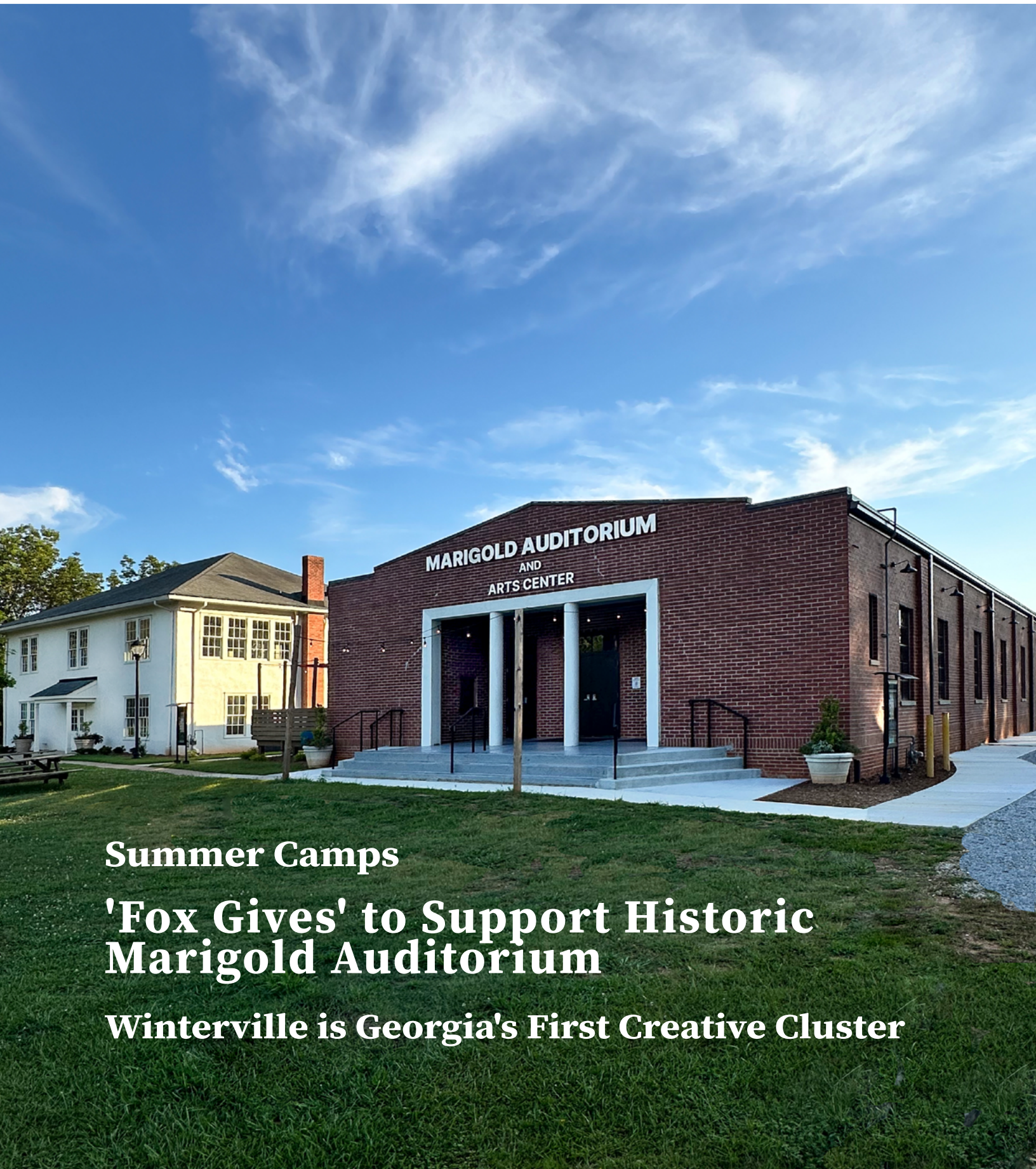


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Marigold Auditorium**

Winterville is Georgia's First Creative Cluster

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The Mayor's Corner

Hello Wintervillians! I cannot believe that the year is halfway over, but I am not surprised, as it has been busy. We have so many good projects underway and so much support from this wonderful community! I hope you all get some vacation time away with family and friends, and I hope you are happy to return to Winterville when the vacation ends. Communities like ours are becoming more sought after and stronger daily as people look for connection, comfort, and safety in an increasingly divided world. We are proud to offer that place. For my entire family, placemaking and destination projects have been top-of-mind from the beginning of our public service. Cameron and the kids have helped steer me to better decisions and prepare a place where everyone feels welcome, appreciated, and part of the show. But YOU truly make this place so special and sought after. I see you picking up trash along sidewalks and pitching in as volunteers. I see you working in your yards and talking to your neighbors. I see you laughing with



