



City of Stockbridge

CITY NEWS LINK



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A Milestone Event!

The ribbon cutting ceremony that took place in the new Monument Park at the corner of Eagle's Landing Parkway and Rock Quarry Road on August 29 was more than just the opening of a community park; it represented the completion of a major construction project. The City of Stockbridge and the Eagle's Landing Property Owner's Association entered into a public/private partnership to design and build this beautiful gateway garden, which marks the entrance to the Eagle's Landing community. The property was donated by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the \$316,000 price tag was shared by the partners.

Officials from the City, Eagle's Landing, the construction company, in addition to many local businesses and residents from the community were on-hand for the ceremony to open the park to the public. Ongoing utilities, maintenance and upkeep for the park will continue to be shared by the partners based on a Memorandum of Understanding.

Both day and night, the beautifully lighted and landscaped park is designed to welcome visitors and residents alike to Eagle's Landing community.

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Alphonso Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem

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Col (Ret) Anthony Ford, Councilman

LaKeisha Gantt Esq., Councilwoman

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Anita Gunnoe, Clerk of Court

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770.389.7900

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678.833.3322

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770.389.7902

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770.389.7906

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770.474.0972

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770.474.1232

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Ted Strickland Community Center
770.389.5982



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. City Council meeting agendas and minutes are available at cityofstockbridge.com.

October 3

6:00 - 9:00 PM: BridgeFest & Concert by The Tams across from City Hall

October 4

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM:
BridgeFest across from City Hall
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM:
Community Health Fair at the Ted Strickland Community Center

October 7

6:00 PM: City Council Work Session

October 13

6:00 PM: City Council Meeting

November 4

6:00 PM: City Council Work Session

November 10 6:00 PM: City Council Meeting

November 11 9:00 AM:
Veterans Day Parade begins at City Cemetery
11:30 AM Luncheon for Veterans at Merle Manders Conference Center (RSVP Req'd)

November 27

City Hall Closed for Holiday

November 28

City Hall Closed for Holiday

December 2

6:00 PM: City Council Work Session
6:00 - 9:00 PM: Holiday Festival

December 8

6:00 PM: City Council Meeting

December 25

City Hall Closed for Holiday

December 26

City Hall Closed for Holiday

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dumping or potholes throughout Stockbridge. Visit www.cityofstockbridge.com/SeeClickFix

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Help Salute our Veterans

On November 11, the City of Stockbridge will proudly recognize our military men and women for their service. For information about opportunities to sponsor the Veterans Day Parade & Luncheon or to register to participate in the parade, visit cityofstockbridge.com / Events / Veteran's Day. Help make this a very memorable day for these very special people!

Your Council is Active and On the Move!



City of Stockbridge participating in Henry County Intergovernmental Retreat



L to R: Cordele official, Councilman Alphonso Thomas, Cordele official; Congressman Bishop; Councilman Anthony Ford and Councilman Richard Steinberg.

Stockbridge Mayor and Council members represent our City in many ways and places, both inside and outside the City's boundaries. In June, Mayor Tim Thompson and several Council members participated in the Annual Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Conference, held this year in Savannah. Then in August, while on the way to GMA training in Valdosta, Councilmen Ford, Steinberg and Thomas were invited to tour Cordele and to meet with U.S. Congressman Sanford Bishop.

Throughout the summer Mayor Thompson also attended a number of meetings with Homeowner's Associations within the City and has plans to meet with even more in the next few months.

In addition to these activities, Council members have taken a variety of courses in a continuing effort to equip themselves to serve the Stockbridge community. Mayor and council members recently attended the Henry County Chamber of Commerce Intergovernmental Retreat in Savannah to collaborate with the county's civic and business leaders on mutually important topics and issues.



Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt participates in the City's Planning Retreat in August.



Mayor Thompson addresses Monarch Village HOA

Councilman Thomas Mentors Scouts



Councilman Thomas introduces Hasan on September 8 Council Meeting

Councilman Alphonso Thomas enjoys helping young people succeed, especially in Scouting. He is currently assisting Hasan Syed Qadri, a senior at Dutchtown High School, to achieve his Eagle Scout award. The project that Hasan is undertaking to earn his badge is to complete a greenhouse made out of empty water bottles. He has coordinated with Smith-Barnes Elementary School to be the site for the greenhouse as a way of showing elementary students how trash can be recycled into useful purposes. It will take an estimated 3,000 water bottles to complete the project. That's where Councilman Thomas has helped considerably by asking city employees and others to bring in empty bottles from home and to save those emptied at work. The greenhouse project is anticipated to be completed in October.

