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Mayor's Corner

It is summertime in Winterville! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying your vacations or time off during these hot months. Once again, our city was a shining star for the 2023 Marigold Festival, and it continues to impress as I look out onto the city square filled with walkways, flowers, marigolds, and art.

I hear so many compliments from citizens and visitors at this time of year, and it makes me so very grateful for all the employees working on your behalf. So many in this community have such pride and passion for their town, and that shows every day to people passing through, whether they are stopping in for lunch, attending a show at the Marigold Auditorium and Arts Center, picking up veggies at the Marigold Market, or



enjoying the Saturday afternoon Front Porch Bookstore Concerts. We have so much to be thankful for and I am certainly grateful.

This city has become a destination to so many, and we get to live here! Placemaking

is discussed frequently at the many City, County or State level meetings that I attend, and I believe we have done just that with our charming little historic train town. We continue to repurpose buildings and green spaces to offer more amenities to each of you and our visitors. This community is getting stronger every day, and that is because of all of you who call Winterville home.

Keep up the good work, thanks for living here, and I'll see you on the streets!

Sincerely,
Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor

We are a small city with a big heart, and we are glad that you are here. Wintervillians take pride in our community traditions, festivals, parks and trails, and our people. Whether you are a long-term resident, a new neighbor, or a visitor, there is room for you here. We welcome and value the beauty of diversity and strive for equality and inclusivity in all we do.

Main Street Drainage Project

Our first of 3 big projects funded by the Athens Clarke County SPLOST is under way. We have assembled a team and set the timeline. This project will address severe flooding issues we have dealt with for decades along Main Street from Five Points to Robert Hardeman Road. The project will cause some inconvenience to citizens and passers through, but the outcome will be worth it. New piping, curbing, and gutters will move more water off the streets and provide relief for citizens who live along the collection areas. Travel will also be safer during heavy rains. The estimated cost is \$2.8 million, and we hope to have the project completed by Summer/Fall of 2024.

Millage Rate/Budget

It is that time of year when we adopt a millage rate and create the budget for 2024. Public Hearings have been set for July 5th at 5:00 p.m. and July 11th at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you wish to make comments regarding the City's millage rate.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in and worked on the Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Winterville. City Council voted to adopt the plan, and it is even more user friendly than the original 2018 plan. Please see the city's website for your updated city plan.

Community Center/Upstairs Renovation

The renovation to the upstairs of the Community Center is moving quickly and looking spectacular. The city was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts to install an elevator so that we can begin using that part of the Center as an art gallery, art space, meeting space, and possible rental. The Winterville Arts Council will operate the museum hosting what we hope will be

regional, national, and international art. The long-awaited Heritage Museum will also have space upstairs to retain and display the history, charm, and character of our City. We hope to have these new exciting amenities open by January 2024.

Five Points Garage Renovation and Development

The Red Brick garage is about to be renovated as part of a mixed-use development that was approved by City Council in June. Look forward to a few more commercial spaces and residential opportunities in our Commercial District by Spring 2024. See the renderings below.



Blacksmith Shop

The City is pursuing a large grant from the Department of Community Affairs with help from our partners at the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. We could receive up to \$750,000 to renovate the Blacksmith Shop. There is no match required from the city for this grant, but we have agreed to fund the

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architectural design as a show of good faith and partnership. This grant would enable the city to save this old historic building and repurpose it for community use. Stay tuned and keep a good thought.

Welcome New Officers

I know you've probably already seen and met our new officers, but please welcome Kristy Dassow-Reed and William "Bill" Charles to the Winterville Police Department. Kristy is the city's first bike patrol officer!

Town Hall with Mayor Ferrelle

Make plans to attend the next Town Hall with Mayor Ferrelle on Monday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Train Depot.

Short Term Rental Ordinance

City Council voted to revise the Air B and B/VRBO/Short Term Rental Ordinance at the June meeting. Please see the city's website for the most current information.