Dodd Ferrelle
Mayor, City of Winterville

police officers and high-fiving little ones on the Firefly Trail. I see you meeting longtime neighbors and having lengthy discussions at the Bookstore. I see you all in this beautiful community, and I thank you for being here and allowing me to serve you. It is the honor of my life. That said, we have elections this year to fill seats in the city and the county, so be sure to vote so we continue to have people representing what you want to see in this community and beyond. Have a great Summer, and I will SEE you on the streets.

City Council Members



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Melissa Metzger



Jonathan Mosley



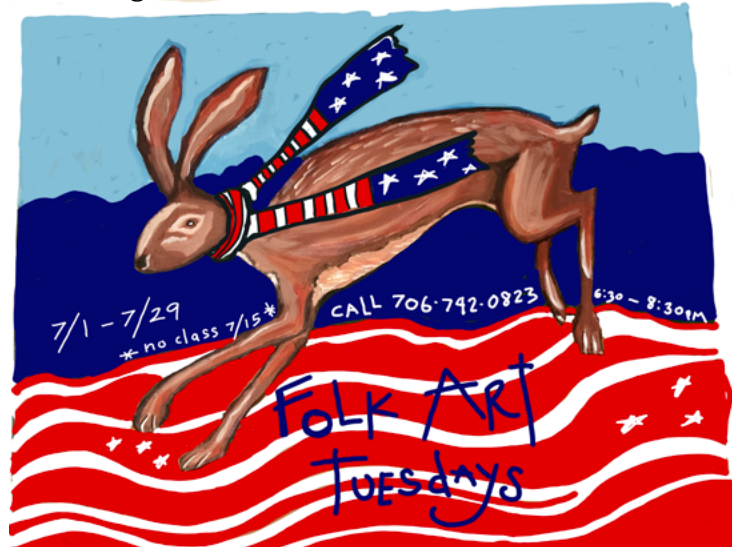
Timothy Pierce

ARTS & CULTURE

Cultural Center

Join us for a patriotic 4-week session where we'll be painting Americana-themed Folk Art!

The session will run on Tuesday from July 1-29 (no class 7/15), from 6:30-8:30PM. Cost is \$50 for the complete session. Drop-ins are \$15 per session. Please call 706-742-0823 to register.



Have more stuff that you need? Come to the Cultural Center's indoor yard sale during our third Thursday Happy Hour, July 17th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. If you're interested in getting a table to sell your things, contact us at 706-742-0823.

Our summer youth program is starting on July 8th! Our first class will be arts and crafts with a focus on collage and sculpting. Visit www.wintervillecenter.com or call us at 706-742-0823 to sign up. Check out the flyer on page 23 for more details!

Winterville Arts Council

Summer Camp was a success all around this year. The middle school campers created a detailed 'Mouse Mansion', while the elementary campers created custom tote bags. Art projects throughout the week kept our budding artists engaged!



Winterville Players

Winterville Players kicks off the Halloween season with *The Haunting of Hill House* October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, at the Marigold Auditorium.

Auditions, open to actors 18 and older, will be held on Monday, August 18th and on Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Marigold Auditorium, 373 N. Church Street, Winterville, GA.

Auditions will be a cold reading from the script; actors need only attend one night.

In addition to the upcoming Fall 2025 production, the Winterville Players' March production of Thornton Wilder's classic, *Our Town*, depicting life in a rural America at the turn of the century, brought together an all-star cast of local talent.

Directed by Anita Turlington and starring Skip Hulett as the Stage Manager, Hannah Orsag as Emily, and Jamie Mendenhall-Turner as George, the production played to rapt audiences.