Please lend a Helping Hand

The City of Stockbridge is helping a Stockbridge student and scout to earn his Eagle Scout badge – and your help is needed. Hasan Syed Qadri is planning to construct a greenhouse made of empty 1.5 liter water bottles. The greenhouse will be built at Smith-Barnes Elementary School to serve as a reminder to students (and others) about the process of recycling and what can be accomplished with what they might think of as “trash.”

He will need 3,000 bottles by the end of September to complete the project in early October.

Please save your empty water bottles and place them in the receptacles provided. There is a receptacle in each of the break rooms at City Hall, at the Courts Building, Public Works Building and Merle Mauldin Conference Center.

Feel free to bring them from home!
Tell your friends!

Employee Updates Congratulations to the following employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with The City of Stockbridge



Robert Scandrett, Jr.
35 years

Robert Scandrett, Jr. celebrated 35 years with the City on September 1 and holds the distinction of being the City’s most senior employee! Robert is the Crew Leader for the City’s Parks. When he began in 1979, he served as a “laborer” and says they had responsibility for everything in public works. Robert remembers the days when there was only one garbage truck and they went behind people’s houses to collect it. There was only one push

mower used to cut the grass along Highway 42 and everything else was done using sling blades and bush axes. Robert is a man of few words, but he says “In all my years, I’ve seen many people come and go. I always tell them that “the City doesn’t fire you – you fire yourself.”



Anita Gunnoe
20 years

Anita Gunnoe is the Clerk of Court for the City’s Municipal Court. During her tenure, Anita has served as a Receptionist, Utility Clerk, Business License/Occupational Tax Clerk; Deputy Court Clerk; Probation Officer; GIS/Stormwater Administrative Clerk; and Administrative Assistant/Records Management Clerk. Join us in congratulating Anita on 20 years of quality service in many capacities!



Eddie Albert
10 years



Howard Sanford
10 years

Employee Update Continued



Bidding a Fond Farewell
to Miranda Allen

It's never easy to say goodbye; however, when someone of **Miranda Allen's** caliber leaves the City of Stockbridge, it's especially difficult. Miranda began working for the City in 2002 as the Director of the Merle Manders Conference Center. She has spent the

past 12 years providing excellent customer service while managing City event facilities and many special City events. She has long been the face of the City to anyone using these facilities – and she will be missed.

We Welcome the following new City Staff Members:

Charles Ellis, *Sanitation Technician*

Kira Harris-Braggs,
Main Street Manager

Rex Hill, *Water System Technician I*

Diane Ide, *Executive Assistant to the
City Manager*

Justin Kilgore, *Public Works Technician*

Linda Nabers, *Interim Treasurer/CFO*

Randi Rainey, *Deputy City Clerk*



Byron Bailey
Chemical Engineering Major
at Tuskegee University

By Byron Bailey

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.” The past ten weeks with the city of Stockbridge as an intern with the Public Works Department has been an enjoyable and educational experience.

Giving & Receiving City Hall Supports and Fosters Summer Interns

Majoring in Chemical Engineering at Tuskegee University helped me to land the position as a summer intern. When I first began the internship, Kevin Walter made it very clear that I would be traveling throughout the different departments within Public Works to receive hands-on experience. The majority of my time was spent working with the water department where I assisted in carrying out the daily plant tests, repairing water leaks and reading water meters. While with the sewer department I spent most of my time in the lab administering several different tests. One of my favorite duties was testing for Coliform. During my time at the maintenance shop I had the opportunity to work with sanitation, parks and recreation, the chipper service team, and traveling alongside Ryan and Allen doing general maintenance at facilities and on local roads in the community. Overall, during my tenure with the city, I had the memorable opportunity to experience the humility and selflessness that the City's public

works staff demonstrates and that's a life lesson that I will carry with me in my career path. In closing, please accept my sincerest thank you to everyone who had a part in my development here at The City of Stockbridge and I wish everybody much success and longevity. Should you need any assistance in the future I am available.

Leah Atwell was also a valuable asset during her internship assisting with the Merle Manders Center, Ted Strickland Community Center and City events. While she was at the City, she assisted with giving tours of event facilities, conducting client appointments, performing administrative duties and assisting with logistics for Sounds of Summer and Bridgefest as well as other duties associated with the City's event facilities. “Leah was an extremely hard worker with keen attention to detail,” stated Miranda Allen, who supervised her work. “She quickly became part of the team and was an absolute joy to work with.”

