

# Foley Newsletter

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Greetings,

I hope your summer is going well. We have lots of positive things going on in Foley.

I am very pleased to announce that beginning with the upcoming school year, the Foley Police Department will have a School Resource Officer in all four Foley schools. Previously, one officer rotated between all four campuses. This is a very positive step forward, made possible by the city council and the leadership of Chief David Wilson. There is more information about this program on page 2.

We continue to move forward with the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market, which will be located on Baldwin County 20 near Wolf Bay Lodge. Heather Pritchard has been hired as the market manager. She brings a lot of talent to the position. The first building structure should be delivered in July and then things will begin to take shape. We have met with local school officials and are exploring the possibility of expanding the horticulture program in the high school. The farmers market would complement these efforts.

During the month of June, the city conducted its annual hurricane preparedness meeting. Those attending included department supervisors, fire and police officials and vendors who provide hurricane related services. Also attending were Sheriff Hoss Mack, Mitch Sims, Baldwin County EMA director, representatives from the National Guard, the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and other interested groups. The purpose of the meeting was to review city-wide policy and procedures. We strive to be proactive. Each year the city reassesses the hurricane plan and makes updates as needed.

I encourage all residents of Foley to begin



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planning with their families, in case of a severe weather event. "Better safe than sorry".

The South Baldwin Chamber's Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival was a tremendous success this year. We were blessed with good weather and had wonderful attendance as a result. Thank you to the over 350 volunteers who helped make this event so successful.

We have another family-friendly event scheduled in early August. The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation's 16th Annual Professional Rodeo is scheduled for Aug. 1 – 3, at the Foley Horse Arena. Proceeds from this event support programs designed to provide youth with the knowledge, resources and confidence needed to successfully navigate the pressures of day-to-day life. Please come out and enjoy this event and support this worthy cause.

Recently, one of our finest citizens retired from Foley's Industrial Development Board. Mr. J.M. Lee has given back to our community for many years through his countless hours of community service. He served as the IDB chairman for many years. Thanks J.M. We appreciate you for all you've done.

I hope that everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer!

Support your friends and neighbors by shopping with your local merchants. ■

Best regards,

**Mayor John Koniar**

# Buy a brick, become a part of history

The Centennial Committee reports that over \$100,000 has been raised to fund the building of Centennial Plaza, a project to honor Foley's first 100 years. The plaza features a 52 ft. clock tower that includes a carillon with 32 brass bells. The tower will be located in Heritage Park and will include a landscaped plaza.



Residents and friends of Foley are invited to purchase engraved bricks that will form the pathways around the plaza. The bricks are

available in two sizes, and can be personalized with a name or a message that will become a part of the structure. The committee encourages residents to purchase a brick to help fund the project. The engraved bricks will allow names and messages from friends and residents to be recorded on the structure that will honor Foley's first 100 years.

Bricks should be reserved now for preconstruction pricing, and to be included in the initial build, according to the fundraising committee for the project. To purchase a brick, get an order form at Foley's city hall, or order online at [www.brickorder.com/cityoffoley](http://www.brickorder.com/cityoffoley).

*Engrave your place in Foley's history!* ■

## Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market under construction

Construction on the building that will house the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market on Baldwin County 20 near Wolf Bay Lodge is underway. The new market is slated to open on Oct. 1. The 7,500 square-foot building will provide 30 stalls for vendors, where visitors can enjoy cover from the elements as they shop for fresh seafood and locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

Heather Pritchard was recently hired as the market manager. Pritchard is a horticulturist, with a master's degree in agriculture. She most recently taught agriculture and managed a forty-acre university farm at Murray State University in Kentucky.



"Foley is special and is growing in neat ways. I am excited to be a part of helping our community prosper and promote healthy food," said Pritchard. ■

## Foley Public Schools to open with police officers on each campus

When school begins in August, Foley police officers will be stationed at each of the Foley schools, including the high school, middle school, intermediate and elementary school campuses, according to Foley Police Chief David Wilson. The School Resource Officers are full-time police officers who receive specific training for the position.

"The school resource officer's most important mission is that of school safety. We want each school to have a safe and secure environment where teachers feel safe to teach and students feel safe to learn," said Wilson. The officers will patrol the campus and interact with students and teachers during school hours, according to Wilson.

Although Foley schools had a resource officer on campus

in the past, one officer covered all four schools. Wilson credits Foley's mayor and city council, and the cooperation of the Baldwin County Public School System, for the ability to assign an officer to each school this year.

Dr. Alan Lee, Baldwin County school superintendent, praised Foley for this program to enhance safety in the schools. "Foley is a wonderful community that takes pride in doing what makes sense, and this gesture of placing law enforcement personnel in our schools is but one more example of a vibrant community."

Wayne Trawick, city council president, commended Wilson for the program. "This is the type of thing all public officials would like to see, but in so many cases funding is the problem. The city council is grateful to the leadership of our police department for coming up with solutions." ■

### School Resource Officer



Safety, Order, Discipline



## New fire station for Glenlakes

Foley continues to move forward with plans for the new Foley Fire Department Station #3 at 9920 Fairway Drive in Glenlakes. The station will be located on property donated by David and Sue Vosloh. The fire department is currently finalizing both architectural and site plans, according to Foley Fire Chief Joey Darby. Infrastructure improvements and construction are slated to begin later this year. The department is excited about the opportunity to improve services and response time for the southeast area of Foley, according to Darby. ■



Mr. J.M. Lee, pictured with wife Billie, was recognized for his service.