"I cried when Emily died, and I cried at home again when I thought about it," said one theatre goer.

Although a fledgling company, the Players have already brought quality productions to the Marigold Auditorium stage.

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For more information on *The Haunting of Hill House* auditions or the Winterville Players, contact the Winterville Players on Facebook or at [wintervilleplayers@gmail.com](mailto:wintervilleplayers@gmail.com).



Cast members from the March production of *Our Town*.



# Winterville Gallery

Winterville Cultural Center Gallery Presents

# CLOUDLAND

Fantastical Utopia

Works by:  
Elyse Mazanti, Eli Saragoussi & Emily Tatum  
on view July 22 - September 13



**THE ART OF  
THE MIXTAPE:  
WORKS BY  
KAREN S.  
CAMPBELL**

**ON VIEW  
JULY 22 - SEPT 13**



**Below The Surface**

works by Jesse Blalock  
on view August 12 - September 26

# Marigold Auditorium

|                                                                                             |                      |                                                                    |                      |
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| <b>TRIBUTE TO<br/>THE EAGLES &amp;<br/>FRIENDS</b><br><br>7 PM                              | <b>JULY<br/>19</b>   | <b>TODD SNIDER</b><br><br>8 PM                                     | <b>AUGUST<br/>07</b> |
| <b>BILLY &amp; THE<br/>JETS: TRIBUTE<br/>TO BILLY JOEL<br/>&amp; ELTON JOHN</b><br><br>8 PM | <b>AUGUST<br/>23</b> | <b>FREEBIRD:<br/>TRIBUTE TO<br/>LYNYRD<br/>SKYNYRD</b><br><br>7 PM | <b>SEPT<br/>05</b>   |

[wintervillecenter.com/marigold-auditorium](http://wintervillecenter.com/marigold-auditorium)  
for tickets and show information





# Library

By Sam Watson, Branch Manager  
Winterville Library

## Front Room Art Gallery

For the past few months, we have enjoyed beautiful artwork in our Front Room Gallery, including acrylic paintings by local artist **Abigail Boylen** and a lovely group folk art show by members of the **Winterville Cultural Center's Folk Art Class** taught by **Sherre Watwood**. We are excited to invite Sherre's class back in September to display the work they will create over the summer.

In the meantime, the Front Room Gallery will host the beautiful artwork of **Allison Ward, an artist and illustrator based in Athens**. Her hyperrealistic illustrations vividly capture the delicate beauty of plants and landmarks, and we can't wait for you to see them!

## Summer Reading Program

Summer is in full swing at the Winterville Library with the **Summer Reading Program!** This year's theme is "Color Our World," and we have so many colorful and creative programs and activities planned!

Summer Reading is a wonderful opportunity to get excited about reading, and it's an excellent way for students to keep up their reading habits over the summer while earning fun prizes along the way. We invite everyone in the family to get involved with reading logs for younger readers, punch cards for teens and tweens, and even a Summer Reading Bingo card for adults! Stop by the library and sign up for Summer Reading to add extra fun to reading this summer and maybe even win a prize!



A few of our fun, family-friendly events this summer include a performance by the incredibly lively and talented **Rebecca Sunshine Band** on **July 1st at 5:30 pm**, a visit from **Brella Studio Art Truck** on **July 12th at 11 am**, **Pete the Cat Day** on **July 18th at 11 am**, and **Big Truck Day** on **July 26th at 11am**.

We're also hosting a **Summer Creative Writing Series** with a **workshop on July 10th at 5 pm** and a **reading on July 15th at 5 pm**.

We'll wrap up Summer Reading with a **Pizza Party on August 2nd at noon**, complete with games, crafts, snacks, and rides on the Marigold Express!

We've got something for everyone at the Winterville Library this summer, even if it's just a recommendation for the perfect beach book, so be sure to visit us, and happy reading!

# MARIGOLD COLLECTIVE

By Sarah Hovater, Executive Director  
Marigold Collective

In a world where access to fresh, healthy food is not always guaranteed, the Marigold Collective is stepping up with a vision: to ensure that everyone in our community is nourished – not just with food, but with connection, dignity, and purpose.