Winterville Volunteer Fire Department/Public Works Building

Special thanks to Councilperson Melissa Metzger and her husband Chris. They painted the entire Winterville Volunteer Fire Department/Public Works building and it looks great. That's over and above public service for sure. THANK YOU BOTH!

ELECTION NEWS

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(d)(4)(B), A General Municipal Election will be held by the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and two (2) Council Members for the City of Winterville.

A Special Election will be held in conjunction with the General Election.

Qualifying for these seats will open on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. and will continue daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with the qualifying period ending on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Qualifying will be conducted at the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections Office, 155 East Washington Street, Athens, Georgia. The qualifying fee is required upon qualifying and is prescribed by law.

The Mayor and two (2) Council seats will be elected for a four-year term that will begin on January 1, 2024. A runoff, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. The polling place shall be the Winterville Train Depot and will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

The Special Election office will be elected to fill one (1) Council Seat vacated by Timothy Pierce-Tomlin for his unexpired term through December 31, 2025.

To vote in this election, anyone who is not currently a qualified voter must register no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at any of the approved voter registration sites. Inquiries regarding voter registration may be directed to the Board of Elections Office, 155 East Washington Street, Athens, Georgia, 30601; by calling (706) 613-3150; or by visiting the My Voter Page at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Qualifying Fees

Winterville City Council (2 seats)
\$126.00

Winterville City Mayor
\$540.00

Winterville City Council (1 seat)
\$126.00
(Special Election)

CIVIC CALENDAR

Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

Monday, July 3	Public Hearing – Tax Increase, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 3	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day, City Hall Closed
Monday, July 10	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11	Public Hearing – Tax Increase, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 11	Public Hearing – Tax Increase, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 12	Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Thursday, July 13	Winterville Tree Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Pittard Park)
Monday, July 17	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, July 18	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 25	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)

Tuesday, August 1	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, August 7	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 8	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 9	Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Monday, August 14	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, August 21	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, August 22	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)

Monday, September 4	Labor Day, City Hall Closed
Tuesday, September 5	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 11	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 12	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 13	Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Monday, September 18	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, September 19	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Delivering on the Promise of Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice Diversion (RJD) is an evidence-based, victim-centered model focused on rehabilitating offenders through reconciliation with victims and the affected community. In the RJD model, the offender is held accountable for their actions to reconcile and repair harm and prevent future crime. Rather than being punitive, RJD focuses on repairing relationships and second-chance opportunities for young offenders.

Our office is delighted to share some news regarding our efforts toward establishing restorative justice diversion programming for juvenile offenders. In December 2022, we partnered with the Georgia Conflict Center (GCC) to implement an RJD referral program for youth charged with certain crimes. The partnership recently expanded to include Juvenile Offender Advocate (JOA), an advocate for juvenile offenders whose aim is to lower recidivism by holding all parties accountable while nurturing positive relationships through community collaboration.

Juvenile offenders must be 16 and under and willing to participate in the program. If they choose to participate, the offender is referred to GCC and assigned a case manager and a trained facilitator to oversee the conferencing. Both the offender and the victim must agree to participate in the program. If either declines, the case will be returned to the traditional court system. RJD's voluntary and collaborative format helps people harmed by crime feel heard, supported, and empowered. Offenders, in contrast, come to understand the consequences of their actions, and they are given a second chance to right a wrong to the greatest extent possible. To date, we have referred five RJD cases to GCC: one has been completed, two are in the conferencing process, one was declined, and a fifth is pending. We are working with GCC to obtain additional funding to expand the RJD program.

Our office is committed to advancing equity and fairness in the justice system. We are excited to collaborate with leaders and innovators like GCC and JOA, who are contributing to the safety of our community and providing alternatives for our youth.

