood and we need your help in solving the problem. To hear more about how you can be involved or hear more about community issues contact:

Bruce Loper (251)406-0263.

Submission deadline for **Member News** or **Career Notes** is the 10th of each month. News release should be brief and only 1-2 paragraphs. Send your info to info@swmchamber.com.

Coffee

with the Chamber



Tuesday, April 17th

7:30 AM

Tillman's Corner Community Center

Start your day off right with a hot cup of coffee and networking!

No cost to attend!

Attendees are asked to give a short introduction about their business. Don't forget your business cards!

Sponsored by: Family Security Credit Union

Please RSVP at 251.666.2488 or info@swmchamber.com



Grand Opening

It was a very windy March 8, 2018 when the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber Board Members welcomed Moe's Southwest Grill to our neighborhood with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. They have remodeled the former site of Radio Shack - across from Lowe's, into a beautiful restaurant.

Pictured from left, Theresa Orrell, Chamber President, Jeff Lacour, Moe's owner,; Erika Denham, Store Manager, A.J. Vennatta, District Manager, Felicia Monk, Catering Manager, Christy Heeter, Office Manager, Della Wade, Chamber Board Member, Curtis Polk, Chamber Diplomat, Haley Buchanan, Chamber Diplomat, Theresa Webb, Chamber Diplomat, and Tiffany Ginn, Chamber Board Member.

Also on hand for the welcome was Mobile County Constables, Lola Dobbs and Walt Harrison. With tents flying and anxious customers lined up waiting to sample the delicious food, it was an exciting morning.

A big "Thank You" to Moe's for the large donation from their "Soft Opening" on March 7th they made to St. Vincent School, here in our community which was hit with a damaging fire last December.



**MPD Launches New Official
Facebook Page**

The Mobile Police Department has launched an official Facebook page to strengthen its social media presence. The official page is managed by Public Affairs, and will allow MPD opportunities to engage more with the public and increase its social network through online interactions.

Through Facebook, MPD can reach a vast audience, especially those who are concerned about the safety of their community and want to stay up to date on what's happening daily. Additionally, it's another way people can show support of the Mobile Police Department for their efforts in making Mobile the safest city in America.

Public Affairs will make posts that include the following:

- * Crime news updates
- * Wanted suspects
- * Arrests made
- * Community program events
- * Officer recognition
- * Links of news releases
- * Important announcements among other timely newsworthy events



Followers can find the page at
facebook.com/themobilepolice.

MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRECINCT 2

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T.A.L.L. 
Program

Tillman's Corner Area Learning Leadership

2018-2019

If you know a High School Junior that is looking for an opportunity to further their leadership skills, then ask them to apply for the Tillman's Corner Area Learning Leadership Program. T.A.L.L. applications are available on our website www.swmchamber.com and at the chamber office. The next term will begin in September 2018 and all applications are due into the Chamber office by May 30th. We are also looking for Business Professionals to partner as Mentors in our program. If you are interested in volunteering your time and efforts for such a great cause, please contact the Chamber office. Financial Sponsors are also encouraged, if you're interested in donating to the Scholarship Program please contact Tina Poiroux at tpoiroux@swmchamber.com. We are looking forward to meeting the future leaders in our community and expect another exceptional class of seniors. Support T.A.L.L. and promote the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce class of leaders.

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6275 Carol Plantation Road
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251-490-2514

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