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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

“Winterville is such a beautiful little town.” I heard this today while being shuttled back home from a local car dealership. Actually, I hear this quite often, and it makes me grateful for all that we have, for everyone who works on behalf of the city, and for each of you for allowing me to serve during this time in the city’s life. Every season reveals a different scene, and they are all special. We’ve already seen renovations of our historic buildings and upgrades throughout our outdoor spaces. Fall will bring splendid color to the city, which more and more people will enjoy as they make their way along the Firefly Trail and enjoy our parks. Autumn will also bring some changes to our commercial district. We have proposals to consider as a community, and we also have some highly anticipated updates and renovations that should begin before the end of the year. In addition, several exciting shows are coming to the Marigold Auditorium, so make sure you look at pp. 13–14 in this issue, as well as the city’s website and social media. Throughout this difficult pandemic and the change it has brought to all of our lives, we have had one constant bright spot to lift us up and give us hope: this “beautiful town” we all call home. Have a great fall and holiday season, and I’ll see you on the streets! (And in the auditorium!)



Sincerely,

Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor

Welcome to Winterville, Georgia. 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.

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION



IMPORTANT DATES

August 22

- Earliest date to apply for an non-UOCAVA (non-military) Absentee Ballot

September 20

- Earliest date for registrar to mail applicants a UOCAVA (military) Absentee Ballot

October 11

- Earliest date for registrar to mail applicants a non-UOCAVA (non-military) Absentee Ballot for the November General Election
- Last date for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the November General and Runoff Election

October 17

- Early Voting begins in Athens-Clarke County for the November General Election. Check your particular polling place for dates and times. See below for the Winterville Depot.

October 28

- Last date to submit an Absentee Ballot Application for the November General Election

Early Voting Dates for the Winterville Depot

These dates apply only to the Winterville Depot. Check with your precinct if your polling place is different.

- Saturday October 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday October 31, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday November 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday November 2, 2022, **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Thursday November 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday November 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

General Election, November 8

All Athens-Clarke County polling precincts are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact the Athens-Clarke County Elections Office at 706-613-3150.

CITY NEWS



NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Welcome Timothy Pierce-Tomlin to the Winterville City Council. Tim began his public service in September filling the seat left vacant when Gary Snow retired to Florida. His term will end in 2025. We all look forward to Tim's ideas and input throughout the city and within Council Chambers. See pp. 6–7 for more about Tim.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AGREEMENT

With negotiations concluded, we have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Athens-Clarke County and the City of Bogart regarding the portion of these tax monies that Winterville receives. The formula for calculating the percentage, based on population, is the same that has been used for quite some time. It was approved by City Council, but we did ask for a review in five years. Normally, this is a ten-year agreement, but ACC graciously agreed to the review due to the potential for growth as a result of the large film and television studio being built nearby on Athena Drive. These taxes are a major component of our city's general operating fund, so in the future we will consider different formulas that might provide better yields.

2023 BUDGET

The millage rate has been set and remains the same as it has been for over 20 years. We have been working on the 2023 budget and hope to have a draft ready for your review in early October.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The steering committee has been busy meeting and discussing the update to our ten-year Comprehensive Plan. Be on the lookout for input sessions to let your voice be heard. There is currently a survey on the city website, so please take a minute to fill that out and add comments or requests.

COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

The Complete Streets proposal is now a plan. City Council voted to adopt the plan during its September session. Thank you to all who participated. We hope you were pleased with the amount of outreach and input opportunities.

WINTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Painter accepted the position as Chief of Police and has been steadily bringing the department's equipment and standard operating procedures up to date. (Learn more about Chief Painter on p. 6.) City Council approved using ARPA funding for these much-needed upgrades, which will safeguard the city and its charter while making our officers and citizens safer.

WINTERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Public Safety Memorial Committee has approved Richard “Ricky” Knight, who lost his life in 2021, for inclusion on the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Wall located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Ricky and his family will be forever in our hearts. Please pray for the safety of all of our first responders.

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNTAIN

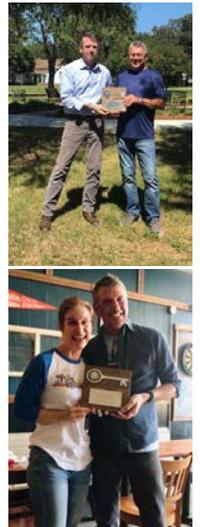
The city is working with the Friends of the Fountain citizens’ group to upgrade the fountain in Wesley Whitehead Square. Go the FOF Facebook page to find ways to help, donate, or contribute ideas. We hope to install a new water feature that will be eco-friendly and provide seating that ties into the look of Chandler Park. Thanks to the Friends of the Fountain for all of their hard work, energy, and community spirit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Winterville is lucky to have many very active and much appreciated committees taking care of the city, but these committees need people! The Downtown Development Association will need members in 2023 as current members rotate off—and that’s just one example. Visit City Hall to learn about the various opportunities to get involved, then fill out an application. Wendy will get it to the appropriate committee chair.