To us, this means more than handing out vegetables or hosting markets. At the Marigold Collective, we work on multiple fronts – supporting local food producers, educating families about nutrition, and creating opportunities for neighbors to

share in the abundance of local harvests.

"Food is a basic human right," says Lydia Engelsen of Sungate Farms and a Marigold Collective board member. "But it's also how we build relationships, pass down traditions, and care for one another. When we invest in local food, we're investing in the health and strength of our entire community."

One way Lydia is choosing to care for the community and preserve tradition, along with Adam and Hannah Reynolds of Wild Acres Farm, Lori and Chuck Ros of Lavender Blu, and the Incubator Farmers at Athens Land Trust, is through our heritage pea project, Peas for the People. In this initiative, several farms have volunteered to dedicate portions of their land to growing "Smith Peas" — a Choctaw Nation crop whose roots trace back to the Trail of Tears. Up to 100 pounds of these cream peas will be donated to families in our community.

Last season, the Collective funded a shared-use pea sheller for participating farms through our farmer cooperative program. This essential infrastructure helps farmers donate products to your table. It's just one example of how our projects reflect our core values.

At the heart of our work is a bold, hopeful vision:

*"A future where the Winterville and East Athens communities thrive in health and connection, with equitable access to fresh, locally grown food – nurturing well-being, supporting local growers, and cultivating a resilient, just food system for generations to come."*

This vision is grounded in our commitment to health, equity, sustainability, and community empowerment. We're focused





on long-term solutions, which is why we are committed to building an infrastructure that allows farmers, families, and food distributors to work together in fair and sustainable ways.

Thanks to generous community support, we launched **Get Fresh** in June 2025 – a health and nutrition education program created in partnership with UGA SNAP-Ed, and Piedmont Hospital. Led by Winterville Brad Averill, Clarke County's Family and Consumer Science Agent, the program offers classes designed to equip participants with the tools to make nourishing meals and manage chronic disease through dietary changes. The Marigold Collective supports this effort by providing produce bags to all participants.



*The renovated blacksmith shop will be the new home of the Firefly Farmstop.*

Our newest project, the **Firefly Farmstop**, is another step toward supporting Winterville and the East Side with delicious, nourishing food. **Opening in fall 2025** in the soon-to-be-renovated Blacksmith Shop, the Farmstop will offer fresh, locally grown produce, meat, dairy, and value-added products from your favorite local makers.



We invite you to join us in our mission to build a more resilient food system! The Marigold Collective welcomes community members from all walks of life to get involved – whether you're a farmer, a volunteer, or someone who cares about ensuring no neighbor goes hungry.

### Want to support the work we do?

- Volunteer to pack food distribution bags and hospital CSA boxes
- Help at community events, like the Saturday Farmers Market
- Donate to support local farm partnerships
- Share extra produce from your home or community garden
- Shop at the Saturday or Monday Markets-keeping small farms in business helps sustain our programs

To learn more, get involved, or donate, visit **MarigoldCollectiveWinterville.com**

And follow us on social media!

@marigoldcollectivewinterville

@marigoldfarmersmarket

@fireflyfarmstop



### Get a SNEAK PEEK at what the new Firefly Farmstop will offer!

Visit our website to browse available groceries and get a taste of what's to come: <https://marigold-market.localline.ca/marigold-farmers-market>

First-time online customers can enjoy 10% off by using the coupon code: **GAZETTE**.

**MARIGOLD MARKET**

**DISCOUNT 10% OFF**

Valid for online grocery orders only. Offer applies to pickup orders placed through our website.

[marigold-market.localline.ca](https://marigold-market.localline.ca)

**CODE: GAZETTE**

100 North Church St., Winterville, GA 30683



# HISTORY & MUSEUMS

**S**urely, you've seen a lot of dirt getting kicked up around the site of the Blacksmith Shop rehabilitation. However, not all of that is from the construction crew – a lot is from museum staff and volunteers, as we use archaeology to see what stories the building can tell us. Based only on what we've recovered so far, we've already been able to rewrite what we thought we knew about the building's early history while learning firsthand about the material and the people who made it. It's been an exciting time!

