



City of Stockbridge

CITY NEWS LINK

New Leadership Takes Reigns in Stockbridge

January 2014 brought change to the city governance as two new councilmembers and our new mayor were sworn into office.

Mayor Tim L. Thompson took the reigns as our new mayor. Tim is the President and CEO of Lincoln Insurance Group, LLC, an insurance agency based here in Stockbridge.

Tim and Dawn Thompson live in The Villages at Eagles Landing. The Thompsons attend Jonesboro United Methodist Church where Tim is a Sunday School teacher. He is a member of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce and Henry County Council for Quality Growth.

Mayor Thompson strongly believes that "Together we will build a better Stockbridge one step at a time!"

Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt served our city in several capacities before being elected to the city council last November. She is a member of both the Georgia and Illinois Bar Associations. In 2011-2012, Attorney LaKeisha Gantt was sworn in as the first Chairman of the Ethics Board for the City of Stockbridge. In 2012 she was the first African American to be appointed as the Solicitor for the City of Stockbridge.

LaKeisha resides in Stockbridge and is the owner of the Gantt & Associates Law Firm where she practices mainly civil, real estate, family law and misdemeanor criminal cases.



Mayor Tim L. Thompson



Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt, Esq.

She is a member of the Henry County Bar Association, The Family Law Section of the State Bar, a volunteer for multiple non-profit organizations, and last, but not least, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

LaKeisha enjoys spending time with her family and friends and traveling and loves speaking to the youth in the community, hoping that one day she will have an impact on some of their lives.

Councilman Anthony S. Ford, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired) brings thirty years of logistics and operational experience at various levels of management while serving in the United States Army to include management of personnel, resources and funding of projects. He is the recipient of numerous awards, accolades and has completed several advanced military courses while performing his duties for our country. Anthony received his BA from Northeast Missouri State University (NMSU), which is now known as Truman State University, in Kirksville, MO. He is originally from St. Louis, MO.



Councilman Anthony Ford

Since his military retirement in May 2010, Councilman Ford has become actively involved with several community organizations and boards, which include Monarch Village Community Association, Inc.; Dutchtown High School, School Council and Economics & Education (E²) Alliance. He also served as a citizen volunteer on the City of Stockbridge's Sign Ordinance Committee and Community Partnership Grant Committee.

Anthony and his wife Alcelia moved to Henry County over nine years ago and decided to make Stockbridge their home to raise their teenage daughter, Ariana.

Councilman Ford's "Vision" for the City of Stockbridge is to make living, working and enjoying your family the best living experience we can imagine. The intent is to make Stockbridge an extremely inclusive community that is economically sound, small business friendly and truly a family oriented environment that will make each citizen proud to live within the City of Stockbridge.

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STOCKBRIDGE CITY CALENDAR

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted otherwise. Please check with City Hall at 770.389.7900 as meeting dates and times are subject to change. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at www.cityofstockbridge.com.

June 9th: City Council Monthly Meeting
6:00pm

July 7th: City Council Monthly Meeting
6:00pm

July 1st: City Council Work Session 6:00pm

November 11th: Veterans Day Parade, North
Henry Blvd.

July 4th: City Hall Closed in observation of
Independence Day

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Krispy Kreme - Stockbridge Opens with Fanfare



Mayor Tim Thompson and Megan Greene, Coordinator Local Store Marketing, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation.

Stockbridge rolled out the red carpet for its newest business, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. The four-day-long festivities began Friday, April 25th. That day was declared Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day in the City of Stockbridge by Mayor Tim Thompson. The Krispy Kreme Cruiser made one of its Sweet Stops and provided a great backdrop for the Mayor and members of the city council to present the plaque declaring Friday, April 25th Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day in Stockbridge Georgia.

Saturday, there was a special Friends and Family VIP Event at the store. Tuesday, April 29th was the official Grand Opening of Krispy Kreme of Stockbridge Georgia. A ribbon cutting took place that morning to a cheering crowd of over 100 people. Business has been brisk at the doughnut shop since it opened and the 'Hot Now' sign seems to be on routinely.



L-R Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt • City Manager Michael Harris • Krispy Kreme GM Jason Hathaway • Councilman Steinberg • Mayor Thompson and Megan Greene, Krispy Kreme Marketing



Mayor and Council, Krispy Kreme Management, Henry County Chamber Representatives and the cheerleaders from Stockbridge HS

New Leadership

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We must thoroughly capitalize on our very strategic location with easy access to Interstates 75 and 675 that allows individuals the avenues to visit and partake in our city's tourism and cultural events.