KEY TO THE CITY RECIPIENTS

Mayor Ferrelle was pleased to grant a Key to the City to two worthy recipients, Roger Cauthen and Jill Helme. Cauthen, the outgoing City Arborist, has been invaluable in beautifying our city and maintaining the health of its trees and green spaces. Helme is the Executive Director of AthFest and AthFest Educates. In the 2021–2022 school year, AthFest Educates awarded two grants to Winterville schools. Chris Camp of Winterville Elementary received \$2,100 to purchase 30 ukuleles that will assist 200 3rd–5th grade students in learning to create rhythm and melody and to compose music. Rosaria Bang of Coile Middle School was awarded \$2,000 to purchase two full-color wireless printers and related supplies to aid 530 6th–8th grade students in understanding and appreciating various artistic styles. Students will be able to print their own artworks to present and display for review and discussion.



CIVIC CALENDAR

Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

Monday, Oct 3	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m
Tuesday, Oct 4	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 6	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Monday, Oct 10	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 11	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 12	Downtown Development Authority, 6:00 p.m. Firefly Local Action Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct 17	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 18	Historic Preservation Commission, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 20	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Wednesday, Oct 26	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, Nov 1	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 2	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Monday, Nov 7	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m
Tuesday, Nov 8	ELECTION DAY, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Depot City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov 9	Downtown Development Authority, 6:00 p.m. Firefly Trail Local Action Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov 14	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 15	Historic Preservation Commission, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 17	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Tuesday, Nov 24	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 24–	Thanksgiving holiday, City Hall closed
Friday, Nov 25	
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Thursday, Dec 1	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Friday, Dec 2	Holiday on the Square, Chandler Park
Monday, Dec 5	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 6	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 7	Downtown Development Authority, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec 12	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m. Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 13	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 14	Firefly Trail Local Action Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec 15	CAC (SPLOST/TSPLOST), 6:30 p.m
Monday, Dec 19	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 20	Historic Preservation Commission, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec 23–	Christmas holiday observed, City Hall closed
Monday, Dec 26	

CITY WELCOMES NEW VIPs

DR. CARLETHA PEARSON, WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



I am honored and humbled to serve as the new principal of Winterville Elementary School and to work alongside our dedicated staff, scholars, families, and community members to provide a world-class educational experience that will inspire every child to achieve at high levels and become lifelong learners with the knowledge, skills, and moral character to positively impact the city of Winterville and beyond.

This year marks my 20th year as an educator. I have served as a teacher, a literacy coach, a district curriculum specialist, an assistant principal, and now principal. I earned my bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Elementary Education and specialization in reading from the University of Texas at El Paso. In 2007, I earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, and in 2021, I received a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia.

My tiny home town of Gordon, Georgia, imbued me with southern values. My husband and I have been married for 24 years and have two sons. One is a senior at Berry College, and the other is a sophomore in high school. We also have an English mastiff name Vader and a cat name Ash.

I am devoted to ensuring Winterville Elementary students receive a premium education in a safe and positive learning environment. I look forward to connecting with students and parents and building a strong relationship with the wider community.

DAVID PAINTER, CHIEF OF POLICE

I am looking forward to serving as Winterville's new police chief. I grew up in the area and graduated from Clarke Central High School before going on to attend Georgia Southern College earn a bachelor's degree from Piedmont College. I worked with the Athens Clarke County Police Department for 32 years: 16 years as a patrol officer and 16 years as an investigator. I've been married for 38 years and have two children and five grandchildren.



In 2020, I was hired as a part-time officer in Winterville. I was asked to serve as interim Chief in 2022, then offered the position full-time later in the year. I entered this field to help and protect people, and I still enjoy working in that capacity. I really appreciate that the citizens of Winterville seem to embrace the members of their law enforcement team. My goals are to continue to make Winterville a safe place for your family and to bring the police department up to the standards our citizens and officers deserve.

TIMOTHY PIERCE-TOMLIN, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER



I grew up in Winterville, on Athens Road. My grandparents moved to Winterville in 1973, and my family has been here ever since. I went to Winterville Elementary, then Hilsman and Cedar Shoals. I was confirmed in the Methodist Church here in Winterville and sometimes still attend on Sundays. I completed my undergraduate studies at UGA and Piedmont College and earned a master's degree in Clinical Counseling from Brenau University. I am now a professional counselor at Oasis Counseling Center, where I work primarily with adults and couples. I also sometimes teach at local colleges as an adjunct instructor in psychology.

I am also involved in many community organizations. Currently I am on the Public Safety Oversight Review Board, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, and (obviously)

City Council. In the past I've been on Planning and Zoning, the Joint Development Authority for Athens Clarke County, and the Athens-Clarke County 2020 Overview Commission.

In my spare time, I have a variety of interests. I am a martial artist, training in Yoshukai Karate and Kyu-ki-do, which I'm hoping to bring to the Winterville area soon. I run weekly—you've probably seen my wife and me jogging. I also do a good bit of writing. Currently I'm helping write some research articles and a book on training in martial arts. In addition, I review articles for *Frontier Magazine* and edit a couple of blogs.

WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

The Winterville Arts Council has had a pretty busy summer! In July, WAC hosted an art show of work by local artists in the Winterville Community Center. Sixteen artists from the surrounding area exhibited their work from mid-July through early September. Our opening reception was very well attended, and several pieces of art were purchased that evening. WAC is planning to make this exhibit a yearly event each summer.