– District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez

Marigold Market Winterville, GA

Where community happens

LOCAL
AFFORDABLE
FRESH

WHEN:
Saturdays, 10am-2pm
April-December

MARIGOLD



MARKET

SNAP/EBT
BENEFITS
DOUBLED

WHERE:
Pittard Park
Winterville, GA 30683



Live Music. Fresh Produce.
Baked Goods. Hot Foods. Kid
Activities. Artisan Goods.



POETS CORNER

Welcome to Poets of Winterville!

We are a group of adults who write, read, and listen to poetry. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Winterville Cultural Center located at 371 N. Church Street, Winterville, Georgia. Guests are always welcome!

At our meetings, each poet is invited to read three original works. However, they can choose

instead to read from one of their favorite poets. They may, of course, prefer to just listen to others read. On occasion, we invite an outside guest poet to read their poems or to share tips on how to be a better poet.

If you write poetry or just like to read and discuss poems, we invite you to join us! Call us at 706-338-2163 to join or ask for additional information.

WINTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Winterville's New Bicycle Patrol Officer

Officer Kristy Dassow-Reid is our new Winterville bicycle patrol officer. "My passion as a police officer is working closely with the community to help citizens understand what we do as a department. I hope, in the future, I can offer classes to the community on how to stay safe on the trails, at home, and in the car," said Officer Dassow-Reid.

Dassow-Reid began her career with Athens-Clarke County in 2009. While there, she served

in various roles: working in the jail, on patrol, as a field training officer, and as a detective assigned to sexual assault and domestic violence cases. She also volunteered to be one of the first bicycle patrol officers in Athens and attended specialized training at the Police Academy. Currently, Dassow-Reid is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice so that she can teach as an adjunct instructor and train officers on the job.

According to Chief Painter, Officer Dassow-Reid works 20 hours per week, mostly on the weekends, but her shifts can vary. Her primary responsibility is to keep Winterville citizens and visitors safe while out and about in the City. You will see Officer Dassow-Reid cycling on the Firefly Trail, in Pittard Park, and regularly in Winterville neighborhoods. While Officer Dassow-Reid rides a bicycle for much of her shift, she may also be out walking the city, and she also has an assigned patrol car.

Chief Painter commented that he is delighted to have Officer Dassow-Reid patrolling in Winterville; they worked together on the police force in Athens, and he is confident that her presence in Winterville has already made a great difference to the citizens here, who are generally excited to see her.

On a related note, Chief Painter recently hired another part-time officer, Officer Bill Charles, a veteran officer of over 32 years with the Atlanta Police Department.



WINTERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hello, Garden Enthusiasts!

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates from our beloved community garden! Over the past few months, our garden has been flourishing, thanks to the collective effort and dedication of our green thumbed community members.

Spring Cleaning and Seed/Seedling Planting

It was a slow start this year with the prolonged cold and mild spring season. As we've pulled the last of the carrots and radishes, we quickly replaced them with tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and many other spring and summer favorites. We've been doing maintenance on the boxes, weeding, and a general cleanup of the pollinator garden. What a joy to watch as the gardeners' seedlings start to flourish, and their green dreams come to fruition.

Garden Pest Patrol

Along with the growing season, unfortunately comes garden pest season as well. We've been busy patrolling for leaf footed bugs, squash bugs, and vine borers' eggs, as well as the pests themselves. If left unattended, they can wreak havoc on the entire garden. It's a daily commitment, and it takes a village, so if you see us running around with duct tape, we aren't taping up the plants, we're removing egg

clusters. Duct tape is surprisingly effective! Feel free to stop by during a workday, which is the last Saturday of each month, and talk to the gardeners if you'd like some information on identifying these pests and organic remedies. We are happy to share.

