Thank you for your support and confidence in electing me as the next Mayor of the City of Stockbridge. I am truly humbled and blessed to serve you, the citizens of our great city. I look forward to a very bright future for our city and, along with the City Council, the intent is to always move the city toward success as we look to obtain the “Live, Work and Play” concept for our community.

We need you to support the City’s position as we implement our strategic plan for protecting our city’s boundaries against the proposed City of Eagles Landing. There are individuals attempting to de-annex nearly half of our city, which includes our primary economic corridor that assists in funding Stockbridge’s daily operations that support our citizens. We need you to join our efforts, read the materials on the website, sign the appropriate document to support our efforts, and then return it to the city staff for future use. This collective documentation is used to alert the Georgia State House and Senate members of our citizens desire to remain as one city within the current city limits. We need your support as we stand together to “Save Our City”.

There were several 2017 events and initiatives that deserve to be highlighted as being extremely successful for the City of Stockbridge. These community-focused activities are budgeted for and will continue during the 2018 calendar year. The Renaissance Strategic Visioning & Planning (RSVP) project initiated by our Main Street Program, Bridge Fest featuring Hispanic Fest, Summer Concert Series, Summer Main Street Movies, Memorial Day March, 911 Remembrance Ceremony, Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, Food Truck “Tasty Tuesdays”, Pretty in Pink Luncheon and the Love Walk, and the Youth Advisory Council, plus many more exciting activities and services are scheduled for citizens.

We truly look forward to a very prosperous New Year that will include the completion of our Comprehensive Plan which will outline our growth and economic strategy for the next twenty years, this includes the development of our downtown Main Street district.

We continue to make progress on the Jodeco Road Atlanta South Development Project and look forward to soon announce an official groundbreaking ceremony.

It will take us all working collectively to make living in the City of Stockbridge a wonderful experience. May God continue to bless the Citizens of Stockbridge.

The City of Stockbridge recently joined with other cities around the state in implementing a safe exchange site for our residents who buy or sell items via the internet. This is a proactive measure taken to afford protection and to reduce crimes associated with such encounters.

Two parking spaces have been designated and clearly marked for the purpose. This allows for people to meet in a very public and secure place to transact business.

The Stockbridge Police Precinct is located in the Harold L. Cochran Public Safety Center, at 4545 North Henry Blvd in downtown Stockbridge. In addition to access the police personnel, the site is also monitored via security cameras.

STAY SAFE... USE THE SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE!
Managers Message

Randy Knighton
City of Stockbridge Manager

We look forward to having a tremendous year in 2018. The staff and I are excited about a number of wonderful projects we hope to begin in the new year. I want to extend my congratulations to the new Mayor Anthony S. Ford. As staff, we look forward to working with the Mayor and Council on important projects and initiatives this year. There will be a number of opportunities for citizens to provide input on the Comprehensive Plan process which will begin in earnest this month. The public participation program associated with this planning effort will involve opportunities for feedback on how the city will grow and develop in the next 20-year period. As always, the staff and I are here to serve you. We encourage you to contact us regarding any information or issues you would like for us to address. We look forward to collaborating with all partners who have a vested interest in the success of the city of Stockbridge in 2018!

Saying Goodbye!

Ending my term as Mayor of Stockbridge is bittersweet. Spending seven months going door-to-door during the 2016 election, I met so many wonderful people that I shall always be a better person for both the community experience and serving a full year as your Mayor. No matter the issue or stress of the day, I never doubted that I was to serve as Mayor in 2017. Looking back on other positions I have held during my career, it became evident as my months as Mayor quickly passed that I was there to serve for a bigger purpose. Those constant thoughts were with me daily as I met the people of Stockbridge community whether at city hall, in the grocery store, at a school, church or participating in a community project. I fell in love with all of you, especially the children and youth. Whether I stopped at your house for frequent visits, sat in the yard with neighborhood teenagers listening to their age group's concerns, returned to your house when you invited me to visit your children, attending a ballet recital at the PAC to show support, or a myriad of other things, I enjoyed it all. During so many occasions getting to know you, especially sitting and visiting with you at the Bridge View Restaurant, I listened to your concerns and did my best to respond positively on behalf of the city.

For today, let me say goodbye with good wishes for a tremendous 2018 for you and your families. And, let me encourage you to learn all you can about the City of Stockbridge so that you can share your talents to help move it forward. I will still be in the community and look forward to seeing each of you often as we all find ways to serve our community together.

Randy Knighton
City Manager

I met so many wonderful people that I shall always be a better person for both the campaign experience and serving a full year as your Mayor.