Our Free Little Art Gallery has been a huge hit! To date, we have received art from Pennsylvania, Boston, and Colorado. We had a slight hiccup recently in that someone took all of the little furniture, tiny people, and most of the art out of the gallery. But, after posting a call for art on our social media sites, we were flooded with new items to fill the tiny gallery. In mid-September, an anonymous donor supplied us with our very own "security system" (see photos). Not only is Winterville an artsy little city, we also have a great sense of humor! Follow the FLAG on Facebook and on Instagram @freeandweewinterville.



In early September, WAC hosted the first "Vino and Van Gogh" evening. Our very own Dortha Jacobson was our guest artist/instructor. Dortha chose Van Gogh's painting "Starry Night" as the featured work for participants to reproduce in their own style. It was a fun night of painting, enjoying a glass of wine, and visiting with others. The event sold out and had a wait list! Look for another "Vino and Van Gogh" evening in January or February. Unfortunately, the Plein Air event had to be canceled due to lack of interest, but we hope to host this at a later date.

Above: FLAG after the heist and then after the call for art. Below: The instructions are reinforced by legendary warrior Raya.



The Winterville Arts Council is excited to join with the Winterville Public Library in hosting an ongoing call for art, requesting art submissions to be considered for display in the lobby of our library. Our first show features the art of Dortha Jacobson. Works chosen will hang in the library for six weeks. If you are an artist and are interested in having your work displayed in the library, please send photos of your work to wintervilleartscouncil@gmail.com. Put "library art submission" in the subject line. WAC will notify you if your work is chosen and when it will be displayed. Be sure to stop by the library and take a look at Dortha's work—it's not too early to be thinking about holiday gifts!

WAC will once again host our annual Holiday Lights Contest this December. Follow us @wintervilleartscouncil on both Instagram and Facebook for more details.



Left: Dortha Jacobsen with some of her artworks in the library gallery. Right: Painters at the VINO and VanGogh evening.



MARIGOLD MARKET & COLLECTIVE

Let's talk about food insecurity and access to fresh food. "Food insecurity" means not having enough income to buy a sufficient amount of food and/or not knowing where your next meal is coming from. More than 30 percent of Winterville citizens suffer food insecurity. Access to nutritious food is a fundamental human right. Underlying food insecurity is a more insidious problem: nutrition insecurity. Without adequate nutrition, people can be eating but still starving. Thus, food security is not just about getting more food, it's about getting the right food. Nutrition insecurity leads to the diet-related conditions that are driving the highest rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

Part of Marigold Market's mission is to provide access to affordable fresh food on Athens' Eastside. Wholesome Wave is an organization committed to reaching a day when everyone has access to nutritious fruits and vegetables. Wholesome Wave's Fresh for Less program enables Marigold Market to double SNAP/EBT benefits. For every SNAP dollar, clients also receive a Wholesome Wave dollar for fresh fruits and vegetables. This is just one way we are working to make the freshest, most nutritious food accessible to everyone.

When you purchase your produce from Marigold Market farmers, you can be assured that you are receiving freshly harvested produce grown with sustainable agricultural practices. Our producers are all local: all produce is grown within a 30-mile radius of the market. Additionally, Marigold Market farmers help supply our food hub with fresh produce for distribution to more than 40 families each month. So, when you support your local farmers, you are also supporting your local community.

You can visit Marigold Market every Saturday through December 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring the kids, visit with friends, check out the Front Porch Bookstore and Doctors Museum, grab a book from the library, and enjoy all the beauty that is Winterville. Marigold Market is where community happens every Saturday.



MEET YOUR MAKER

CLASSIC CITY GOURMET MUSHROOMS

Sara Skinner

Sara Skinner is the founder of Classic City Gourmet Mushrooms. After graduating from West Point, she served for 12 years in the military police, completing two tours in Iraq. When she left the Army in 2007, she was glad to leave the sand behind. “All I wanted was to sink my feet and hands into rich brown dirt and be surrounded by living and growing things,” she says.

She also wanted to help the military community. She earned a Ph.D. in Social Work and now teaches at the University of Georgia, specializing in care for veterans and their families.



While Sara and her husband were able to maintain a garden while she was on active duty, she began gardening in earnest over the last several years, taking joy in all the animals, insects, plants, and other living things that make a garden healthy and vibrant. “Farming is a wonderful career path for vets. It’s very therapeutic. There’s a lot of hope embedded in the art of growing things,” she says.



She found herself fascinated by mushrooms, especially the many varieties that can’t be found in the produce aisle. It was fun to grow gourmet and medicinal mushrooms for herself and her neighbors, and soon her hobby turned into a business. With the help of her husband and sons, she established Classic City Gourmet Mushrooms in 2021.

“Mushrooms are wondrous things. Not plants, not animals, but a wholly separate thing. They arrive after a rain and are gone almost as fast as you notice their presence,” Sara says.

The farm is small, and Sara describes herself as “very much still a student” of mushrooms. None of the mushrooms CCGM sells are foraged. Most are grown indoors in a controlled climate, although some varieties—such as shitake, winecaps, turkey tail, maitake, and blewits—are grown in outdoor mushroom beds. No chemicals are used, and the farm strives for sustainable growing practices, using biodegradable or reusable materials as substrate. In addition to ready-to-eat mushrooms, CCGM also sells dried mushrooms, tinctures, and kits for growing your own. Sara enjoys sharing her knowledge of mushrooms, including recipes for cooking the more exotic types, such as oyster and lion’s mane.



