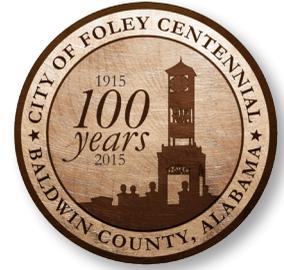


Foley Newsletter



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Foley continues to move forward in many areas. We should have the new fire station opened in GlenLakes before the end of the year. We were fortunate to receive a Safer Grant that will pay for staffing the station for two years. Great job, Chief Darby!

The council has also approved the purchase of a new pumper truck. This is part of our planned replacement of older equipment to ensure Foley has state-of-the-art equipment for the department.

Our sports facilities continue to grow. The new five-plex on U.S. 98 is coming together nicely and should be ready for play next spring. This, along with two new soccer fields, will provide more options for scheduling our youth games and hopefully reduce the number of games running late into the evening.

The lights are going up on the new multi-use fields off of CR20 and Juniper. We hope to be ready for play in late spring if the weather cooperates. The road infrastructure is progressing and asphalt should be installed soon.

Foley's Finance Division has been recognized for the second year in a row. Finance Director Sue Steigerwald announced that the city's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report met the criteria and high standards of the Government Finance Officers Association award program. Information in this report provides an in-depth look at the city's financial condition, demonstrating full disclosure and transparency. This information provides useful information for bond rating agencies, debtors, citizens and those interested in relocating to Foley. Congratulations to Sue and all her staff!



**Mayor's
Notes**

Captain Thurston Bullock of our Foley Police Department was recently graduated from the FBI National Academy. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every U.S. state and territory and from international partner nations.

Sessions of approximately 220 officers take undergraduate and/or graduate courses at the FBI campus in Quantico, Virginia. Officers participate in classes and in a wide range of leadership and specialized training. Congratulations to Captain Bullock for becoming an alumnus of this elite program!

The new dog park is expected to be finished and opened by Thanksgiving. A special opening celebration will be announced later.

December is a busy month in Foley. The annual Trim-A-Tree event sponsored by the Foley Art Center continues through Dec. 21 at the Tanger Outlet Center.

Christmas in the Park, the 56th Annual Foley Kiwanis Christmas Parade and the popular Let It Snow event in Heritage Park are scheduled for the first weekend in December.

We hope you'll join us for a wide variety of fun throughout the month and beyond.

**Enjoy this cool weather and
SHOP FOLEY FIRST!**

Best regards,

Mayor John Koniar

New Foley Fire Station 3 Nears Completion

The construction of Foley Fire Department Station 3 in GlenLakes is nearing completion. With only a few items left to complete the project, the Foley Fire Department is excited about opening and operating the new addition in the near future.

The project was initiated in 2012 by a generous donation of land from David and Sue Vosloh. The City Council approved \$900,000 for construction of the facility. GM Stuart, Inc. has completed the construction of the design by Adams Stewart Architects.

Foley's Fire Department was recently awarded a SAFER

(Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$1,154,421 for the hiring of 9 firefighters, which will allow full staffing of the new station. The grant provides funding for salaries and benefits for 2 years. Station 3 will operate 24/7, staffed by three firefighters capable of responding to any calls for service. This will greatly improve response times and effectiveness of fire and rescue services, especially in the southeast area of Foley.

According to Foley Fire Chief Joey Darby, an open house inviting the community to tour the new facility will be announced soon. ■

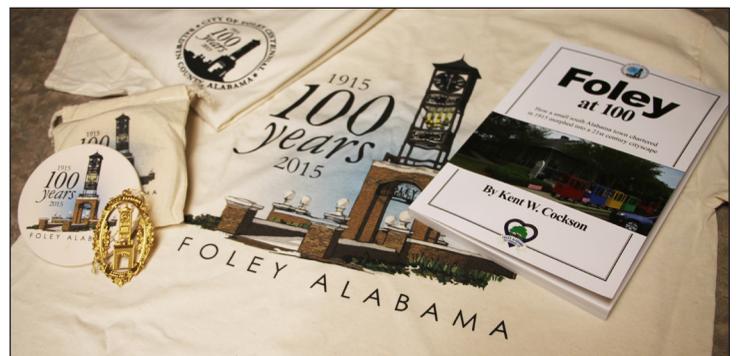


Enjoy holiday lights and music in Heritage Park

Residents and visitors are in for a treat this holiday season as new decorations will be on display in Foley. Heritage Park will be especially beautiful this year, according to members of the Foley Beautification Board, as well as at key intersections and along sections of Hwy. 59. Thank you to this group for creating a three-year plan to make the holidays brighter in Foley.