Judy B. Neal
City of Stockbridge
2017 Mayor

Council Comments

Councilman Elton Alexander
My positive vision for Stockbridge is solidified with the $300 million Jodeco Atlanta South upscale development, the Hwy 138 Overlay increasing standards, a Downtown Stockbridge master plan in process, quality restaurants like Smashburger coming to the Eagles Landing area of Stockbridge, and new industry coming to Stockbridge in 2018! Happy New Year and thank you for allowing me to serve Stockbridge. The best is yet to come!

Councilman John Blount
I would like to thank you all, the great citizens of Stockbridge, for your continual support and prayers. You all have made my position as a servant to you, worth it every day, standing for your rights and concerns, as we move towards keeping our city whole. I look forward to bringing forth an amphitheater, a splash pad and more for our citizens to enjoy. I am so excited about what the upcoming days and years have in store. As the Council welcomes the new leadership at City Hall, be assured that we are diligently endeavoring to make Stockbridge the place that you all can continue to be proud to call home. "We all have more in common than we have uncommon", one people, one love, together, God bless you all.

Councilwoman Neat Robinson
As we embark on the new year, I would first like to thank you for your overwhelming support in 2017. In April 2018, we will host the annual Unity in the Community Basketball Game between City of Stockbridge high school seniors and the Henry County Police and Sheriff’s Departments. A Clergy Roundtable of all churches in the Stockbridge community has been established to promote collaboration of community efforts and discussions of community issues locally and at large. Our City of Stockbridge Youth Council is actively engaged in the community and solicits your support in the upcoming year. As I move forward, we look forward to continuing the growth and advancement of Stockbridge in 2018.

Stockbridge Welcomes Re-Elected City Council Members

LaKeisha Gantt, Esq., Mayor Pro Tem
Happy New Year! I would like to thank you for believing in me and allowing me to serve you for a second term. I look forward to continuing to work towards our Live, Work and Play environment. We have some really great plans to move this City forward! Most importantly, I realize that, as a council member, we can't do it alone. We have to have the support of our city citizens. One of my initiatives this year will focus on our community's wide range of diversity. As we go into the new year, I would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support. As always, my door is always open.

Councilman Alphonso Thomas
To the voters of the City of Stockbridge, I would like to express my gratitude for electing me to represent you on the City Council. I am humbled and excited to be part of a team of citizens, educators, business owners, and elected officials working together to build a prosperous city where everyone can find their brightest future. The outlook for the City of Stockbridge is promising, and the vision is clear as we pursue quality education, safe neighborhoods, economic prosperity and other quality of life issues. Join the City Council and me on this auspicious journey. I will be introducing legislation to stimulate Downtown Revitalization with incentive programs to encourage businesses to locate downtown. Also, I will put my efforts towards completion of the Carrie Mae Hambrick Cultural Arts and Enrichment Center as an anchor that will also serve as a contributing catalyst for neighborhood engagement, economic vitality, and a vehicle to assemble partnerships and alliances to further economic growth in the downtown business district. I can be contacted at atomas@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov. "Future Forward!"

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The new library (located at 525 Flippen Creek Walking Trail in Stockbridge’s downtown area) is a continuation of the Stockbridge Main Street Program’s Little Free Library Project. The structure will be assigned GPS coordinates and an official charter number that can be found on both, the Little Free Library website (www.littlefreelibrary.org), and the site’s online map. This new book swap location is the 11th in and around the historic downtown area, anyone can join the Little Free Library movement on their own.

**BUSINESS OWNERS**

As a friendly reminder all 2017 Occupational Tax Invoices were due by December 31, 2017. All payments that have not been received has a 10% penalty added to the balance. Plus, after January 15th, there is a daily penalty fee of 1½% of the total balance due. Please remit payment as soon as possible. Contact our office at 770-389-7900 for the current payment on the account. If you have never made a payment to your account, thank you for choosing Stockbridge.

The Main Street Program is also looking to the community for additional donations of new and gently used children’s books. “This project has really taken off,” says Kira Harris-Braggs, Stockbridge Main Street Program Manager. “We have been approached by several organizations and businesses who are interested in helping us place these Little Libraries both around our historic downtown area and in other locations around the city. Though the Main Street Program focuses on the downtown area, anyone can join the Little Free Library movement on their own.”