In addition to their booth at the Marigold Market, you can find Classic City Gourmet Mushrooms at the West Broad Farmers’ Market, and you can also order mushrooms for delivery to your house through Market Wagon. For more information on the farm and on the mushrooms available, visit CCGM’s website at <https://www.classiccitygourmetmushroom.com/>. You can also find the grow kits, tinctures, and other non-perishable products at their Etsy shop: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/CCGourmetMushrooms>.



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to the newest art gallery in town: the front room of the Winterville Library! At our request, Public Works director Tom Doonan installed a picture rail for hanging art. We contacted several artists who expressed interest in showing their art. Then Covid hit and ... well, you know. Now, in conjunction with the Winterville Arts Council, we have begun to feature the work of local artists. Our first show spotlights oil paintings by Dortha Jacobson. Winterville Library is grateful to the Winterville Arts Council for helping us make the dream of original art in the library come true! Interested artists may now submit photos of their work to wintervilleartscouncil@gmail.com for consideration. Be sure to put "Library Art" in the subject line.



The Winterville Library was pleased to participate in the Great Georgia Pollinator Census this year. With our new pollinator garden flourishing, we reached out to patrons who visited the library on a rather cloudy weekend in August to assist us in our count. The census was organized by Becky Hunt Griffin, Community and School Garden Coordinator and Pollinator Health Associate for the State of Georgia. Griffin created the form on which to log the various pollinators seen in the garden, including carpenter bees, bumble bees, honey bees, small bees, wasps, flies, butterflies and moths, and other insects. Surprisingly, and likely because of the cloudy day, participants saw more flies than bees or butterflies. Weeks after the official count, we did spot a lone Monarch butterfly nectaring on our beautiful milkweed. To learn more about pollinators in Georgia, we highly encourage citizens to visit the Great Georgia Pollinator Census Facebook page.



Let us introduce you to our new Library Assistant, Samantha Watson! Sam comes to us from the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville, where she served as a Teen Program Specialist. She attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a BFA in Communications Arts. A gifted illustrator, Sam recently created "A Field Guide to the Native Plants of Athens," a lovely pamphlet on the trees, flowers, shrubs, and vines that are native to the Athens area. The illustrations were presented in a show at the Graduate Hotel, where Sam served as a Sweet Dreams Society Artist in Residence for three months. We are thrilled to have her as an assistant and Children's Specialist.

JOIN THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Do you love the Winterville Library? If so, the Library Advisory Board wants to hear from you!

The Winterville Library Advisory Board meets four times a year to discuss ways that we can best promote the library and help it serve our town. The advisory board gives the city a voice in managing the library and works with the Friends of the Winterville Library to support the librarians and the work of the library. There is currently an opening on the board, and we would love to welcome another passionate Wintervillian who believes in the power of reading and libraries to enrich, support, and transform communities! If you think this is you, just reach out to City Hall at 706-742-8600 or check out the "Committees and Boards" page at cityofwinterville.com.

FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

A lot is happening at the Front Porch Bookstore this fall! Our free concerts on the lawn continue on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.

- October 1 — Oglethorpe Fresh
- October 8 — Repent at Leisure
- October 15 — Artie Ball Swing Band
- October 22 — Klezmer Local 42

On Saturday, October 8, we will be hosting a book signing by our very own Tracy Adkins for her newly released *Ghosts of Athens and Beyond* from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Plus, there will be an all-day (10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) bag sale. Buy a bag of books, movies, or music for just \$5.00! Get some great autumn reads for yourself—and it's never too early to think of holiday gifts. We'll round out the day with music from Repent at Leisure. Come join the fun!

The Front Porch Bookstore is a 501c charity run by the Friends of the Winterville Library. All proceeds go to support the Winterville Library. FOWL would like to thank Patsy Chandler for her generous gift in memory of George Chandler.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We will be trying a new approach with registration for the 2023 season of the garden. Rather than beginning with in-person registration, we will make the registration deadline coincide with the group gathering (hopefully with a potluck) at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21 in the Depot. Registration forms and rental agreements will be available in City Hall on February 1 and may be returned with payment to City Hall or brought to an in-person gathering. In addition to the event on the 21st, we will hold sign-up sessions at the garden from 11:00–12:00 on Saturday, February 18 and on Sunday, February 19. Box assignments will not be effective until we receive payment and send confirmation emails.

Box rental runs from March 1, 2023, until February 29, 2024. The rental fee is \$40 per 4' x 8' x 1' box for one year. Drip irrigation is included during warm months. Gardeners must agree to use only organic methods and follow the guidelines included in the registration packet.

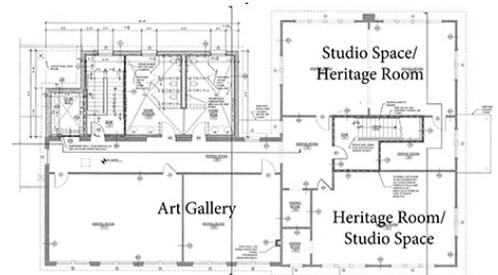
Further information will follow in the January issue of the *Gazette*. If you have questions or would like to be added to the general email list, send a message to wintervillecommunitygarden@gmail.com. You can also follow the garden on Facebook.

