

MISSISSIPPI BLUES MARKER COMING TO BELMONT-DEVILLIERS!

JOIN US FOR TWO SPECIAL EVENTS!

The Mississippi Blues Commission will honor the legacy of the Blues in Pensacola, Florida with the unveiling of a Mississippi Blues Marker – part of the Mississippi Blues Trail.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 - JIM O'NEAL

Jim O'Neal, blues historian, will present a lecture at 5:30 p.m. at Voices of Pensacola. O'Neal is a research director and lead writer with the Mississippi Blues Trail and has helped organize a number of blues festivals. He was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2002.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 - MARKER UNVEILING

Dedication and unveiling of the marker taking place in the Belmont-DeVilliers historical district, at the intersection of Belmont and DeVilliers streets at 4:00 p.m.

The ceremony will feature a dedication from the Director of the Mississippi Blues Commission, Kamel King, Senator Terry Burton (MS), Mayor Grover Robinson, County Commissioner Lumon May, Steve Hayes of Visit Pensacola and Eddie Todd of Belmont-DeVilliers Neighborhood Association. Additionally, neighborhood leaders will be recognized including Gussie Streeter of Gussie's Record Shop (currently Five Sisters Blues Café), the Pierce family (Abe's 506, Savoy) and many more.

At the conclusion of the dedication and unveiling, the Belmont All-Star band will perform a live music jam session featuring performers from the past including Vivian Lamont, Earnest Stanberry and others!