Seasonal music will be played by the bells on the Centennial Clock Tower beginning on November 27, and will continue through New Year's Day. The music will play on Friday and Saturdays from 6 to 6:30pm, making it a great time to enjoy the beautiful holiday lights and chimes from Heritage Park. ■

Keep up with local events and news from Foley right in your inbox. Every other month, we will send you the local news in our e-newsletter. All you have to do is go to www.visitfoley.org and sign up.



Centennial items available

Centennial T-shirts, coaster sets and ornaments displaying the image of the new clock tower plaza are available for purchase at the Welcome Center located on the northeast corner of the intersection of U.S. 98 and Ala. 59. Two books—*Foley at 100* by Kent Cockson and *Foley A-Z*, a children's book written and illustrated by Foley Elementary students—are available for purchase at the Depot Museum. All were specially created to commemorate Foley's centennial year. These items make great gifts, and might some day be collector's items! ■



Project to protect the Bon Secour River and the Oyster Bay watersheds

The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, the City of Foley and the City of Gulf Shores are sponsoring a watershed project for the Bon Secour River and the Oyster Bay watersheds. The goal of this team effort is to identify key areas of water quality concerns, including stormwater runoff.

The entities are working hard to develop a comprehensive plan to improve the overall health of the watershed. The general public and all stakeholders in these watersheds are encouraged to participate in the planning process by attending one of two community meetings. The meetings will be held at the Foley Civic Center on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. and at the Gulf Shores Activity Center on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.

The project is designed to address a number of issues that are discussed at www.visitfoley.org/watershedproject.

You can make a difference every day. Below are tips to follow to help the City of Foley in its effort to reduce stormwater pollution:

- Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground.
- Dispose of excess fertilizers and pesticides at hazardous waste collection centers.
- Do not over-water your lawn or garden. Over-watering may increase leaching of fertilizers to ground water.
- Wash your car only when necessary; use a bucket to save water and try a phosphorus-free detergent.
- Clean up after your pets. Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that can contaminate surface water.
- Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to service stations and other recycling centers. Never put used oil or other chemicals down storm drains or in drainage ditches. One quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water! ■

Check us out online:

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www.CityofFoley.org www.VisitFoley.org
www.CoastalAlabamaMarket.com
www.FoleyLibrary.org www.FoleyRecreation.com
www.GrahamCreekPreserve.org
www.FoleySportsTourism.com

Public Works Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day—Nov. 11, 2015

- Garbage and recycling for Wednesday will be picked up Thursday, Nov. 12.
- Yard debris will resume where left off. Please expect up to a two-day delay.

Thanksgiving—Nov. 26 and 27, 2015

- Tuesday and Wednesday's garbage and recycle routes will be picked up Tuesday, Nov. 24. Thursday and Friday's routes will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 25.
- Yard debris will resume where left off. Please expect up to a three-day delay.

Christmas—December 24 and 25, 2015

- Tuesday and Wednesday's garbage and recycle routes will be picked up Tuesday, Dec. 22. Thursday and Friday's routes will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 23.
- Yard debris will resume where left off. Please expect up to a three-day delay.

New Year's Day—January 1, 2015

- Thursday and Friday's garbage and recycle routes will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 31.
- Yard debris will resume where left off.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the holiday schedule.

Foley sanitation service at \$16 month includes:

- ONE 96-gallon green garbage can picked up once weekly.
- ONE 64-gallon blue recycle cart, picked up once weekly.
- Yard debris/green waste picked up once weekly, 6 cubic yard maximum.
- Bulk items (mattresses, television sets, couches, etc.) picked up on Mondays after a call to Public Works with your name, address, phone number and a description of the item. Please call 251-943-8897 before 9 a.m. on Monday morning.
- Mosquito spraying weekly during the appropriate seasons and as weather dictates.
- Street sweeping.