Helping Those In Need

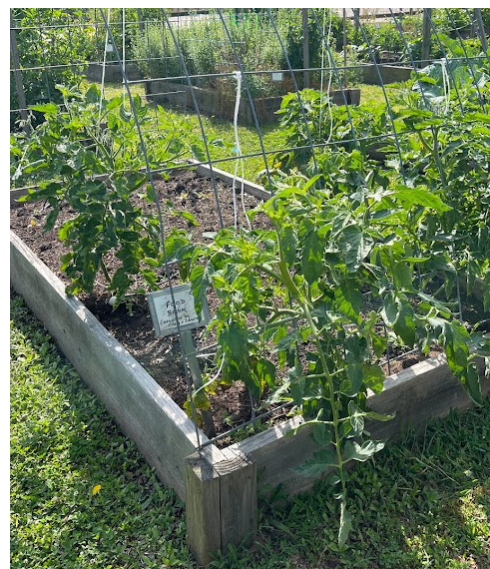
There's nothing quite as rewarding as reaping the fruits of our labor, except **sharing** the fruits of our labor. We have 4 boxes that some of our gardeners have adopted to grow fresh vegetables for the foodbank. We also collect excess produce each week and take it to the foodbank on Tuesdays. Please feel free to drop off any excess produce or food into the collection box labeled "food bank" under the white canopy next to the tool shed beside the garden. Monday is best to make sure it doesn't sit for long.

Sustainability

At our community garden, we value sustainability and environmental stewardship. We utilize organic fertilizers and organic pest control methods instead of synthetic pesticides and herbicides, which can have harmful effects on human health and the environment. Sure, it's more work, but we think it's worth it.

In the Community Garden, we bloom together!

– The Community Garden Committee



MARIGOLD COLLECTIVE AND MARKET

New Marketing Coordinator

Let me introduce myself: I am Tyler Stansky, the new marketing coordinator here at the Marigold Collective. You know us primarily for our Marigold Market held every Saturday from April to December in Pittard Park. However, we are quite a lot more than that.

We Are Working To Address Food Insecurity In Our Community.

Summer is a time when food insecure families struggle the hardest. Without school lunches and breakfasts, a lot of families within our community go without. The Marigold Collective started our FoodHub in 2022 not only to help our farmers, but to get fresh produce into the hands of the food insecure within the Winterville community. It takes a whole community to make this happen and to help the food insecure. Our Saturday Market helps our farmers and members of our community by connecting the food insecure who are eligible for SNAP/EBT benefits with farmers in the community who accept SNAP/EBT. We also participate in a program with Wholesome Wave to double SNAP/EBT benefits for fresh fruits and vegetables. The produce that goes unsold at the Saturday Market is then purchased by the Marigold Collective with money from our Farmer Subsidy.

Monday Market

This produce is then available for the community to purchase at our Monday Market in the old Bank Building at the corner of Church St. and Parkview every Monday from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. All proceeds made at our Monday Markets go right back into providing food to the community. Every week, we take FoodHub purchased produce, fresh eggs, meat, and other food goods to the food insecure within the Winterville Community. We would not be able to do this without the continued support of our Market Patrons, the City of Winterville, the farmers who work with us, the volunteers who make these markets functional, and donations from our community.

Our goal by the end of 2023 is to be able to match the grant we have for our Farm Subsidy dollar for dollar. This means we would need monthly donations of about \$2,000 to provide food for about 60 families monthly. Our goal is to double this capacity at the beginning of 2024.

Other Community Resources

The Marigold Collective is also constantly working on adding more resources for the community. We have a Commissary Kitchen available for rentals by small businesses who need a place to make their goods. The money raised through these rentals goes back into the



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community and making sure that we can get more fresh foods in the hands of more people.

Our Summer Markets are having their best season yet. We have Family Events planned, great kids' activities every week, amazing vendors and farmers. You do not want to miss a single Saturday this season! Be sure to check out our Monday Market for fresh produce and tasty treats. Our Monday Market is also hosting a Blood Drive at the Depot Building on July 31. Please come out and Donate! Follow us on social media to connect with us on more great events this summer.