Upcoming Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Thanksgiving Week

Thursday, November 27th and
Friday, November 28th, 2014
(Holiday Observed)

- **Monday** - NO COMMERCIAL PICK-UP
- **Tuesday** route will be on Monday
- **Wednesday** route will be on Tuesday
- **Thursday** route will be on Tuesday
- **Friday** route will be on Wednesday
- No yard debris, chipper, metal or special pick-up service will be provided this week

Christmas Week

Thursday, December 25th & Friday,
December 26th, 2014
(Holiday Observed)

- **Monday** - NO COMMERCIAL PICK-UP
- **Tuesday** route will be on Monday
- **Wednesday** route will be on Tuesday
- **Thursday** route will be on Tuesday
- **Friday** route will be on Wednesday
- No yard debris, chipper, metal or special pick-up service will be provided this week

New Year's Week

Thursday, January 1, 2015
(Holiday Observed)

- **Monday** - NO COMMERCIAL PICK-UP
- **Tuesday** route will be on Monday
- **Wednesday** route will be on Tuesday
- **Thursday** route will be on Wednesday
- **Friday** route will run as normal
- No yard debris, chipper, metal or special pick-up service will be provided this week

NOTE: Please be advised that all waste must be at curb by 7 am. Please be patient during the holidays. Due to heavy waste volume, pick-up schedules could be delayed during these weeks. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

The Rain Couldn't Stop the Fun!

Over 225 dedicated residents, family and friends turned out to see Kasper & The 911 Band give a smashing performance on the lawn at City Hall on July 19. Although the rains came (more than once), the show

went on and was a huge success! Between showers, band members left the stage to sing and dance on the lawn with some of Stockbridge's finest dancers. One young man received nearly 3,600 views on the City's Facebook page for his Michael Jackson-like dancing abilities.



Kasper & The 911 Band kept the crowd dancing and singing with all the great classics. This band not only sings well, they ROCK with a great, energizing and engaging performance!

for children which stayed busy the entire evening. There was food thanks to "On Tapa The World" food truck, as well as cool treats courtesy of Little Jimmy's Italian Ices.

Plans are to provide events like this one throughout the summer of 2015, along with other community events such as movies on the lawn. The next event, Bridge Fest, occurs October 3 & 4 is another free community event. See page 8 for more information.



On Tapa The World food truck



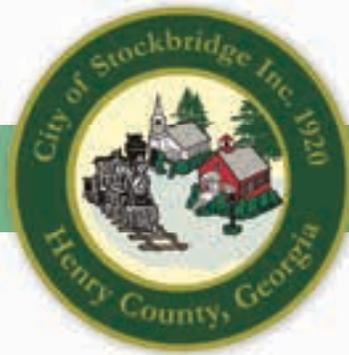
The crowd dances with the band



Face Painting was Very Popular



Kasper & The 911 Band



Mayor's Message

It's difficult to believe that we're already in the third quarter of 2014. School is back in session and retailers are getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. It's that time of the year when your city is planning and looking ahead to projects that require our attention, while still trying to accomplish the many tasks remaining in 2014. We recently celebrated the completion of the Monument Park Project at Eagle's Landing Parkway and Rock Quarry Road, and we're working on the Reeves Creek Trail Project to provide walking and biking trails for our residents. We look to revisiting projects like the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) implementation and others in 2015. We continue to build a staff of professionals at City Hall. We are enjoying wonderful performances by the Academy Theatre at the Stockbridge Community Arts Center. We enjoyed a great concert and performance by The 911 Band on the lawn at City Hall and hope to bring more outdoor community concerts, movies and other events to enhance the quality of life in Stockbridge. We're excited about the upcoming BridgeFest October 3 and 4 and we're busy making plans for a special Veteran's Day celebration complete with parade and luncheon for local veterans. There's never a dull moment in Stockbridge – come be a part of it!



Sincerely

Tim L. Thompson
Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia

You Spoke.....And We Listened!



When Kathy Rittenhouse, owner of Kathy's Flowers on East Atlanta Road, reported an issue regarding the repeated use of her business driveway as a cut-thru to Love Street, the City's Public Works Department quickly assessed and responded to the situation, posting "No Cut Thru / No Thru Traffic" signs that are "making a real difference!" says Kathy.

There are approximately 30 issues of varying levels of complexity reported monthly via the "See-Click-Fix" application. While most are handled by the City's Code Enforcement Officer or Public Works Department, some require the attention of the Police Department.

To report an issue to the City can address, call 770-389-7900 or use the "See-Click-Fix" application from your mobile device or the City website. We hear you, and are working to resolve issues that foster a better quality of life in Stockbridge!



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Friday, October 3 @ 6 - 9 PM

Kick-Off Concert

Featuring:

*"The Tams" - Be Young,
Be Foolish, Be Happy*

Saturday, October 4 @ 9 AM - 5 PM

Food AND

*Arts & Crafts •
Entertainment • Free Concerts
Children's Area*

Health Fair

9 AM - 1 PM



4640 North Henry Boulevard, Stockbridge
Intersection of North Henry Boulevard & East Atlanta Road
(At the Bridge/ Across from City Hall)

Cityof Stockbridge.com/events

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FREE!**