WINTERVILLE CAMPUS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE



GCA GRANT APPLICATION

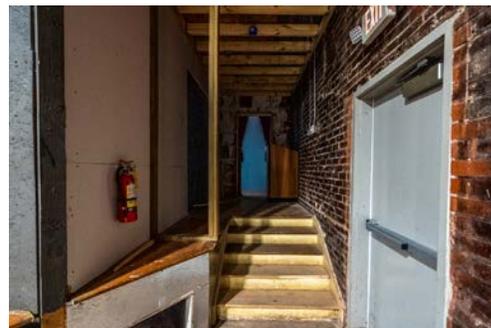
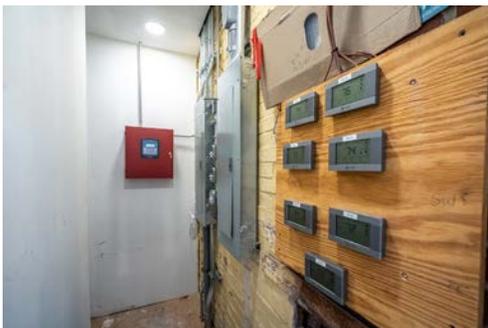
A grant application was submitted to the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) to help pay for an elevator and HVAC for the second floor of the Winterville Community Center (WCC). The application is asking for \$75,000 from GCA with the City providing over \$78,000 in matching funds. Notification of an award will be made by the end of October. After funding for the elevator and HVAC has been identified, renovation of the WCC's second floor can commence using SPLOST funding. This renovation will likely include an art gallery, a heritage room, and rental space for visual artists such as painters, sculptors, and potters.



A blueprint for the second-floor renovation

MAAC RENOVATIONS

The Marigold Auditorium for Arts and Culture (MAAC) has undergone its third phase of renovations. These include beautiful public bathrooms, new lobby features (carpeting, ceiling with original tin from the building, a bar area, and a commercial deck outside near the bar), upgrades to the seating area (painted ceiling, sealed and polished concrete floor, and reupholstered seats), enclosure of the stairs from the seating area to the stage, and improvements to the backstage area (carpeting and makeup counters with mirrors and globe lights in the dressing rooms, a unisex bathroom with a shower, carpeting and a ceiling for the hall area, and a wrap-around ramp for handicap access and loading/unloading musical instruments for concerts or set pieces for theatrical productions).



Photos courtesy of Marigold Solutions.

SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED

A year ago, a solar roof on the auditorium was just an idea, but as of mid-September the installation of Solar Project 1 was complete. The Winterville City Government will soon begin using solar power for the first time ever. This is a huge first step toward the city's goal of converting to 100% clean, renewable energy.



The energy generated by the 105-solar panel array will be used to help offset energy consumption at both the Marigold Auditorium and the Community Center, helping to reduce the power bills. It will also charge a battery backup system at the Community Center, which serves as our emergency shelter. The battery backup system will keep the lights on, the fridge running, and provide a bit of heat and A/C in the event of an emergency. Even better, Winterville will be able to generate extra income for the city by selling excess energy to Georgia Power to use in providing power to other customers. The success of this project is due to the hard work and perseverance of Council member Bruce Johnson, so tell him “Thanks!” when you next see him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

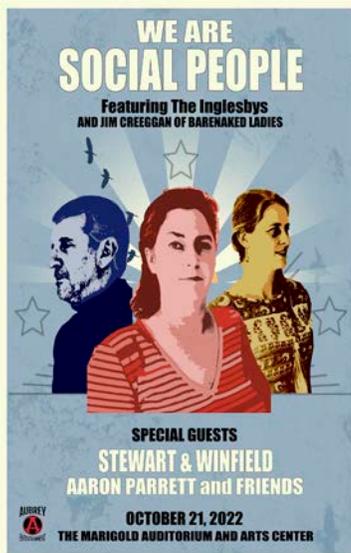
The MAAC is hosting the following performances in 2022:

- Social People with the Inglesbys, October 21, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- Todd Snider with Arlo McKinley, November 25, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- A Crooner Christmas with Bing and Frank, December (date and time TBD)
- The Good Grief Trio, December 19, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Read on for more information about the October and November concerts. For a complete list of events from local event planner Aubrey Entertainment, go to <https://linktr.ee/aubreyentath>.

IN CONCERT: SOCIAL PEOPLE WITH THE INGLESBYS

**A Concert to Celebrate the Voice and Music of Betsy Inglesby
and Raise Alzheimer's Awareness in Athens, Winterville. and Beyond**



Social People with the Inglesbys is a new group made up of long time Athens musicians Dodd Ferrelle, Adam Poulin, Tim Adams, and Mitch Turner. Joining the group are Dodd's cousins Betsy Inglesby and Caroline Inglesby Stephens along with Barenaked Ladies bassist, Jim Creegan. The group will play new songs from a forthcoming record as well as old songs written by various members of the band and featuring Betsy Inglesby on vocals. This unique event allows the ticket holder to attend the concert, contribute to the cause, and receive a gift, all while being entertained at this one-night-only gathering. The concert will be recorded live to foster Alzheimer's Awareness, and the recording may be made available in a possible gift opportunity. Proceeds from the event will fund the production of the record, tentatively titled "Keeping Betsy" and scheduled for an early 2023 release. Special guests joining us to celebrate include Stewart and Winfield and Aaron Parrett and Friends.