**WILL YOU STAND WITH CITIZENS OF STOCKBRIDGE?**

On December 7th, the Stockbridge Main Street Program Advisory Board was joined by the Stockbridge-Jonesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., as they unveiled the City’s newest Little Free Library. This “library” is located in Clark Community Park (111 Davis Road) near the playground area and is a continuance of the Stockbridge Main Street Program’s Little Free Library Project. The structure will be assigned GPS coordinates and an official charter number that can be found on both, the Little Free Library website (www.littlefreelibrary.org), and the site’s online map. This new book swap location is the second of the planned five locations in and around the historic downtown area. The first was installed at Stockbridge’s Reeve’s Creek Walking Trail (located at 525 Flippen Road) in April 2017. The new library’s design has a child-friendly theme and is filled with children’s favorites. The library was made possible through a partnership with the Stockbridge-Jonesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity who donated the funds for the book box, its registration, signage, and some of the first books. The Main Street Program is also looking to the community for additional donations of new and gently used children’s books.

**STOCKBRIDGE SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

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On Saturday, November 25th, Stockbridge citizens joined people across the country in shopping and dining on Small Business Saturday. On that day, everyone was encouraged to “shop small” by purchasing items or enjoying a meal at a small, locally owned businesses or restaurant. Observed the Saturday after Thanksgiving to kick-off the holiday shopping season, this single day has grown into a powerful, national movement, with more people participating than ever before.

In 2010, the American Express company founded Small Business Saturday to help local businesses with their most pressing need — attracting more customers. Since then, nationally hosted advertising campaigns and promotions have been created to help boost sales for small businesses on this special shopping day. In Stockbridge, a group of over 35 businesses and restaurants, participated in Stockbridge Small Business Saturday by offering great discounts, free give-aways, and other incentives to shoppers and diners who came out on the designated day.

In addition, the Stockbridge Main Street Program hosted a special passport promotion to encourage the community to get excited about Stockbridge Small Business Saturday.

The passport listed all the Stockbridge participating and supporting businesses, which included: Ambry’s Kid Clothes, BarnBeautiful, BridgeView Country Cooking, C&K Family Beauty Salon, Cova Beauty, Designs by Alecia, Dre and Ida’s Meals to Go, Drip-Thru Coffee, E.L. Massage & Wellness Spa, Elegance Boutique, Farmers Insurance – Sanders Agency, Freedom EMS, The Good Stuff Store, Holey Sweet Donuts, Jacksons Barber Shop, Jide Gear, Kyalilis D’Zigns, Level 3 Beauty Salon, Level 5 Health & Sports Fitness, Melanie C. Gallo Consulting, OTAC Agricultural Recycling, Olympia Pizza House, OnZero Discount Store, Power House Pest Control, Regal Innovation & Design, Serafino’s Italian Restaurant, Serenity Hair Designs, Smoothie King, SPN Herbs, Starbound PR Firm, Tony’s at Brentwood, Upscale Fashions, and Wings & Fish Grill. Shoppers and diners were asked to visit at least four of the listed businesses to be eligible to enter a prize drawing.

As a show of support for locally owned businesses, the City of Stockbridge Mayor and Council delivered a proclamation in recognition of Small Business Saturday on November 13th, 2017.

As an incentive for shoppers and diners to visit locally owned businesses and restaurants, the Stockbridge Main Street Program launched a special Stockbridge Small Business Saturday Shopping Passport promotion on Stockbridge Small Business Saturday. This year, those with the event passports, who shopped or dined in at least 4 out of the 35+ participating businesses, were eligible to enter a drawing to win one of four Stockbridge Small Business Saturday Prize Pack valued at over $200 in merchandise and gift cards. Four winners were announced after a drawing from the passports turned into the Main Street Program office by December 1st. The drawing was done at Stockbridge Elementary School by Principal, Cynthia Jewel, and first grade student, Jade McMillon.

The prize pack winners included: Robert Kolpak, Annette Paragon-Singh, Gloria Cain, and Sharon Jordan. Each of these winners made shopping small a priority in their holiday plans.
Employee's Corner

Congratulations to These Employees Celebrating Anniversaries With the City of Stockbridge

Brad Hollsinger - 20 years
Adam Daniel - 15 years
Craig Oglesby - 10 years
Ryan Dixon - 10 years

LaQuinda Jackson - 5 years
Charisma Webster - 10 years
Shana Thornton - 10 years
Shannon Maddox - 10 years

Welcome New City Staff Members

Nathan Bennett - 5 years
Vanessa Holiday - 5 years
Not Pictured

A. Stormwater management and Low Impact Development (LID)

Q. What is stormwater and why do we need to manage it?
A. Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt flows over land or paved surfaces and does not absorb into the ground. As the runoff flows over impervious surfaces such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment, or other pollutants. This contributes to water quality problems if runoff flows directly into surface waterways and is left untreated.