The discovery of a hand-drawn map from 1878 has inspired us to create Winterville's newest camp experience. This July, we're literally digging into the mystery of what may have been the first structure ever built in what would become Winterville, and we want you to come along for the ride!

Over the course of a week, individuals as young as 12 and family groups of any age will practice actual archaeology as we try to pinpoint the exact location of Winterville's first train depot (built around 1850).

Attendees will learn real archaeology principles before heading into the field to

see what we can learn. I'll be leading the excavation and guiding campers through discovering, documenting, excavating, and cleaning any recovered artifacts. I'll also teach how to recognize minor details in the ground that can reveal so much about how our town has changed over time.

Attendees are promised an amazing, real-life experience that they won't find anywhere else!

Register for the summer camp today by emailing [WintervilleHistory@gmail.com](mailto:WintervilleHistory@gmail.com) or calling Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum at 706.389.5151.



**Jonathan Scott**

Cultural Heritage Director

I remain honored, as always, to help this wonderful community remember its past.



For more details about this opportunity, scan the QR code below and check out the event page on our website.





# 'Fox Gives' Again to the Marigold Auditorium

On May 15, Fox Gives and the Fox Theatre presented Winterville with the **third grant** (\$58,000) to continue renovations of the **Marigold and Arts Center**, also known as the MAAC.

We are almost finished renovating the brick-and-mortar part of the building. Thus far, the MAAC has been restored and improved inside and out. The performance deck was added outside and the custom mini-bar was added inside. The restrooms, floors, stage, lighting, seating, and backstage areas have all been refinished and refurbished. In fact, there are few areas that have *not* been improved.

It's been nearly 10 years in the making, but the MAAC will soon be complete. We hope you're enjoying your theatre and the events so far. There is way more goodness to come!



Photography courtesy of Matt Brewster, Marigold Solutions, and Melissa Metzger, City of Winterville.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

July 2025

|         |                                                  |                                     |          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| July 1  | Folk Art Tuesdays                                | Winterville Cultural Center         | 6:30 PM  |
| July 5  | Marigold Farmers Market                          | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| July 5  | Opening Reception for Exhibitions                | Winterville Cultural Center Gallery | 5:00 PM  |
| July 7  | Marigold Monday Market                           | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| July 8  | Youth Summer Program                             | Winterville Cultural Center         | 4:00 PM  |
| July 8  | Folk Art Tuesdays                                | Winterville Cultural Center         | 6:30 PM  |
| July 12 | Marigold Farmers Market                          | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| July 12 | Brella Studio Art Truck                          | Winterville Library                 | 11:00 AM |
| July 14 | Marigold Monday Market                           | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| July 15 | Youth Summer Program                             | Winterville Cultural Center         | 4:00 PM  |
| July 16 | Winterville Police<br>Community Appreciation Day | Pittard Park                        | 6:00 PM  |
| July 17 | 3rd Thursday Happy Hour                          | Marigold Auditorium                 | 5:30 PM  |
| July 17 | Indoor Yard Sale                                 | Winterville Cultural Center         | 5:30 PM  |
| July 18 | Pete the Cat Day                                 | Winterville Library                 | 11:00 AM |
| July 18 | Bike Athens Fundraiser                           | Marigold Auditorium                 | 7:00 PM  |
| July 19 | Tribute to the Eagles & Friends                  | Marigold Auditorium                 | 7:00 PM  |
| July 19 | Marigold Farmers Market                          | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| July 21 | Marigold Monday Market                           | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| July 22 | Youth Summer Program                             | Winterville Cultural Center         | 4:00 PM  |
| July 22 | Folk Art Tuesdays                                | Winterville Cultural Center         | 6:30 PM  |
| July 22 | Cloudland Fantastical Utopia exhibit             | Winterville Cultural Center Gallery | Opens    |
| July 22 | The Art of the Mixtape exhibit                   | Winterville Cultural Center Gallery | Opens    |
| July 26 | Marigold Farmers Market                          | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| July 26 | Big Truck Day                                    | Winterville Library                 | 11:00 AM |
| July 28 | Marigold Monday Market                           | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| July 29 | Folk Art Tuesdays                                | Winterville Cultural Center         | 6:30 PM  |
| July 29 | Youth Summer Program                             | Winterville Cultural Center         | 4:00 PM  |