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IN CONCERT: TODD SNIDER WITH ARLO MCKINLEY



Todd Snider views himself as a troubador in the centuries-old tradition of wandering musical story-tellers. This perspective has informed his latest release, *Live: Return of the Storyteller*, his third live album and nineteenth overall.

Before he made his professional debut with *Songs For The Daily Planet* in 1994, Snider already knew that he wanted to be part of this time-honored tradition. “I like the romantic notion of drifting around and laughing your way through life,” he says. “Like Jim Croce or Mark Twain. Then when I first saw Jerry Jeff Walker and John Prine play, I became obsessed. I saw that the difference between a free spirit and a freeloader was three chords.”

Snider says he’s still surprised that his life of busking “turned into a real gig. It’s still funny to be getting away with it.”

Rolling Stone has called him “America’s sharpest musical storyteller,” and the New York Times described him as “a wryly quotable phrasemaker and worthy antagonist.” With a husky voice and the manner of a likable cosmic cowboy, he invites you to travel with him through songs that range from humorous to heart-worn. The new album captures what Snider laughingly calls his “second tour—because I went out on the road in ‘94 and never went home until the pandemic,” it acts as both a summing up of a thirty-year career and a look ahead.

Gifted singer-songwriter Arlo McKinley will release his debut solo record at age 40 on John Prine’s Oh Boy records. After he almost gave up on music altogether, his story is one of hope and sincerity, and he is living proof that great songs will reach the right ears eventually, even if it takes time.

The album, *Die Midwestern*, is deeply rooted in street soul, country, punk, and gospel, and draws on personal stories set against the backdrop of his hometown of Cincinnati. McKinley recorded ten remarkable songs—some dating back fifteen years—all penned with a weight, honesty and gritty hope that comes from living in the rustbelt city where his songs were born.



Arlo McKinley is the last artist John Prine and his son Jody signed to their label. Jody Whelan said, “John was reserved in his praise for songwriters. I played him Arlo’s “Bag Of Pills,” and he said, “That’s a good song,” which for him was very high praise. He loved Arlo’s voice, this big guy with a sweet, soulful, gospel voice. He loved the dichotomy of the hard life lived, presented through such beautiful songs. John was very excited about the promise of the album’s release.”

McKinley stated, “Knowing that a hero of mine took time out of his day to come see me perform is such an accomplishment in itself to me that if it all ended the next day, I would’ve still considered everything I have done as a success.”



NEW OFFERINGS FROM THE CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

Classes are held at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street, Athens, GA, 30601. To register, contact Kellye Morgan at kmorgan@accaging.org or call 706-549-4850

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Whether you are grieving a loved one, working through a life transition, or just feeling a sense of loss in a post-pandemic world, our new support group will help you along your healing path. The group is facilitated by Allison Lamb, LMSW, of Revolution Therapy and Yoga, who specializes in grief and loss. The group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. It is free and open to all.

BALLROOM SOCIAL DANCE

Have you ever wanted to try ballroom dancing? Social dances encourage participation rather than performance, and they can be followed with ease. Join swing dance pros Melissa Gogo and Geoff Newell as they take us through the steps. No partner necessary; all levels welcome. The class meets Mondays (Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12) from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for CAL members; \$10 for non-members.

DIGITAL SKILLS READY@50+ COMPUTER CLASSES

ACCA is partnering with Senior Planet from AARP to help people over 50 learn new online skills. When you sign up for the Digital Skills Ready@50+ program, you'll gain the essential skills you need to navigate an increasingly digital world. Free and open to seniors age fifty and over.

- Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m.: Smartphones
- Monday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m.: Connecting to the Internet
- Thursday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m.: Cloud Storage

WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

NEW CITY ARBORIST

We are pleased to introduce Susan Russell as our new City Arborist. Susan has had success preserving and expanding tree canopy with other municipalities during times of growth and expansion. We are thrilled to have her on our team during this pivotal time of prosperity for Winterville. Learn more about Susan in this issue's Citizen Spotlight on p. 20.

FOREST BATHING AT SANDY CREEK

There will be a Forest Bathing event put on by the education committee of the Athens Tree Council at Sandy Creek Nature Center on Saturday, October 22, from 10:00–11:30 a.m. “Forest bathing” originated in Japan in the early 1980s. The idea is simply to spend time in nature. You simply walk and let the sights and sounds of a natural setting wash over you. Studies have found that just 30 minutes of forest bathing has significant health benefits, including lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress hormones. Certified Forest Therapist Tina Tinsley will lead. The event is free but registration is required and space is limited. Registration opens on October 1 on the ACC website and will be in SCNC's fall newsletter: <https://www.accgov.com/5973/Nature-Center-Happenings>

COMMEMORATIVE TREE CELEBRATION

The Winterville Tree Commission cordially invites you to attend a Tree-Product Potluck* at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16 at the Pittard Park Pavilion to honor Winterville's Commemorative Trees and their donors, sponsors, and honorees. All are welcome (with or without a dish). If you have any questions, please contact the Tree Commission at wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com.

*Stumped? Think apples, pecans, olives, maple syrup, etc.!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

This year, the Tree Commission will partner with the “Bring One for the Chipper” program to recycle Christmas trees. Watch the City webpage for drop-off details.

