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Mayor Pro Tem's Message



Citizens, there are many outstanding opportunities happening in the City of Stockbridge! We have successfully transitioned from an internal City employee based sanitation service to a contractor sanitation service provided by Waste Industries at no additional cost for the year. The City of Stockbridge has now gone "Green" so if you are interested in becoming part of our "Recycling Program" please call Waste Industries (770) 474-9273 to register for the program and you will receive a 65 gallon recyclable can to take advantage of the bi-weekly program.

Our Main Street Program recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Georgia Tourism Agency that will assist in promoting the Martin Luther King, Sr. Heritage Trail with signage, banners and historical markers identifying significant landmarks along the trail.

We recently installed new inclusive playground equipment at Memorial Park that will greatly enhance the outdoor experience and enjoyment of children with special needs. There are also plans to install inclusive playground equipment for special needs children at Clark Park next year.

Food Truck "Tasty Tuesdays" has exceeded our expectations! The community's reception to the Atlanta Food Truck's many vendors has people coming to Stockbridge from all over the South Metro Area to experience the many culinary delights featured every Tuesday evening. It is wonderful to observe families and friends lounging on the City Hall lawn and using this opportunity to visit with one another and relax from their daily routine while listening to a vast variety of music. The children also appear to have an extremely good time chasing bubbles, spinning a hula-hoop or jumping in the onsite inflatables.

We look forward to our family oriented "Sounds of Summer" concerts series and "Screen on the Green" movies that are conducted on the City Hall lawn all during the summer months.

The City Council, in response to citizen concerns, is looking into several different options to augment the Henry County Police that will assist in keeping the Citizens even safer. The Henry County Police will continue to serve the Citizens of Stockbridge at the same level they currently protect and serve the unincorporated areas of Henry County, since we already pay for their service through our taxes. The City Council is looking into increasing the citizens' protection in our city parks, trails and covering our businesses during the evening hours as an extra set of eyes, ears and deterrent to criminal activity. We heard the plea to set the initial groundwork for establishing our own City Police Department in the future and as we move forward the Citizens will certainly be involved in the decision making process.

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Merle Manders Conference Center,
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..... 770-389-5982



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 www.cityofstockbridge.com.

June 13 6:00 pm
Council Meeting

July 26 6:00 pm
Council Work Session

September 12 6:00 pm
Council Meeting

June 28 6:00 pm
Council Work Session

August 8 6:00 pm
Council Meeting

July 11 6:00 pm
Council Meeting

August 30 6:00 pm
Council Work Session

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Mayor Pro Tem cont'd

The City Council recently annexed approximately 160 acres of land near Jodeco Road into the City for an exciting new mixed-use development that would have dozens of high-end retail and specialty shops. We expect the groundbreaking ceremony later this year.

Thank you for the continued support of your city government as we work together to move the City of Stockbridge forward. May God continue to bless the Citizens of Stockbridge.

Sincerely,



Anthony S. Ford
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Stockbridge

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Special Election and Qualifying Fee

Notice is hereby given that the City of Stockbridge, GA shall hold a Municipal Special Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to elect a Mayor. The Qualifying Fee for Mayor is \$324.00.

Office	2015 Annual Salary	Qualifying Fee
Mayor	\$10,800.00	3% = \$324.00

Candidates may qualify beginning Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and Thursday, July 14, 2016 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and Friday, July 15, 2016 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Clerk's office will close each day from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. for lunch.

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
City of Stockbridge
4640 North Henry Blvd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281



Councilman Elton Alexander

What a great start to 2016 in Stockbridge! My focus in 2016 will remain Downtown redevelopment and beginning the process of forming the Stockbridge Police Department. Building a downtown that we can be proud of must start with an anchor building to attract restaurants and shops. Citizens called for a Stockbridge Police Department at our public safety town hall. I am now more committed than ever to starting the formative process for the Stockbridge Police Department in 2016. Thank you for allowing me to serve our great city!



Councilman John Blount

Citizens, your ambition to achieve a better future for Stockbridge is amazing! The City recently received great responses from volunteers within our Community Relations Committee. Stockbridge has numerous upcoming events that provide a perfect opportunity for citizens to get involved in the community by volunteering their services. On July 30th, I will be hosting the 2nd Annual Back to School Kick-Off; stay tuned for more details. I also would like to thank all of the Pastors, who participated in the National Day of Prayer, as well as everyone who came out to support the event. As long as we, as a City, stay joined together & work with each other, Stockbridge WILL be the city everyone desires.



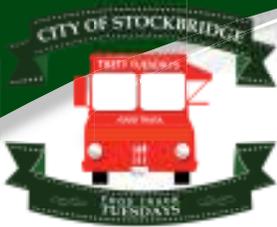
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt

Stockbridge, you never cease to amaze us with all of your responses to the great things we're accomplishing for the City! Food Truck Tasty Tuesdays has been thriving since our grand opening week, drawing nearly 1,500 attendees each week. Stay tuned for our theme nights during Food Truck Tasty Tuesdays and our upcoming Sounds of Summer outdoor concert series! I want to give a special thanks to everyone who participated & supported my recent 2nd Annual Non-Profit Expo in April. I'm thrilled to continue being of service to our citizens, providing a better and more active community.



Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Dear Citizens,
Your constant support & participation has been very instrumental to our accomplishments as a City thus far. I am now specifically asking our local clergy to continue that same support & participation by attending Unity in the Community-Making Stockbridge Beautiful, a roundtable discussion on ways to beautify Stockbridge. I want to thank our local high school seniors and Henry County Public Safety for participating in Unity in the Community-Bridging the Gap basketball game; it was a great way to highlight our teens & law enforcement unified as one! Also, thank-you to everyone involved in making the event a success & those who came out to support the event.