August 2025

|           |                                                     |                                     |          |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| August 2  | Marigold Farmers Market                             | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| August 4  | Marigold Monday Market                              | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| August 6  | Clarke County Schools                               | 1st Day of 2025-2026 School Year    |          |
| August 7  | Todd Snider                                         | Marigold Auditorium                 | 8:00 PM  |
| August 11 | Marigold Monday Market                              | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| August 12 | Below the Surface exhibit                           | Winterville Cultural Center Gallery | Opens    |
| August 16 | Marigold Farmers Market                             | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| August 18 | Marigold Monday Market                              | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| August 18 | Winterville Players Auditions                       | Marigold Auditorium                 | 7:00 PM  |
| August 19 | Winterville Players Auditions                       | Marigold Auditorium                 | 7:00 PM  |
| August 23 | Marigold Farmers Market                             | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |
| August 23 | Billy & the Jets<br>(Billy Joel/Elton John Tribute) | Marigold Auditorium                 | 8:00 PM  |
| August 25 | Marigold Monday Market                              | Bank Building                       | 10:00 AM |
| August 30 | Marigold Farmers Market                             | Pittard Park                        | 9:00 AM  |

September 2025

|              |                                     |                       |          |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| September 1  | Marigold Monday Market              | Bank Building         | 10:00 AM |
| September 5  | Freebird: Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd | Marigold Auditorium   | 7:00 PM  |
| September 6  | Marigold Farmers Market             | Pittard Park          | 9:00 AM  |
| September 6  | Kate Morrissey                      | Front Porch Bookstore | 6:00 PM  |
| September 8  | Marigold Monday Market              | Bank Building         | 10:00 AM |
| September 13 | Marigold Farmers Market             | Pittard Park          | 9:00 AM  |
| September 13 | Hobohemians                         | Front Porch Bookstore | 6:00 PM  |
| September 15 | Marigold Monday Market              | Bank Building         | 10:00 AM |
| September 20 | Marigold Farmers Market             | Pittard Park          | 9:00 AM  |
| September 20 | Mary and the Hotty Hot Hots         | Front Porch Bookstore | 6:00 PM  |
| September 22 | Marigold Monday Market              | Bank Building         | 10:00 AM |
| September 27 | Marigold Farmers Market             | Pittard Park          | 9:00 AM  |
| September 27 | Adam Klein                          | Front Porch Bookstore | 6:00 PM  |
| September 29 | Marigold Monday Market              | Bank Building         | 10:00 AM |



# WINTERVILLE – GEORGIA'S FIRST CREATIVE CLUSTER

**Contributions from Merritt Melancon**  
UGA Terry PR Coordinator

*Governor Kemp recognizes UGA's Terry students' work in helping to create a blueprint for creative prosperity in Winterville.*

Residents of Winterville are well acquainted with our arts, music, theatre, and creative scenes. For many residents, the quiet yet creative community is what led them here. However, a new initiative in partnership with UGA has officially recognized our city as a creative cluster.

As announced by Governor Brian Kemp, Winterville is the state's first intentionally planned creative cluster and will serve as a model for other small towns. David Sutherland, a UGA Terry College senior lecturer, and his Creative Economies class worked with Winterville this spring to draft a creative cluster plan for the city.

A creative cluster is an intentional initiative to boost local art economies by connecting creatives, supporting businesses, and fostering a thriving creative community.

At the inaugural creative cluster summit in April, held at the Winterville Cultural Center, Mayor Dodd Ferrelle told the many attendees, "We're trying to create a blueprint for a creative cluster, and you're going to help us do that—whether you're an architect, engineer, culinary artist, writer, poet, singer, songwriter, or filmmaker."

Mayor Dodd read Governor Kemp's commendation to the audience and

expressed the hope that the blueprint will help other Georgia artist communities grow their economies on their terms, adding, "What we'll be able to do now—through this class and this blueprint—is help artists monetize their craft, which helps the city create new revenue streams and strengthens our community as an arts community."

Over the next few months and years, the creative cluster initiative will continue to evolve and grow. It will move from the ideas and planning stage to building a growth engine for creative industries in our area.