## J.M. Lee retires from Foley Industrial Development Board

J.M. Lee was honored recently with a reception to thank him for the years he served the city of Foley as a member of the Industrial Development Board. Lee was appointed to the board in December of 1974. He was elected as chairman in May, 1995, and served in that position until May, 2013.

Mayor John Koniar presented Lee with a proclamation to commemorate his service. "J.M. is an excellent example of those who give back to their community through volunteerism. His service has not been limited to the city. He has been recognized by the South Baldwin Chamber as Free Enterprise Person of the Year and by the Foley Rotary Club with the Paul Harris Fellow award. We are blessed to have him as part of our community," said Koniar. ■

## Foley makes garbage pickup changes

### One time a week garbage pickup

Beginning Oct. 1, Foley will transition to one time per week garbage pickup. According to city leaders, this option was chosen rather than increasing the cost for garbage pickup. A change was necessary because of an increase in the cost of equipment, fuel and tires.

### Recycling

Approximately 400 of the new 64 gallon recycle carts have been delivered to Foley residents, according to Dan Hellmich, public works superintendent. Please call Foley Public Works at 943-8897 to be placed on the list to receive one.

The new carts hold much more and are easier to handle. Foley will phase in the new recycle containers over time, on a first-come, first-served basis, according to Hellmich. The smaller 18 gallon bins are also still available.



Recycling offers a number of benefits. It reduces the amount of trash going into a landfill and saves energy because it requires less energy to recycle paper than to cut a tree. Recycling also helps to conserve natural resources. Foley residents are encouraged to recycle and help sustain the environment for future generations.

### Automated garbage pickup

Foley's first automated garbage truck is scheduled to arrive in mid-July. Neighborhoods that are being considered as the first to receive automated garbage pickup are Glenlakes, Ashford Park, Plantations at Magnolia River, Briarwood, Cambridge Park, Wynwood and Myrtlewood. Residents in these neighborhoods may receive new garbage cans that are required for the automated pickup, identified with the word "Toter". The public works department asks that residents please assist by placing the new cans properly according to the directions printed on the can, in an open area next to the curb or the street.

### Changes for complexes with more than four dwellings

Foley mobile home parks and apartment complexes with more than four dwellings will be changed to dumpster service, unless there is an exception due to space limitations. For more information about the city's services, including garbage and recycling schedules, visit [www.cityoffoley.org](http://www.cityoffoley.org). ■



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## Upcoming Events

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**▲ Aug. 1 - 3 - 6th Annual Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Professional Rodeo at Foley Horse Arena. Barrel racing, calf roping and bull riding. [jennifermoorefoundation.com](http://jennifermoorefoundation.com)**

**Aug. 2 - 4 - Alabama Sales Tax Holiday [alabamaretail.org](http://alabamaretail.org)**

**Aug. 6 - Look up to the Stars! Astrophysicist Kevin Manning. Presented by Foley Public Library. [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org)**

**Aug. 6 - 9 - Foley Kids Camp at Graham Creek Nature Preserve. [VisitFoley.org](http://VisitFoley.org)**

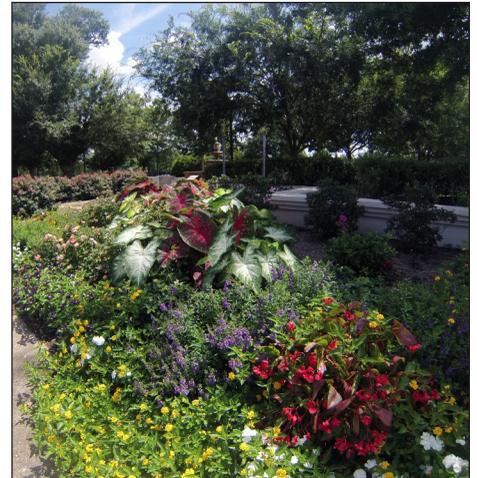
**Aug. 10 - 11 - "Perseids and the Preserve" Family Campout at Graham Creek Nature Preserve. Geocaching, camping and the Perseid meteor shower. 251-952-4011**

**Oct. 5 - Creek Crawl 2013 5K obstacle race at Graham Creek Nature Preserve 5K race on undeveloped land.**

**Oct. 18 - 19 - Alabama Festival of Flavor Locally grown Alabama produce, Alabama beer/wine and cooking demonstrations. [southbaldwinchamber.com](http://southbaldwinchamber.com)**

**Oct. 24 - Foley Halloween Party Treats, games and costume contest. Downtown Foley.**

**For a complete listing of area events [VisitFoley.org](http://VisitFoley.org)**



## Foley's Current Flowers

*include*

white caladiums, lavender and gold lantana, blue angelonia, dragonwing begonia, rudbeckia, purple fountain grass, strobilanthus, vinca, plumbago, Cuban oregano, pentas, purslane, verbena, duranta, and coleus. ■