



# THE BULLETIN

FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB  
THE OLDEST SERVING SERVICE CLUB IN THE SHOALS BEGINNING JUNE 1921



David Bradley, Jr., newly elected to the Florence City Council for District 3, spoke of some of the plans after he is sworn into office in November.

A graduate of the University of North Alabama, he said he “worked three different jobs as a student.” He gained his work ethic from his grandfather who helped rear him after Bradley’s father early death. He worked on campus as a police officer.

Then he worked for 11 years for the Florence Police Department. “It was at this point I had a major career change,” he said. This was to enter back to college to study law. His passion is to help people and do “the right thing.”

“It is not always easy to follow the rule of law,” he commented. “Public opinion sometimes does cloud the issue,” Bradley commented. “I’ve learned to listen to what people have to say, to listen to their concerns.” He decided to enter the arena of politics with the backing of the many people. “District 3 and the other areas of Florence is progressing.” There is some federal grant monies set aside to help with the “blighted” areas of District 3 which covers the eastern portion of the city. “The building of the new hospital along Veterans Drive will only help with property value,” he said. “However there is much more to be done in the infrastructure, the cleaning of the area,” he said.

## WOOD AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT NOTICE



In preparation for the upcoming Wood Avenue resurfacing project, the Gas and Water Departments will intermittently be closing sections of Wood Avenue. This work is required to move or replace gas and water lines ahead of the road construction contractor.

There will be some interruption in service during short periods, but our crews will work as quickly as possible to minimize the interruptions.

Although it is a declared a Federal holiday next Monday, President Bert announced the Board of Directors will meet at noon in the Library.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**October 10  
Board Meeting**

**October 11  
Fire and Law  
Enforcement  
Awards**

**October 18  
Pete Henry**

### 2016-2017

#### OFFICERS

**Bert Bretherick**  
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##### One Year

**Peggy O’Steen**  
**Vance Persall**  
**Joe Patterson**

##### Two Year

**B. W. Gibbons**  
**Frank Eastland**  
**Parrish Riedel**

Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in the United States in 1937, though people have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event.



During the four hundredth anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress.

Many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, the first occasion being in New York City on October 12, 1866. Columbus Day was first enshrined as a legal holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first statewide Columbus Day holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and New York City Italian leader Generoso Pope, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.

Since 1970 (Oct. 12), the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October, coincidentally exactly the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada fixed since 1959. It is generally observed nowadays by banks, the bond market, the U.S. Postal Service, other federal agencies, most state government offices, many businesses, and most school districts. Some businesses and some stock exchanges remain open, also some states and municipalities abstain from observing the holiday. The traditional date of the holiday also adjoins the anniversary of the United States Navy (founded October 13, 1775), and thus both occasions are customarily observed by the Navy (and usually the Marine Corps as well) with either a 72- or 96-hour liberty period.

B. W. announced he and spouse Jackie celebrated 55 years of marriage. Also members welcomed back Laura Williams who had been missing in action due to health issues.


**ONE NATION  
UNDER GOD**



NOVEMBER 15, 2016  
11:30 am - 1:00 PM  
Marriott Conference Center  
Florence, Alabama

**SAVE THE DATE**

GUEST SPEAKER:  
CHIEF DEPUTY CHRIS GEORGE  
U.S. MARINE VETERAN,  
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE

Plans for October include recognition of Fireman and Law Enforcement Officers; Columbus Day Holiday; National Day of Service; and Halloween. Vance is ordering the PEEECANS for the first week of November.