Heading into our third year, we are just getting started and have so much community-oriented fun coming. Please consider donating to the

Marigold Collective online via our website, in person at either the Saturday Market or Monday Market. Your donations make such a difference in supporting our community. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you this Summer!

Volunteer:



Sponsor:



FIREFLY TRAIL

Firefly Trail Update

Summer is here, and that means long days and extra opportunities for getting out on the Firefly Trail. But there's been no shortage of activity this spring! The 11th annual Ticket to Ride cycling event went off without a hitch on March 25th, and the Winterville SAG stop was appreciated by the many riders who stopped by. Thanks to all the local volunteers who made that happen. We lucked out with beautiful conditions without the high winds participants struggled against in 2022.

April 20th was a long-anticipated and momentous day, as it marked the ribbon cutting celebration of the 525-foot-long Firefly Trail Bridge over Trail Creek. Located in Athens' Dudley Park, the dramatic new bridge combines modern design elements with a timbered central section that hearkens back to the historic railroad trestle originally constructed in the 1880s. Anyone who hasn't yet walked across the wonderful new bridge should do so ASAP!

Down in Greene County, construction of a 5.8-mile Firefly Trail segment is moving toward mid-summer completion. The work is being funded through a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship

Grant combined with matching funds from Greene County, Union Point, and Woodville, plus sizeable donations from Firefly Trail, Inc., and Atlanta's PATH Foundation.

By the end of this year, the Athens-Clarke County SPLOST Office anticipates bidding out the final 3.3-mile segment that will bring the Firefly Trail into Winterville. Construction is expected to begin in early 2024 with completion targeted for late that year or early 2025.

And finally, the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission has completed conceptual alignment studies for the Firefly Trail through Oglethorpe County, Arnoldsville, and Crawford. Funding opportunities through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources open this fall, and hopes are high that at least one grant application will be submitted. More on this in the next *Gazette*!



Art and Poetry Exhibits

In honor of National Poetry Month in April, the library displayed a poetry exhibit in our art gallery. The exhibition was organized by Dr. Jack Gordon Eisenman, director of the Winterville Cultural Center and chair of Poets of Winterville.

To further celebrate, on April 20th the library hosted a poetry reading. Stirring poetry was read by some of the finest poets of our region. Then, there was a splendid selection of poems shared by others in attendance. It was one of the most moving and inspiring library events in recent memory. The gathering was so meaningful and enjoyable that we, along with Poets of Winterville, intend to make this an annual event.

The library is delighted to feature new works by Emma Torrence and Amy Jackson in our front room gallery. Emma Torrence creates beautiful relief prints. Though her subject matter is primarily nature with an emphasis on flowers, there is also a marvelous print of a *June Bug* that is not to be missed! Included in her display is an actual hand-carved linoleum block that accompanies the *Garden & Snake* print from which it was created.

Amy Jackson paints with acrylics. Her small business is *Ajacks Art, Capturing the World Through Painting*. Patrons will enjoy colorful paintings with subjects that range from a ship at sea to cats and an adorable chipmunk. If you would like to purchase any of the artworks, we have contact information for both artists.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at Winterville Library kicked off during the 2023 Winterville Marigold Festival. Onstage at the Front Porch, Miss Sam, our children's specialist, read stories, sang songs, and passed out free egg shakers to a large, enthusiastic crowd. Meanwhile, at the library, staff signed up over 40 patrons of all ages—this year we have prize levels for children, teens, and adults.

The Summer Reading Program encourages our patrons and their children to keep up their

reading skills. For teens, a Summer Reading Punch Card is punched for every book checked out. When all the holes have been punched, readers can select a small prize. However, the punch card also serves as an entry in a raffle for a big prize at the end of the summer! For adults, a Summer Reading Bingo Card can be filled out to enter a raffle for a prize basket at the end of the summer! Examples of the Bingo squares include: Check out a cookbook and make one of the recipes, Watch a movie adaptation of a book you've read, and Check out a book written by a Georgia Author.