Councilman Ford's intent is to work endlessly for all citizens, business owners and interested stakeholders that have a vested interest in the city's daily activities. He truly realizes that being elected by the citizens, he represents them and is fiscally responsible and accountable to them. He believes it is best to encourage open dialogue with the citizens you serve while establishing trust and showing openness and transparency.

Don't Trash Stockbridge Day

May 10th, 2014

Councilman Alphonso Thomas has always had a dream to eliminate litter in Stockbridge. Well the dream took a big step forward on Saturday, May 10th, when over 100 Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and volunteers donned their safety vests, put on their gloves and grabbed trash bags to clean an area of downtown Stockbridge over 10 miles in length that comprised four routes. Several hundred bags of trash were collected by City of Stockbridge Public Works Staff. One lucky scout found a \$100 bill on East Atlanta Road!



Layla Kohn with Boy Scouts of America and Councilmen Alphonso Thomas and Anthony Ford



Four teams of workers get ready to hit the roads.



Route D Team heads for Berry Street

Stockbridge Hires New City Manager



City Manager Michael Harris

The Mayor and City Council hired Mr. Michael Harris, a long-time Stockbridge resident to manage the operations of the city.

Previously, Michael worked for Henry County, first as a Division Director, then as the Interim County Manager. He is an engineering graduate from Howard University and a member of the American Society of Engineers. He is a 2010 graduate of the prestigious Leadership Georgia program,

Michael volunteers his time with Meals on Wheels

Atlanta, his children's schools and his church.

Michael is an accomplished Executive level manager with demonstrated ability to deliver mission-critical results. He is a results-focused management professional offering over twenty years of progressive leadership experience. Organized and diligent with excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills, we are fortunate to have a manager of Michael's caliber. Thanks for taking the leadership role!

Memorial Day March 2014

City of Stockbridge residents turned out in droves to participate in the Memorial Day March as a way to honor those members of the armed forces who died in service to our country. The march began at the Merle Manders Conference Center and ended some three miles later at Memorial Cemetery where markers were placed on the graves of known veterans. A service of recognition and remembrance took place at the cemetery. It was made even more special thanks to the speakers and those who shared their musical talent, along with Stockbridge High School Jr ROTC participants.



11Alive 'All Access Pass' to the Sochi Olympics Comes to Stockbridge



Stockbridge Supports US Olympic Team!

On Friday, February 21st, residents and leaders of Stockbridge showed their Olympic spirit by showing up for WXIA-TV 11Alive 'All Access Pass' to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. Over 100 enthusiastic supporters were shown on the 11Alive evening news chanting GO USA, GO USA, GO USA! It was the second 11Alive remote in Stockbridge within a year. We show our spirit here in the COS (City of Stockbridge).

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Mayor's Letter to the City

Dear Visitors, Business Owners and Residents,

Hello and welcome to the City of Stockbridge's newsletter and, more importantly, our city, which is one of the fastest growing cities in the great state of Georgia.

Stockbridge is in the heart of Metro Atlanta's Southern Crescent having the nation's busiest north-south Interstate running through it, I-75.

Founded in 1829 and moved farther south years later to follow the railroad, Stockbridge is said to be named after Levi Stockbridge, a "Yankee professor," who traveled along the East Coast teaching classes in various communities. The coming of the Southern Railroad in the year 1881 was an epoch and made great changes. The railroad was built from Macon to Atlanta. Stockbridge was incorporated as a town in 1895 and as a city August 6, 1920.

Today Stockbridge is home to over 27,000 residents. We have much to be proud of with our world class Merle Manders Conference Center complimented by the Strickland Center and the Stockbridge Multiplex which offers arts and cultural programs for our community. Our parks are first class and offer covered pavilions for family gatherings, playgrounds, green space, walking trails and sports fields. Our city sanitation, water, waste-water and storm-water programs are top-rated in the state.

We have just embarked on our Georgia MainStreet Program that will renew our historic downtown area near our City Hall and green spaces. Stockbridge is on the cusp of new dynamic economic development efforts that will include large scale hotels and meeting facilities, medical and health industry offices that surround Piedmont Henry Hospital and a technology infrastructure that will support these vital business entities.

If you're already a part of our community, thank you. If you're considering relocating your home or business to Stockbridge or simply thinking about a visit, please do. You won't be disappointed! Together we will build a better Stockbridge one step at a time!

While almost everything you'll need or want to know about Stockbridge is on the City's website, our job at City Hall is to help make you successful, so don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Tim L. Thompson

Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia

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