

FORT MORGAN NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all and a warm welcome to our new FMCA members!

The FMCA executive board still has an opening in the position of Secretary. Responsibilities include, taking notes at meetings of the Board and General Assembly, transcription of meeting minutes as well as coordination with other Executive Board members to create monthly agendas and communications. If you are interested in getting more involved in the FMCA and serving the community, please send a notice of interest to: fortmorgancivic@gmail.com

As you know, our organization works on many different projects throughout the year. From coordinating with the County government and their departments regarding local issues to monitoring USACE/ Planning & Zoning permitting requests and new developments in our community, as well as planning and hosting community outreach and engagement events. Staying on top of all of this is a tall order and as our organization and community grows, so does the depth of responsibility. If you would like to be more involved in taking on a role in the association, whether it be as a chair or you just want to help with special projects, come out on July 12th!

I am excited to announce that this month, we will be hosting special guest speakers from Baldwin County Emergency Management. Director Zach Hood, Deputy Director Jenni Guerry, and Emergency Management Officer Scott Wallace will be present to present information regarding hurricane preparedness and answer questions relative to our community. This is sure to be an informative meeting so please come out!

Remember, we are always seeking new membership! If your neighbor is not a member of our organization, tell them about us and invite them to come to our next meeting! See you all on July 12th at 6:30pm. Thank you for your continued support of the FMCA and our combined efforts to preserve and protect the Fort Morgan community.

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Joe
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#fortmorganstrong



Agenda for this month's FMCA General Meeting:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance	Joe Emerson, President
Previous FMCA General Meeting Minutes	Vacant, Secretary
Treasurer's Report	Greg Strategier, Treasurer
Government Affairs Report	Michael Ludvigsen, FMCA Government Liaison
Fort Morgan Planning & Zoning Advisory Cte.	Ernie Church, Chair
Old Business -Executive Board Opening -Ryan and Wilkes Update -Litter Rodeo	
New Business -Committee Chairs -Open Floor	
Guest Speaker:	Baldwin County EMA
Adjournment: Next Meeting, 9 August	

FMCA Membership ~~~~~

Reminder: Annual Dues are due by Due December 31 annually. Additionally, please contact FMCA Membership Chair at fortmorgancivic@gmail.com for any changes to membership status (i.e., address / email update, death of a member)

For membership application by mail or online, access Fort Morgan Civic Association website (<https://www.fortmorgancivic.org/>), click on membership tab, and select desired process (online or mail), then follow the prompts.

FMCA Executive Board Opening: Secretary ~~~~~

We are currently seeking to fill the vacant Secretary position on the executive board. The Secretary’s responsibilities include keeping, in permanent form: the minutes of the Association and the Executive Board, a list of committees and their members and a record of attendance at all meetings to be provided by the Membership Committee chair. The Secretary also shall conduct the correspondence and maintain the official administrative records of the Association. If you are interested in a nomination as Secretary, please let us know by email: fortmorgancivic@gmail.com

Fort Morgan Planning & Zoning Committee ~~~~~Ernie Church, FM P&Z Advisory Cte Chair

The Ft Morgan planning and zoning advisory committee met on Jun 28 and made the following recommendations to the county.

- * Recommended approval of a variance to allow moving a residence onto the center of an adjacent lot and encroach on the side setbacks by six (6) inches
- * Recommended denial of a request to build a residence inside a rear setback so a larger house could be built
- * Recommended approval of a request to reconstruct a boat storage facility to its original height pre hurricane Sally. Also agreed that no additional parking was necessary - pre hurricane parking was satisfactory

Future Fort Morgan Planning and Zoning Committee meetings will be noted on <https://www.fortmorgancivic.org/> as well as associated case files.

Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department ~~~~~

The Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department is seeking volunteers. No experience necessary. Must be full time resident of Fort Morgan. Training is provided. We meet the first and third Monday at 6:30 p. m. at Fire Station one. Come and visit our sessions.

Stay Safe,
FMVFD

Fort Morgan Peninsula Neighborhood Safety & Crime Report ~~~~~BCSO

“If you see something, Say something”. It is so important, for the Sheriff’s Office to know what you know.

EMERGENCY: 911 -Report all potentially life-threatening and suspicious activities
Sheriff’s Department—Administrative Office.....972-6802
Sheriff’s Office Website: www.sheriffobaldwin.com
Anonymous Tip Email Address (NOT for Emergencies):
<http://sheriffobaldwin.com/contactRC.asp>

Upcoming Events/ Community Support Opportunities in Fort Morgan:

Share the Beach/ Alabama Coastal Foundation~~~~~

Sea turtle nesting season began on 1 May. Please be aware that outside lights hinder the nesting process of female turtles. If you own directly on the beach, please consider checking into turtle friendly lights prior to the 2021 turtle nesting season. Contact Alabama Coastal Foundation or US Fish and Wildlife for details. Make sure to continue to fill in holes and take up beach equipment daily to ensure safe beaches for residents, visitors and turtles throughout the year.

Fort Morgan State Historic Site~~~~~

Check for current updates on daily operations / park entry procedures at Facebook (Fort Morgan State Historic Site) and website <http://www.fort-morgan.org> .

Bon Secour NWR~~~~~

Check for current updates on refuge operations by <https://www.facebook.com/BonSecourNWR/>, calling the office at 251-540-7720 or emailing bonsecour@fws.gov, messages will be returned as soon as possible.

Fort Morgan History:

Request for contributions – please contact the FMCA newsletter editor if you are interested in researching Fort Morgan history or providing personal memories to share of Fort Morgan.

Historical photo of the Fort Morgan Marina*



*Special thanks to Ernie Church for this contribution

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