March 22, 2024 - 12 months 17 days until Primary Election

Welcome to everyone who has joined the effort to inform the residents of Ocean Springs on issues that affect us all. To vote in new representation, we must inform ALL residents of what is happening across the city. Because all of you put out signs, we are being heard. It is generating discussion on social media and all over town. Also, you might have missed this OpEd from end of Feb in the Ocean Springs Weekly Record [When Is Enough, More Than Enough in the 39564?](#)

The "Platform" section of the SaveOS.org website reflects our priorities. The "Issues" section reflects things currently underway in our City that have the potential to negatively impact all of us and the future of Ocean Springs. For example, the Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance approved by the Board of Aldermen (BOA) to enable a dense project on Front Beach represents a great risk to any neighborhood located adjacent to an undeveloped tract. The PUD can be used anywhere in Ocean Springs. Many were unaware of this vote that was unanimously passed by the Board of Aldermen in 2023.

Many were shocked when the Board of Alderman passed the Mayor's Urban Renewal Plan those targeted properties in the historically black community, exposing those properties to eminent domain. The Mayor and Board subsequently backed off after much outrage was expressed by a broad coalition of Ocean Springs residents who saw the injustice of this action. The city is being sued by a law firm from the DC area on this issue. The Mayor and BOA still plan to go ahead with a reduced area within the Urban Renewal Plan. Although reduced in size, the Urban Renewal Plan still represents a serious risk to our community. The Plan establishes a Redevelopment Authority (RDA), appointed by the Mayor and BOA, that has broad power to approve projects, expand the plan area targeted for urban renewal, and can even use eminent domain to take personal properties. The Urban Renewal Plan places areas of our beautiful, quaint city in the hands of profit-driven developers and politicians who enable them. We must take back the control of our city before its charm is gone forever!

Read SaveOS.org often as we will be posting new information as the Mayor and Alderman reveal their plans to "transform" our city into their vision of an entertainment destination. We must attend meetings and speak publicly against projects that would destroy the character and charm of Ocean Springs. If our elected officials and commissioners are not listening to us, and are moving forward with their plans despite our voices, WHAT IS THE REAL MOTIVATION? OUR TOWN IS NOT FOR SALE! Meeting notices will be added to the homepage, so you can check this and plan to attend. We must attend to show we don't want this path.

WHO WE ARE
We are concerned citizens who are tired of going to board meetings and told we have 3 minutes to talk and then no one listens. We all gathered after each meeting

dumbfounded at the lack of caring from the mayor and board, in a room filled with people who opposed their proposed action, and then they voted for it despite our protests! One night after a meeting, we were all talking as usual, and said, "Let's put up a website, and inform EVERYONE on ALL the issues." The Mayor speaks frequently on WLOX after the meetings, which gives quite a different version of what is happening, usually saying "everyone is for" the latest plan or development. It sounds so good, that we know most residents who live away from downtown might be getting their only news in this biased way. They need all the facts.

Because you joined, you must care. We need everyone to help. We have made a great start, but we have thousands yet to inform. Please talk with your neighbors, place a sign in your yard, volunteer to help get signs out, voters registered, and identify possible candidates for Aldermen. We (all of us) also need to identify someone to be our NEW Mayor in June of 2025! There are just 12 MONTHS REMAINING UNTIL WE VOTE in the Primary!!

We have lots to do. Send an email to **info@saveos.org** if you:

Know of someone to run for Alderman
Know of someone to run for Mayor
Would like to volunteer to help citizens register to vote
Would like to volunteer to take people to their voting place next election
Would like to host a Neighborhood Issues Meeting

Please let us know of major Issues that **we need to know about** that we are not covering on the website.

Need a Volunteer to head up Voting:
Someone to research the Voter Registration process so we can 1) develop a plan to get as many people registered as possible, and 2) develop a plan for getting citizens to the voting precincts on Election Day.

Coming soon, we need to purchase more signs. The original 300 were purchased by the initial members. We are ordering 300 more today. We need everyone to help in this way. Let us know if you can help **(info@saveos.org)**. 100% goes to actual signs, cards, door hangers to get the word out.

Please tell at least **2 people** and ask them to **do the same** and sign up. Host a neighborhood meeting where issues can be discussed, and where candidates can be recommended. We will hold larger meetings as we get closer to the election and invite candidates to debate. We must be certain that these candidates are really motivated **for the people** and **not those motivated by the love of money**.

Together we **can** Save Ocean Springs!