Summer Reading Calendar of Events

June 10th, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m.

A Visit from Sweet Olive Farm! Meet a sweet animal resident from the farm!

June 20th, Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.

Kitty Kapow: Kid-friendly dance-party tunes with friends from a far-away planet!

June 27th, Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.

Ranger Nick presents a reptile wrap-up!

July 8th, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m.

Where the Wild Things Are story time and visit from a Wild Thing!

July 18th, Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Damon's Shadow Puppets Theater!

July 25th, Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.

Bean and Bear, best friends, present magic puppets and lots of fun!

July 29th, Saturday, at 12:00 p.m.

End of Summer Reading Party! It's a big family-friendly celebration! Special prizes distributed for reading over 50 books, raffles, pizza and snacks, games, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and more!

FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

Front Porch Bookstore and Concert Series

Have you visited the Front Porch Bookstore? If not, what are you waiting for? Located in downtown Winterville across the street from the library, the Front Porch Bookstore is not like other used bookstores; it is a 501c3 charity and is run by the Friends of the Winterville Library. All staff members are volunteers. All books are donated, and there are thousands to choose from. If you need to clear off those bookshelves, think of donating to us! All proceeds go to support our Winterville Library.

We also offer free magazines and public restrooms close to the Firefly Trail. We sell bottled water (\$1) and both Marigold Festival and Firefly merchandise, T-shirts, jerseys, and books by local authors.

Every Saturday, fill a bag with books for only \$10! We accept cash and checks.

On Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Spring and Fall, come and enjoy Free Concerts on our outdoor stage. Bring your lawn chairs, family and friends, and dogs, and sing along to fabulous local bands!

Fall Concert Series

September 2	Claire Campbell, Betsy Frank & Ansley Stewart
September 9	Welfare Liners
September 16	Kate Morrissey Band
September 23	Adam Klein
September 30	Artie Ball Swing Band
October 7	TBD
October 14	Repent at Leisure
October 21	Klezmer Local 42

MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

Marigold Festival A Success

The 2023 Marigold Festival was a record year in so many ways. Congratulations to Sam Drop, winner of the Marigold 10K. The Marigold Express II made its inaugural run in the parade and has been seen post festival at the Winterville Library as a treat for all of the young readers. Featured Artwork by Miranda Bellah flew off the shelves in the first half of the day, exceeding our expectations. The festival did a short after run of the t-shirts for those who missed out. Pittard Park was buzzing with excitement all day until the evening.

The Marigold Festival Board offers the biggest thank you our hearts can muster to all who made the day a success: Lisa Mende for emceeding the main stage and Rob Belton for announcing the parade. To all of the sponsors, vendors, volunteers, Winterville City Employees, Winterville Fire Department and Winterville Police Department and Wintervillians, thank

you for being a great host to all who visited and making this another successful festival year!

P.S. About those t-shirts—we hear the bookstore has a few on hand now for anyone interested.



Grand Marshals Deidre Murray and Julie Walker

WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

The first three months of 2023 included the first ever Members' Art Exhibit, a Winterville Elementary School Art Exhibit during February and March, and a highly anticipated Vino & Valentine painting event. During April, May, and June, WAC did not slow down. Our calendar is full of scheduled exhibits and activities, something for everyone.

Marigold Festival and Spring Themed Art Exhibit

Each year local artists are invited to create and submit art for the Marigold Festival. The chosen work is used for promotion of the festival through publications, posters, and memorabilia. In addition to the artist who creates the chosen work, all local artists are invited to display up to three pieces of their work in the Winterville Cultural Center. This year's winner was Melinda Bellah. Her work, along with works by eleven other artists, was exhibited in the Winterville Community Center from mid-May to early June.



