

2010

**HOMETOWN CELEBRATION
JUNE 11, 12, & 13, 2010**

HELLO CLASSMATES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

ALABAMA'S GOVERNOR RILEY HAS DECLARED THE YEAR 2010 AS THE YEAR TO CELEBRATE SMALL TOWN ALABAMA. ALL ACROSS OUR STATE, COMMUNITIES LIKE ALEXANDER CITY WILL BE HOLDING HOMETOWN REUNIONS DURING THIS YEAR.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A HUGE CELEBRATION IN OUR HOMETOWN ON JUNE 11, 12 & 13, 2010. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! (Half of the objectives have been met and half have not, but plans are ongoing.) As soon as all details are complete, we will be in touch with the media. You may also check for up-dates throughout the next few months on the city's web page www.alexandercityonline.com or Chamber's web page www.alexandercity.org.

WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE AS MANY FORMER RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE TO COME HOME FOR THIS GREAT OCCASION. OUR CELEBRATION BEGINS FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 2010, AND CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

CASUAL DRESS AND COMFORTABLE SHOES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL EVENTS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.
EVENTS ARE PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA FRIDAY.

PLANS INCLUDE ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AN ART SHOW FEATURING WORKS OF MRS. SARAH CARLISLE TOWERY, A HISTORICAL PHOTO TOUR, CONCESSIONS AND GUIDED BUS TOURS OF OUR HOMETOWN FEATURING NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF RECENT YEARS.

*******PICKUP AND RETURN POINT FOR THE TOUR BUSES WILL BE AT THE CHARLES E. BAILEY, SR., SPORTPLEX FOOTBALL STADIUM PARKING LOT. (HWY. 22W)**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON----- 4:30 P.M.

“STRAND PARK”

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO “STRAND PARK” AT 4:30 P.M. WHERE WE WILL UNVEIL A HISTORIC MARKER AT THE TOP OF THE HILL IN THE PARK.

FRIDAY EVENING

ALEXANDER CITY’S “JAZZ FEST” WILL ALSO BE HELD IN STRAND PARK ON FRIDAY EVENING. THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEST. THOUGH THE EVENT BEGAN AS A SMALL BLOCK PARTY, HOSTED BY OUR OWN RALPH FROHSIN, THE ANNUAL “JAZZ FEST” HAS GROWN AND SPILLED OVER TO A TWO-NIGHT EVENT IN TWO LOCATIONS. SATURDAY NIGHT’S FEST IS HELD AT “LAKE MARTIN AMPHLITHEATER” NEAR KOWALIGA. ADMISSION REMAINS FREE TO BOTH EVENTS. EACH NIGHT, THE LUCKY GUESTS CONTINUE TO BE ENTERTAINED YEARLY BY AWARD WINNING ACTS. (ACTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE)

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010 10:00-1:00

THE DAY WILL BEGIN WITH ALL OF THE EARLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HOLDING INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL REUNIONS. **FORMER STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS PRIOR TO 1971 ARE MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY ALL CLASS MEMBERS BY PHONE OR EMAIL. THE REUNION OF THE EARLY YEARS WILL BE HELD FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M. IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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| Avondale (Bevelle) School ----- | Charles E. Bailey, Sr. Sportplex Gym |
| Russell School | Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church (Elevator Available) |
| Laurel School | Laurel Head Start |
| City Elementary School | First United Methodist Church Arbor Building |

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 9:30.

EACH FORMER STUDENT/COUPLE will be asked to bring two covered dishes and a carton of soda pop or a gallon of tea.

All others items will be furnished.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (3:00P.M. – 5:30 P.M.)

BEGINNING AT 3:00 P.M., ALL STUDENTS WILL COME TOGETHER AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME AS STUDENTS FROM BENJAMIN RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL, LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL, OR STUDENTS FROM THE OLD ALEXANDER CITY HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE YEARS 1930 THROUGH 2010. WE PLAN TO GATHER AT THE “HAMP LYON STADIUM.” HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE TENTS, CHAIRS AND FANS FOR YOUR COMFORT. PLANS ARE TO DIVIDE CLASSES INTO TEN-YEAR INCREMENTS. Example (1950-59)

DURING THIS TIME, WE WILL NOT ONLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR OLD FRIENDS WHO WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL WITH US, BUT WE WILL ALSO HAVE ENTERTAINMENT AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS. (Undefeated teams, etc.)

BECAUSE THERE WILL BE LIMITED PARKING UP TOWN, WE PLAN TO HAVE SHUTTLE BUSES RUNNING FROM THE SPORTPLEX PARKING LOT TO THE HAMP LYON STADIUM WHERE YOU WILL ENTER THE FIELD AT THE VISTOR’S GATE. AS YOU WILL REMEMBER, THAT GATE HAS BETTER ACCESS TO THE FIELD. ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON FIELD LEVEL.

CIVIC AMBASSADORS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP DIRECT YOU.

Plans are to have tents set up in 10-year increments. See chart:

- 1930-49
- 1950-59
- 1960-69
- 1970-79
- 1980-89
- 1990-99
- 2000-10

SATURDAY NIGHT

THE JAZZ FEST WILL BE HELD AT THE LAKE MARTIN AMPHITHEATER NEAR KOWALIGA ON SATURDAY NIGHT; THEREFORE, WE WILL BRING THE SCHOOL REUNION TO A CLOSE LATE THAT AFTERNOON TO GIVE YOU AMPLE TIME TO TRAVEL TO THE AMPHITHEATER. (ACTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

AREA CHURCHES WILL HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES DURING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIME IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER RESIDENTS. GUESTS WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A TESTIMONY DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE IF THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

THE WEEKEND SHOULD BE ONE OF THE GREATEST EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY, BUT ONLY IF YOU ARE WITH US!

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND CLASSMATES ONCE AGAIN.

IF YOU LIVE OUT OF TOWN, IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO MAKE EARLY RESERVATIONS IN ONE OF OUR LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS, B&B, VILLAS, OR CAMP GROUNDS.

IT IS OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO LOCATE EVERY FORMER RESIDENT FOR THIS HAPPY OCCASION. WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP? WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SHARE ALL THIS INFORMATION WITH SOME OF YOUR OLD FRIENDS? YOU MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR IN ALEXANDER CITY. IF WE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF US.

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