*Dodd Ferrelle, Winterville Mayor, and David Sutherland, UGA Terry College Senior Lecturer*



*UGA Terry College Spring 2025 Creative Economies class members, Dodd Ferrelle, David Sutherland, and Tina Mills, Director of the Winterville Campus.*



*Sherre Watwood, Folk Artist & Winterville Arts Council Chair, and Frank Ginn, Georgia State Senator*



*Sarah Hovater, Executive Director of the Marigold Collective*

Photography courtesy of Matt Brewster, Marigold Solutions



## CITY NEWS & UPDATES

### SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE

A special election was held on June 17, 2025, to fill the City Council seat vacated by Tina Mills. Candidates included Heidi Spratlin, Dianne Greene, Issac Swier, and Timothy Pierce. **Timothy Pierce** won the seat and will be sworn in on July 8th. The term of office is until December 31, 2025. **We will have another election in November for two seats and two new terms.** Please get to know your Council members and stay involved.

A new **Marigold Festival/Public Works Building** is being constructed behind the Recycling Center and Public Works. This new building is a shared venture between the city and the Marigold Festival Board. The building will house the Marigold Train, the Trailer, the Cadillac, and various Public Works equipment. This new building will allow the city to free up space in other buildings and allow us to renovate the main Public Works building to include a new home for the Winterville Police Department and updated offices for Public Works and the Winterville Volunteer Fire Department.

It is that time of year again – the city will hold **public hearings in July to adopt a millage rate.** The city has kept the same 2.9 Millage rate for over 20 years. Public Hearings will take place in City Hall Tuesday, July 1st at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, July 8th at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please plan to attend and address City Council with your comments or concerns.

Once a Millage Rate has been adopted, we can start holding our **Finance Committee meetings with supervisors to determine needs for 2026.** This process begins in mid-July, allowing us to present a budget to citizens by September/October. We will hold public hearings in November, with a vote by Council coming soon after that in November or December to meet the December 31st deadline. Also, the 2024 Financial Audit has been completed and is available at city hall.



After a few setbacks, the **Blacksmith Shop renovation** should start to pick up steam in the coming weeks. The historic forge has taken a little more attention than expected, but we have been deliberate, delicate and purpose driven in the attempt to re-create something very special that will serve this community for a very long time. The expected finish date for this project is late October so look for your beloved Marigold Collective to be in the building by Christmas!!

The City of Winterville proudly announces that **Wendy Bond has been named Administrator of the Year by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC).**

This prestigious recognition celebrates Wendy's outstanding service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to her community.

As Winterville's Municipal Clerk, Wendy has become integral to city government, streamlining operations, supporting elected officials, and building stronger ties between residents and City Hall. Known for her calm presence, attention to detail, and genuine commitment to public service, Wendy exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence.

Her work goes far beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of a city clerk. Wendy volunteers with the Friends of Watson Mill Bridge State Park and serves as secretary and treasurer of the Winterville Cemetery Association. Her deep knowledge of Winterville's history and ordinances, along with her strong sense of community, make her a skilled administrator and a beloved figure throughout the city.

When asked recently about her work with the city, she said, "If anyone had ever told me I would be doing what I do, I would've told them they were crazy."

But those who know Wendy aren't surprised—her natural leadership, empathy, and hard work speak for themselves. And we're crazy lucky to have her!

Please join us in congratulating Wendy Bond on this well-deserved honor.



The ACC TPLOST project we requested in 2023 to address **stormwater issues on Main Street** should be underway in early 2026. Citizens living along the Main Street section of the project should expect to meet with County officials soon to discuss any right-of-way issues with their specific parcels. This project will take a good part of 2026, so please be patient as we remedy a decades-long flooding and safety issue on our Main Street.

We want everyone to know that **"alcohol by the drink in restaurants within the City of Winterville"** will be on the November ballot this year. Approval will be up to voters in the City of Winterville. You will begin seeing more information in September.



**W**e are having a great season in the **Winterville Community Garden!** Please stop by to stroll past the exploding and bountiful pollinator garden.

