

Partnership Successes 2005-2008

Since 2005, the Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership, the Blackwater River Foundation, and Santa Rosa County have brought more than \$200,000 in grants and services to Bagdad for enhancements that have included programming, vision workshops, traffic calming, and Volunteer Center Training.

Our significant achievements include creation of a long-term redevelopment plan, establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program, establishment of a Community Lighting Program, creation of the Ollinger & Bruce Shipyard Neighborhood Park, Mill Site Park cleanup/engineering/planning, installation of brown street signs and historic district welcome signs, community boundary markers, riverside pavilion construction, and acquiring funding for construction of the Bagdad Heritage Trail.

We currently have pending grants that will further our goals of maintaining a high quality of life for residents.

To find out more, join us for our monthly meetings held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Bagdad United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The meetings are free and open to the public.

Celebrating Community Success 3rd Annual Art Stroll offers food, music, arts, crafts

More than a thousand people strolled through Bagdad during the third annual Bagdad Village Front Porch Art Stroll on Saturday, Oct. 18. The popular and successful event featured attractions for every member of the family. This year's event included a children's art area, a wooden boat show, lunch specials from local restaurants, musical performances, and storytelling.

The Bagdad Museum was open to visitors and its popular Artful Bowl fundraiser offered guests several choices of soups. On Forsyth Street, the Bagdad United Methodist Church and the Bagdad Elementary School held their fall festivals.

The featured artist this year was Panama City native Timothy A. Weeks, author of the "Wise Mullet" series of children's books. Weeks' presentations involved storytelling with projected illustrations, plenty of audience participation and cast net demonstrations. The stories are illustrated by Weeks' mother, Miss Jeanne, who explained how illustrations are made using digital photos and paintings, which she refers to as "mullet montages." Weeks also visited Bagdad Elementary School Oct. 17 to present his books to students. Entertainers included the New Providence Baptist Church Men's Choir under the direction of Tony Johnson, Hearts of Worship gospel trio, Matthews Family Band, strolling minstrel Gary Simmons, and recorded music by Bagdad musician Charlie Locke.

The Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership created the *Front Porch Art Stroll* in 2006 to promote appreciation of the historic and natural beauty of Bagdad. For hundreds of people, this year's *Stroll* was their first time experiencing Bagdad from outside of an automobile. ■

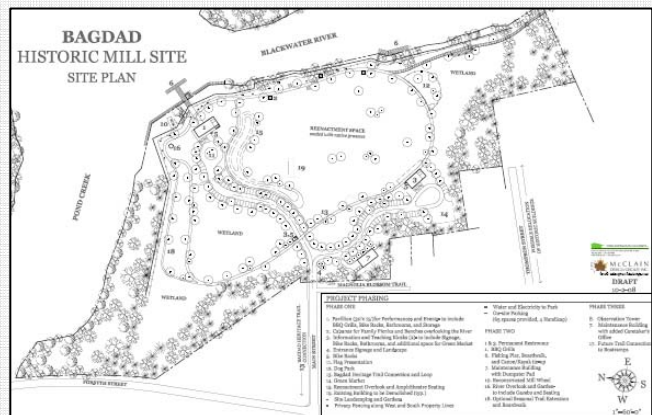


Bagdad Elementary School students had a poster contest for the Art Stroll. Winning posters were displayed in the entertainment and food area. Winners received \$5 gift cards.

County & Partnership Work to Open Mill Site

The Bagdad Waterfronts Partnership and Santa Rosa County have contracted with a landscape architect to create a site plan for the Bagdad Mill Site Park based on community input from the visioning workshops in 2006. The park will include fishing piers, picnic areas and a trail.

To view the draft site plan, visit the Partnership's website at www.BagdadWaterfronts.org.



For \$5, you can make Bagdad a better home for EVERYONE!

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_____ I cannot contribute at this time, but please keep me updated!

Volunteer for a committee!

_____ Public Access to the Waterfront _____ Environmental Protection
_____ Special Events _____ Neighborhood Watch
_____ Cultural Protection _____ Economic Revitalization/Safety

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(Check appropriate level)

Individual (\$5)
 Non-profit (\$10)
 Family (\$10)
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 Sustaining member (\$100, valid for 10 years)
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