Stockbridge Food Truck Tasty Tuesdays Theme Nights 5:30 - 9:00 pm www.cityofstockbridge.com

June 14th - Greek Pride <i>*Represent your sorority/fraternity by wearing your paraphernalia</i>
July 12th - Christmas in July
August 9th - Luau Night
September 13th - Mardi Gras
October 11th - Breast Cancer Awareness <i>*Wear Pink</i>



Every Tuesday (April - October) 5:30 - 9:00 pm
~Bring Blankets / Lawn Chairs~

For more information, e-mail tastytuesdays@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov #ilovesftt



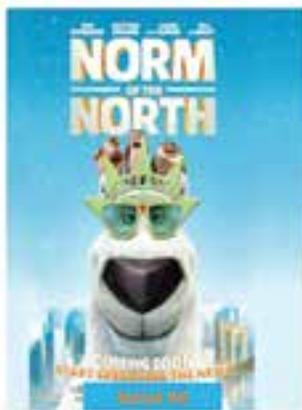
The Food Truck phenomenon began at City Hall on April 12th and takes place each Tuesday through October 25th. Thus far the event is attracting between 1,000-1,500 participants who want to join others in sampling food from various vendors they may not otherwise experience while enjoying music and visiting with neighbors and friends.

Children are enjoying the fun too!

Upcoming Events



2016 FREE MOVIE SERIES



July 9th

FUN STARTS AT 7:30 PM
MOVIES START AT DARK

(Bring your own blanket or lawn chair for seating.)

FAMILY FUN, GAMES & PRIZES
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All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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Congratulations to Steven Hammond, who works in the City's Stormwater Department. Steven was inducted into the High School Basketball Hall of Fame in Bakersfield, CA along with other members of his former high school team on April 2, 2016. Steven's proficiency in playing point guard for Foothill High School in Bakersfield in the mid-1980s resulted in this recognition and reunited much of the team.



Steven Hammond, 3rd from right with Coach to his left



Displaying his medal From HS Yearbook

Health & Wellness Employee Challenge

City Hall staff are participating in an 8-week Stretch & Move Challenge that ends July 1st. The program is designed to increase the amount of physical activity performed during working and non-working hours. Taking time out of each day to do stretches and cardio exercises helps with refocusing the mind, reducing stress levels, enhancing blood flow and burning calories. Employees are also encouraged to drink more water and to help with that, they received infusion water bottles.



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City of Stockbridge Offers Bi-weekly Recycling

The City of Stockbridge is pleased to announce that as many as 2,100 of City households have signed up for the recycling program provided by the Waste Industries already! That's almost 30% of City households that are recycling. Nationally under 20% of households recycle, so Stockbridge residents should be proud of our contribution to the environment. We would hope the number continues to increase, however, because every ton of waste that can be recycled represents a ton of material that can be reused and doesn't have to be buried in a landfill!

With the new service residents are able to recycle materials such as cardboard boxes, office paper, junk mail, newspapers, milk jugs, plastic detergent bottles, plastic water and soft drink bottles as well as aluminum and tin cans.

The City is excited about this new initiative and encourages residents who wish to participate in the recycling program to sign up by contacting Waste Industries at 770-474-9273 to receive a 65 gallon recycling cart and bi-weekly pick-up.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 2016

**All service days delayed
by one day all week**

Monday's route will run on Tuesday

Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday

Wednesday's route will run on Thursday

Thursday's route will run on Friday



September 5, 2016

**All service days delayed
by one day all week**

Monday's route will run on Tuesday

Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday

Wednesday's route will run on Thursday

Thursday's route will run on Friday

Friday's route will run on Saturday

For questions regarding the Holiday pickup schedule, please contact Waste Industries at 770-474-9273.

Job Openings

Auto Mechanic - The City of Stockbridge has a great job opportunity for an Auto Mechanic/ASE Certified. In this position the successful candidate will provide preventive maintenance and diagnose mechanical failure in passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks and vans; will provide complete major overhauling and repair work; design and install special equipment in vehicles; conduct comprehensive vehicle inspections ensuring that vehicles are in safe working condition; and perform related work as required.

Water System Technician - The City of Stockbridge has a job opportunity for a Water System Technician who meets one of the requirements for this position. This position is responsible for assisting in the maintenance, upkeep, and repair of the City's water system and carrying out the City's meter reading function, performing utility locating function and overseeing plant operations as needed.

If you are interested in the above positions, visit cityofstockbridge.com/employment to review the details for each position and to apply.

Memorial Day

This holiday had its beginning as “Decoration Day” when it was officially proclaimed by General John Logan on May 30, 1868 as a date to honor and remember those whose lives were sacrificed in battle by decorating their graves with flowers. While the date has since changed to the last Monday in May and the name has changed to Memorial Day, the intent remains the same – to show our respect to all service members whose lives were lost in serving our country.

Today flags have replaced flowers as the main show of remembrance and respect at gravesites on Memorial Day. Flags are displayed in many and varied places on that day. Tradition calls for the flag of the United States to be raised briskly to the top of the flagpole at morning before being solemnly lowered to half-staff, where it remains until noon

when it is again raised. The half-staff position serves to honor the many men and women who gave their lives in service to our country, while the raising of the flag reinforces a resolve for the living not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

In the City of Stockbridge we take great pride in our fallen heroes and their service and dedication. Each year we hold a march to Memorial Park to place flags and decorate the graves of the many there who gave all. It is a somber and meaningful event that stirs the soul, especially when “Taps” are played. It is a wonderful opportunity to say “thank you” for the liberties we enjoy. Thank you to all who participate in this remembrance.



Memorial Day cont'd



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