Melinda Bellah

Summer Art Exhibit

The Summer Art Exhibit includes works created by participants in various art classes offered by the Cultural Center as well as works by local artists. The Exhibit is currently on display in the Winterville Cultural Center until August 4th.

Free Little Art Gallery (F.L.A.G.)

Winterville's F.L.A.G. celebrated its one-year anniversary this past May after making its debut at the 2022 Marigold Festival! To prepare for this milestone, the Winterville Arts Council contacted previous contributors—both local and out of state—asking for art donations to commemorate this event. We were met with an overwhelming show of support.

Our F.L.A.G. has had a few bumps this past year that WAC is trying to work through. To keep more art in the gallery for longer periods of time and to keep our “little

people” secure in the gallery, we have installed a lock on the door. Our tiny gallery will be open each weekend for patrons to exchange art or take a piece of art. WAC has also mounted a drop box for art donations so that contributors can leave art at any time. WAC will replenish the art each week from the donations left in our drop box. We'd love for you to stop by and admire the wonderful selection of art on display throughout the week.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @freeandweewinterville

Thank you to all the artists who have contributed to our tiny gallery!
#artisgoodinwinterville



WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

Library Art Exhibit

The collaboration between WAC and the Winterville Library has been widely praised, and we have a full calendar of artists whose works will be displayed for the remainder of this year. The works exhibited so far this year were by artists Vicky Tavernier, Jennifer Borg, and Ken Story. The exhibit also included poetry written by members of the Winterville Poetry Club. Currently on display until July 1st is art by Emma Torrence and Amy Jackson.

The exhibit is rotated every six weeks. Help support these artists and visit the library. You'll be amazed at the artistic talent that thrives in our little corner of Georgia.

Marigold Market Booth

The third Saturday of each month WAC hosts a booth at the Marigold Market for children to make art; each month is a different project. The April activity was making a sun catcher of many

colors of tissue paper. During the May 20th event, the kids painted with squeegees.

Summer Art Camp

WAC is proud to announce that it hosted the second annual Summer Art Camp for rising 3rd graders up to rising 6th graders. This year's camp included puppet making, drama, and other various art projects with several local artists contributing their time and talent. The camp dates were June 12-16, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, and 20 students attended.

Join the Arts Council

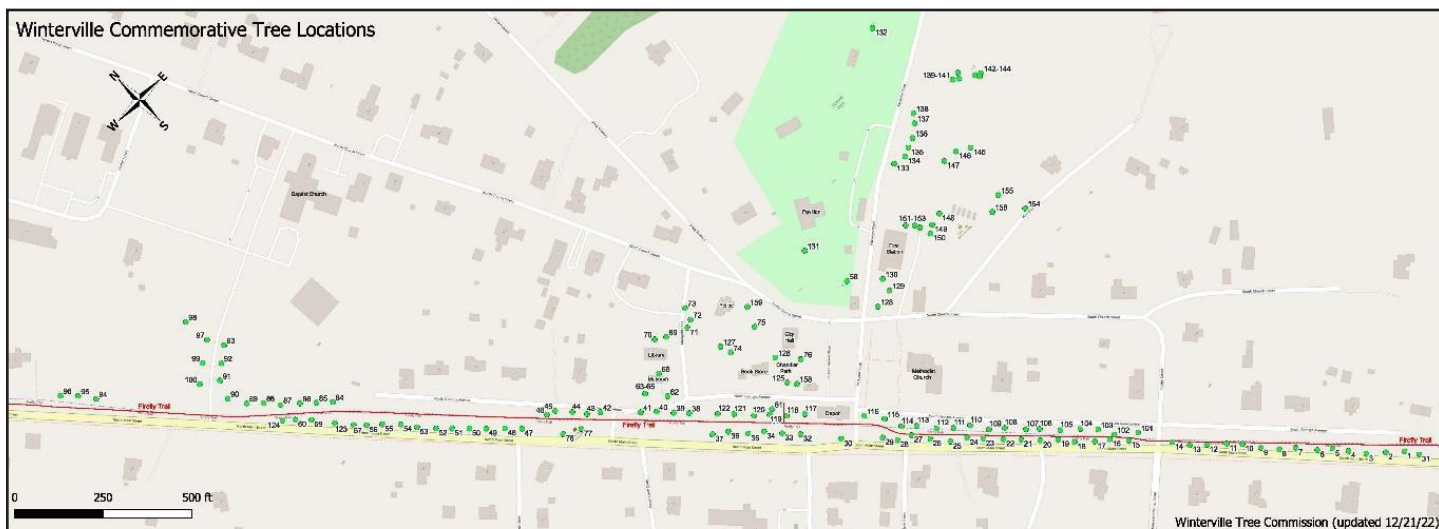
If you are an artist or just love the arts, consider becoming a member of WAC! We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Winterville Cultural Center. We'd love to have you!

WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Commemorative Tree Program Map

The Winterville Tree Commission recently created an online interactive map for the City's Commemorative Tree Program. The map contains information for each tree that

includes all or partial information about donor(s), honoree(s), tree species, geographical coordinators, and photos of the tree and plaque. A link to the interactive map can be found on the City's Tree Commission webpage or directly at the following link: <https://winterville-trees.github.io/>



WINTERVILLE CULTURAL CENTER

Preserving Our Heritage

By now, many of you have seen our newly revitalized Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum off the Winterville Square. You've learned the story of rural medicine in America, and you've walked in the footsteps of two of Winterville's early physicians. But what else can be said about the history of our City of Marigolds?

Quite a lot as it turns out, and that's why **we're opening the new Winterville History Museum and Heritage Room in Summer 2024!** Built into the upstairs space that was once the 9th grade homeroom for the Winterville High School (today's Winterville Cultural Center), the museum will showcase our town's history from its earliest settlers to its most recent residents. We want to tell the full, inclusive story of Winterville and share that with everyone who both visits this city and those who call it home. In fact, for the past two years, we've been actively collecting artifacts, archival material, and first-hand accounts of Winterville's past—but we need more, and that's where you can help.

While we're always looking for any material related to the development of our town, our

biggest need is **your** memories and stories! You are an integral part of our town's history, and that history cannot be told without you. So please, if you have a story to tell or a memory to relate, we want to hear from you!

There are several ways to reach us:

- 1) You can email us at wintervillehistory@gmail.com
- 2) You can call the Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum at 706.389.5151.
- 3) You can call Winterville City Hall at 706.742.8600.
- 4) You can visit the Doctors Museum Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 5) You can visit City Hall Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

You are Winterville, and you are what makes this town so special. Let's share that with the world.

— Jonathan Scott
Cultural Heritage Director, City of Winterville



Part of the Winterville Cultural Center (formerly the Winterville High School) currently undergoing renovation and restoration.

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Fall Schedule

Ongoing Events

Mondays	9:10-10:10 a.m.	Chair Yoga, yoga for everybody (begins August 7)
	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Botanical Sketchbook, no experience necessary (begins August 7)
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	4th Monday, Project Linus, make a blanket for a child in need
	6:00 p.m.	4th Monday, "Poets of Winterville"
Tuesdays	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with Veterans
	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Mahjong, everyone is welcome
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Upcycle Workshop, bring new life to old clothes
	12:00-1:00 p.m.	3rd Tuesday, Potluck
Wednesdays	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Oil Painting, beginners welcome
Thursdays	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Karate for Adults
Fridays	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Mahjong, everyone is welcome
	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Chess

Upcoming Special Events

July 8	Silent Film: Buster Keaton in <i>Sherlock Jr.</i> with live orchestral accompaniment by Klezmer Local 42 Tickets \$15.00
August 17-18	Athens Chorale Society
August 31	Ray Wylie Hubbard
September 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, October 1	Play: <i>Little Women</i>

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