As natural landscapes continue to be converted to urban areas, forests or other naturally vegetated landscapes give way to impervious surfaces. This has led to stormwater runoff becoming one of the largest sources of pollutants to Georgia’s surface waters.

In addition, the high flows created by stormwater runoff can cause harm to aquatic habitats. To address these problems, it is critical that jurisdictions adopt new stormwater management practices for urban areas. A recent stormwater management approach involves the use of LID techniques to retain vegetation, limit impervious surfaces, and infiltrate and treat stormwater runoff on-site.

Q&A

Appreciating Veterans for Their Service

November 11th was a beautiful, blue-sky day for Stockbridge's largest Veterans Day Parade to date. The local high school bands, cheerleaders, and marching performers, who complimented the numerous veterans who marched or rode in the parade, made all the difference in this fantastic display of patriotism.

The multitude of elementary school children who joined with families and the parade, made all the difference in this fantastic display of patriotism.

The City issues a special THANK YOU to the veterans added to the tribute. The City issues a special THANK YOU to the veterans added to the tribute.

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Q. What is LID and what role does it play in stormwater management?
A. A. Low Impact Development (LID) refers to a suite of stormwater management and site design approaches that mimic natural drainage processes by retaining vegetation, limiting impervious surfaces, and infiltrating and treating runoff on-site.

Q. What is Stockbridge doing to ensure that stormwater is managed?
A. The City of Stockbridge has adopted guidelines and requirements, better known as stormwater best management practices (BMPs), to help the City meet federal stormwater regulations.
### City News and Information

**OR17 – 442** All Donation Collection Bins must be registered with the City. Please contact Code Enforcement @ 404-764-8506 for registration info.

**OR17 – 444** Effective November 1, 2017 – All Building Regulations, Permitting, Building Inspections and Plan Review in the City of Stockbridge are being handled in-house by the City of Stockbridge and not the County. Please contact our Business Services office at 678-833-3302 for more information.

**OR17 – 447** Effective January 2018, Work Session Meetings will be held at 4:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room. First meeting will take place on January 30th.

**R17-888** The Council adopted the Water & Sewer rates for the calendar year 2018 with an increase of 3.5%. Residents will see the increase on their February 2018 billing statements.

**Calling all volunteers, we need your help!** Please contact us at 770-389-5982 or email us at events@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov for more information. Those who can do. Those who can do more, volunteer. Thank you!

**Have you signed up for online Bill Pay or Recurring Auto Draft Payments?**

Forms are available online under the Water Dept. or please give us a call at 770-389-7901 for assistance.

**Interested in learning about city operations?**

Stay tuned for the next Citizens Academy. Applications will post in July for the 7-week course beginning August 30, 2018. Applicants must reside or own/operate a business within the city limits of Stockbridge.

**Stay in touch with city news by signing up for E-notifications.**

The City of Stockbridge’s website: www.cityofstockbridge.com is a great source for news and information for residents and businesses. Residents and businesses can sign up to receive information through email by signing up for E-Notifications at www.cityofstockbridge.com: click on Get E-notifications and enter your name and email address, then select the categories. It’s just that easy!

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**2018 WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE**

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*Total Amount Billed Includes Monthly Minimum Base Charge Plus Usage.*

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**STOCKBRIDGE CITY CALENDAR**

All meetings are held at City Hall unless noted otherwise. Please check with City Hall at 678-833-3303 as meeting dates and times are subject to change. Council meeting agendas and minutes are available at cityofstockbridge.com

1/12 9:00am Main Street Advisory Board
1/18 6:00pm Planning Commission
1/18 6:00pm Stockbridge Association of Businesses
1/22 6:00pm Downtown Development Authority
1/30 4:00pm Work Session
2/09 9:00am Main Street Advisory Board
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Job Fair** – April 5 from 10:00am-2:00pm

**Food Truck Tuesday** – May 1 at 5:30pm

**Food Truck Tuesday** – May 8 at 5:30pm

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### ATTENTION VOTERS!

**Notice of Precinct Polling Place Changes in Stockbridge**

The new Stockbridge voting location for Early Voting and Municipal Elections is the STOCKBRIDGE MUNICIPAL COURT BLDG. 4602 N. Henry Blvd., Stockbridge, GA. Voting will no longer take place at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

If you previously voted at Patrick Henry High School your voting location has changed to: SMITH-BARNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 147 Tye Street, Stockbridge, GA.

Voters will continue to vote at their regular polling locations on election day. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-265.