Also, please refrain from placing your garbage can within three feet of another object, placing extra garbage around the can, and placing garbage in the recycle cart.

We appreciate your cooperation so that these processes go smoothly! ■



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Upcoming Events

WEEKLY – Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market

Local produce, fresh seafood, homemade food items. Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 20733 Mifflin Road, Foley.
www.CoastalAlabamaMarket.com

Foley Public Library

Library calendar of events online at www.foleylibrary.org

Foley Senior Center

Senior center calendar of events online at www.cityoffoley.org

Nov. 13–Dec. 21 48th Annual Trim-a-Tree Holiday Marketplace

Unique Christmas ornaments, decorations and gifts created by local artists and members of the Foley Art Center. Suite 250, Tanger Outlets. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m, Sun. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. 251-943-4381. www.facebook.com/FoleyArtCenter

Nov. 14 Turkey and Forest Friends Play Day

Explore and observe play day at Graham Creek Nature Preserve for children 10 and younger. 10 a.m. 23460 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley.
www.grahamcreekpreserve.org

Nov. 14 23rd Annual Foley Rotary Oyster Run*

5K Run/Walk 8 a.m. and One Mile Fun Run 9 a.m. Orange Blossom Square. Info: 943-4948

Nov. 22 Powerman Alabama

Duathlon series. Graham Creek Nature Preserve. 8 a.m.
www.powermanusa.org/Events/Powerman-Alabama/

Nov. 28 Small Business Saturday

Support small, local businesses. Money spent in our community stays in our community.

Dec. 2 Trees and Falling Leaves Play Day

Explore and observe themed play day at Graham Creek Nature Preserve for children 10 and under. 10 a.m. 23460 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley. www.grahamcreekpreserve.org

Dec. 3, 5 & 6 Coastal Chorale Christmas Show

Christmas favorites presented by talented vocalists from across Baldwin County. Foley Civic Center. Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. Tickets available at the door or online at www.coastal-chorale.com/tickets.html

Dec. 4 Christmas in the Park*

Santa, refreshments and the official lighting of holiday lights at 6 p.m. in Foley's Heritage Park. 251-943-1300. www.VisitFoley.org or www.facebook.com/VisitFoley

Dec. 4 Mobile Youth Symphony Holiday Concert

Holiday favorites performed by a full symphony orchestra comprised of young musicians. Foley Civic Center. 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$5. www.VisitFoley.org

Dec. 5 Foley Christmas Parade*

A holiday tradition, organized by the Foley Kiwanis Club. Music, floats, tractors and even a glimpse of Old St. Nick! 10 a.m. Parade route maps at www.VisitFoley.org or at the Foley Welcome Center. 251-943-1300.

Dec. 5 Let It Snow

Food, music, activities and SNOW! Something fun for all ages. Free admission. 11 a.m. 251-943-1300. www.VisitFoley.org or www.facebook.com/VisitFoley

Dec. 7 Baldwin Pops Christmas Concert

The Baldwin Pops presents an evening of holiday classics. Free admission. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Foley Civic Center. 7 p.m. www.VisitFoley.org or www.facebook.com/VisitFoley

Dec. 11–13 Alabama Corn Hole Cup

Alabama Corn Hole Tournament and pay-as-you-play Friday and Saturday for amateur players. Heritage Park. 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. Sat., Dec. 12. foleysportstourism.com/events/alabama-cornhole-cup

Dec. 19 Christmas in Nature Play Day

Christmas themed play day with story time and snack for children 10 and under. 10 a.m. 23460 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley. grahamcreekpreserve.org/

Jan. 12 Visit Foley Snowbird Coffee

Annual welcome back coffee for winter visitors. Join us for coffee and doughnuts and learn about things to see and do in Foley and surrounding area. Foley Civic Center. 9 a.m. – 12 noon. www.VisitFoley.org or www.facebook.com/VisitFoley

***designates a Foley Centennial Event**