GEORGIA TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Georgia Tree Climbing Championship is returning to Winterville. On November 17–18, members of the Georgia Arborist Association will gather in the Marigold Auditorium for the Trees Unite Us Conference to participate in continuing education. Then, on Saturday, November 19, the climbing competitions begin. The first rounds of climbing will be held in Pittard Park from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to observe the competition, and there will be a Family Fun Climb for children and adults. (The Marigold Market will also be happening in the park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so you can do some shopping while you watch.) There will also be a scavenger hunt, games, and a raffle. Then, on Sunday, November 20, the Championship Masters will climb in Wesley Whitehead park from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public is also invited to watch this event.

FIREFLY TRAIL



The promise of cooler temperatures, beautiful autumn colors, and exciting Firefly Trail progress should be enough to get everyone out on the trail this fall! Grab a family member or neighbor, or strike out on your own to enjoy this fantastic local amenity any time of day.

Progress continues up and down the 39-mile Firefly Trail corridor. Here are recent highlights:

In Athens, the new Trail Creek Bridge is really taking shape and is projected to be complete at year's end. The structure's design is a creative mix of dramatic modern steel elements and wooden timbers that will harken back to the historic Georgia Railroad trestle being replaced.

Firefly Trail users are now welcome to park at the ACC Streets & Drainage Offices, 605 Spring Valley Road, on weekends and after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The facility is located directly across Spring Valley Road from the Trail, just west of its current endpoint at Hancock Road. From here trail users may enjoy almost 2.5 miles of trail, all the way to Dudley Park near downtown Athens.

Oglethorpe County teamed up in June with the City of Crawford (Oglethorpe County) and the City of Union Point (Greene County) to submit a \$5.5 million Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to Georgia DOT. If funded, the resulting project will construct 4.5 miles of trail in South Oglethorpe and a Model Mile in Crawford, and will extend Union Point's existing trail segment into the historic downtown area. Grant awards are expected to be announced by early November.

Most recently, Greene County executed a contract with Lewallen Construction of Marietta to undertake work to complete a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant project. As part of this project, more than five miles of trails in unincorporated Greene County, Maxeys, Union Point, and Woodville are slated to be completed by next August.

And finally, Winterville's Firefly Trail Local Action Committee is organizing the first annual "Clear Up the Cut" volunteer event on Saturday, October 1. Volunteers are asked to gather at 9:00 a.m. along the Firefly Trail at Adams Alley, where they will undertake weed removal as they work their way toward Five Points. Gloves and water are strongly recommended. (And tools such as long, narrow "ditching" spades are ideal, if you have one.) Come on out and help clear some unwanted plants from our trail!



Photo: Marigold Solutions

DOCTORS MUSEUM

Some time during the 1970s, an individual passed away. Nothing is known today about this person except that they were a smoker and that through some circumstance several of their internal organs found their way into the Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum collection. There they would stay, held in slowly evaporating jars of denatured alcohol and left on a shelf for visitors to occasionally peer at for half a century. However, museums pledge to be good stewards of their collections, and sometimes that takes us on an unexpected journey.

Discovering these human remains in the collection sparked a mystery and a mission: we needed to identify their source and confirm that the museum had received their former owner's permission to keep them and place them on exhibit. Otherwise, we needed to lay them to rest in as respectful a way as possible. After more than a year of inquiring, we were unable to learn anything about their provenance. Complicating matters was the fact that these organs had decayed over time, and their molding, decomposing forms posed a biosafety hazard. Something had to be done...but what?

After months of contacting science museums, medical investigators, law enforcement, and funeral homes, we successfully partnered with the Athens-Clarke County Coroner's Office to transfer the organs into their custody for respectful disposal. There, under the oversight of Coroner Sonny Wilson, this individual's remains finally ended their fifty-year journey and were laid to rest through cremation. The museum might have lost several interesting specimens in this process, but we did the right thing by this individual and are glad to say that now they are finally at peace.

The museum's staff has been invited to share more about this process at the next Georgia Association of Museums annual conference in January 2023. We hope that the things we learned throughout this saga will help other cultural institutions that find themselves facing a similar dilemma.



Athens-Clarke County Coroner Sonny Wilson examines the museum's collection of human remains before accepting them for disposal on September 12, 2022.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



The Winterville Historic Preservation Commission happily welcomes its newest member, Stacey Hilliard! Stacey has deep roots in Winterville and is excited to share her passion for our town's charm and character through her new capacity on the commission. Be sure to thank Stacey for her service to the community the next time you see her.

Recently, the HPC was pleased to approve the solar panel array on the roof of the Marigold Auditorium. Because the panels are not visible from the street, they have no adverse effect on the building's historic facade. All commission meetings are open to the public and are a great place to get informal feedback before starting work that will require commission approval.



CITY SPOTLIGHT

This column features local businesses, artists, and notable citizens. If you have ideas for Spotlight features, please contact the *Gazette* editor.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Megan Sullivan

Winterville based ceramicist, Megan Sullivan, graduated summa cum laude from Georgia College & State University with a Fine Arts degree in 2012 and has been producing her work professionally since 2015. She aims to create pottery with high artistic value that can be appreciated in everyday settings. Her vibrant work draws inspiration from her homestead garden, experience as a former Conservation Horticulturalist at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, and her innate love for native wildflowers and pollinators. Embossed scenes are carved, brushed, waxed, and glazed into her wheel-thrown stoneware ceramics, allowing you to feel the buzzing bees and nodding flowers. You can view and purchase her ceramics on Instagram @jubileeceramics or at www.etsy.com/shop/jubileeceramics.



CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

Susan Russell, City Arborist

Susan Russell didn't intend to be an arborist. A native of the Maine coast, she moved to Georgia to enroll in UGA's Grady College of Journalism. It was here that she met Roger, a farmer. The couple married after a whirlwind romance and settled down to raise both crops and children. Farm work is what kindled Susan's interest in plants, but pursuing a specialization in horticulture would not be immediate. After Roger's tragic death in a farm accident, Susan earned a master's degree in counseling and went on to serve as the the Director of Behavioral Health Units at Williamsburg Community Hospital in Virginia. Thirteen years later, she decided to step away from that work to pursue a second career in horticulture.



In 2002, Russel became a Master Gardener. Since 2005, she has been recognized by the Georgia Green Industry Association as a Certified Plant Professional, and she has been a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture since 2007. During these years, Susan grew and sold antique roses and herbs, managed the Garden Department at Home Depot in Commerce, and ran Pine Bush Nursery, a wholesale and retail nursery and tree farm, in Hull. In 2008, she launched a consulting business, Arborvitals, advising numerous north Georgia cities on developing ordinances pertaining to green space, managing public trees, and planning stormwater management, among other things. Also during that year, Russel became the city arborist for Jefferson, Georgia, a position she will maintain while also working as Winterville's city arborist.

A resident of nearby Canon, Susan was familiar with Winterville and has known outgoing City Arborist Roger Cauthen for many years. When describing what drew her to add Winterville to the many communities she serves, she says, "The thing that amazed me when I came to interview was that Winterville is like walking into a Disney movie set—the murals, the beautiful tree cover, and the entire town supports being a Tree City. It is absolutely charming, the epitome of a picturesque small town."

Even though Winterville is already doing a great job with our trees, Susan has some ideas about how to keep us in the green. One focus will be working with City Council to develop ordinances to protect our tree cover in the face of inevitable growth in Athens and the surrounding counties. "Growth is coming whether we want it or not," she says, "but it needs to be on our terms." In Jefferson, Russell worked with warehouse owners and citizens to arrive at a "win-win" arrangement balancing business interests and residents' quality of life.

Other ordinances will address proper trimming of trees along critical roadways—those used by school buses, firetrucks, and as emergency evacuation routes—as well as developing regulations for plantings around new construction to reduce the risk of fire. A trained firefighter herself, Russell would like to see Winterville become a Firewise community. Firewise USA, a joint effort led by the National Fire Protection Association, teaches homeowners simple steps to take to both prevent fires and minimize damage to their homes in the event of a fire.

Susan is excited about working with Winterville residents not only on fire safety but also on tree selection, planting, and maintenance. She has led many workshops training both city staff and the general public in hands-on tree care. "I get dirty right along with them!" she declares happily.

Wintervillians are welcome to contact Susan at arborvitals@bellsouth.net.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Coming Soon: Six-Mile Station

The old brick garage at the corner of Cherokee and Smithonia Roads is under new ownership, and a dramatic renovation is planned that will include restaurant space. Below are some artist's renderings of possible new looks for the building. Keep your eye on that corner and this column to keep up with developments.



CHARTER DAY

On August 14, 2022, Winterville inaugurated a new tradition: celebrating the anniversary of the city's charter with a festival in Pittard Park. Charter Day focused on raising awareness Representatives of our many committees and commissions hosted tables with information on their work and how local residents can get involved. Going forward, Charter Day will become a way for the community to get to know the city's elected officials, employees, and citizen groups as members change. The city gave out goodie bags of Winterville swag, Duke's BBQ provided a free meal for attendees, and King of Pops was on hand to offer a sweet treat. Former Miss Marigold True Foley presented her film, *Winter's Station: The History of Winterville*, and music by The Welfare Liners rounded out the event. All photographs provided by Matt Brewster of Marigold Solutions.



Members of City Council with Mayor Ferrelle, ACC Mayor Kelly Girtz, and ACC Commissioner Patrick Davenport



Council member Bruce Johnson discusses the 100% Winterville clean energy project.



Cameron Ferrelle and Sherre Watwood represent the Winterville Arts Council.



Council member Melissa Metzger with Winterville "swag bags."



Marigold Festival Committee members Sara Cross and Emily Eisenman



Duke's BBQ fed the crowd.



Members of the Volunteer Fire Department



Martha Beach answers questions about the Library Advisory Board.



Jonathan Scott displays artifacts from the Doctors Museum.



Firefly Local Action Committee



Kids line up for cool treats from King of Pops.



Ray Marsden of the Civitan Club



Winterville police officers with their newest vehicle



True Foley in *Winter's Station*



The Welfare Liners



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6:00 p.m.

Come to Winterville for a fun family celebration of the season!

Winterville Elementary School children singing on the Front Porch Bookstore stage!
Live Nativity Scene at the Methodist church!
Marigold Market at the Bank building!
Everywhere there will be treats: popcorn machines, hot chocolate, Alumni Cookie Dough, lemonade.
Visit with your neighbors and spread the goodwill.



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