This summer, we will be installing plant identification markers and information on which insects use these plants. Together, we can all learn more about specific insect larvae and their host plants.

On the last Saturday of the month, you will usually find our gardeners participating in our community work day and enjoying camaraderie. We hope you can come out and join us!

For more information about the garden and/or getting a plot of your own, email [wintervillecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:wintervillecommunitygarden@gmail.com).









## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Attention! If you are the parent of a teen in 6th- 12th grade, or you're currently attending middle or high school, we have exciting opportunities for you starting this summer! Our youth project aims to encourage community, creativity, and skill expansion in middle and high schoolers. We have several kinds of events, including a thought-provoking film night, hands-on arts and crafts classes, and a scavenger hunt with fun prizes for all! We have plenty of options, so you can find something that suits you.

ADMISSIONS WILL BE \$6 FOR EACH SINGLE CLASS, \$10 FOR TWO CLASSES, OR \$20 FOR ALL FOUR.

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**371 NORTH CHURCH STREET**

**+1 706-742-0823**



Registration now : over the phone, or go to [www.wintervillecenter.com](http://www.wintervillecenter.com)



## PUBLIC SAFETY

The WPD is grateful to the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for their donation of four ballistic vests and tourniquets, as well as four doses of Narcan to the department. Provided through the Georgia FOP's "Protect the Protectors Program", the items were presented to Officer M. Fowler by FOP President Michael Callahan and Georgia FOP State Vest Committee, Chairman Guy Fussell. The program is designed to support smaller agencies in Georgia



**Colt Young**  
Chief

Winterville Police Department

In other news, don't miss our **Community Appreciation Day, on Wednesday, July 16th, 6:00pm in Pittard Park**. The entire Public Safety team in Winterville looks forward to connecting with the members of our community.

Follow us on Facebook (City of Winterville Police Department) or just find us in the community. We always have time to chat with our citizens.

Thanks for your continued support as we strive to keep Winterville peaceful.

The WVFD enjoyed taking part in the Annual Marigold Festival again. This year, I was honored to be the parade's Grand Marshal, to celebrate my 30 years of service with the fire department.

Wow, it makes me feel old when it is written out loud like that. I started as a 20-year-old kid, not knowing anything about firefighting other than the red truck.

As I look back at all the changes I've seen over the years, it's even more amazing. I have served under five mayors, two mayor pro-tem, two city attorneys, and numerous city council members. I have also served at two locations, the first in Front Porch Bookstore. The apparatus and equipment changed dramatically during that time as well. From a 1967 Dodge engine at the beginning to our current engine, a 2022 custom pumper. All this, coupled with serving alongside some of the greatest people I call friends and brothers, is a feeling like no other. Serving as a volunteer firefighter is something I wouldn't trade for the world.

If you want to join our team, connect with me at City Hall during regular business hours. We are always looking for new recruits!



**Michael Gabriel**  
Chief

Winterville Volunteer Fire Department

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY APPRECIATION EVENT



Join the Winterville Police Department for a **Community Appreciation Event** as we celebrate the amazing people who make Winterville such a special place to call home!



Wednesday, July 16th, 2025



Starting at 6:00PM



Pittard Park

Come out and meet your Winterville Police Officers, Firefighters, Public Works team, City Council, and Mayor.

It's a great opportunity to connect with those who serve our community every day!



We'll be serving hot dogs and hamburgers, so bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of food, fun, and fellowship in the park. 🌭🍔

Let's come together to celebrate our town, our neighbors, and the spirit of community that makes Winterville shine.

**We Hope To See You There!**

#WintervilleGA #CommunityAppreciation #PittardPark  
#MeetYourFirstResponders




BIKE ATHENS PRESENTS  
**BREAKING AWAY** JULY 18TH  
BENEFITING BIKE ATHENS AND FRIENDS OF THE WINTERVILLE FIREFLY TRAIL



**AT THE MARIGOLD AUDITORIUM FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE**  
373 N CHURCH ST, WINTERVILLE, GA 30683  
**DOORS OPEN @ 7:00PM**  
**MOVIE STARTS @ 7:30PM**

JOIN US BEFORE THE MOVIE  
**WINTERVILLE FAMILY FUN RIDE**  
WINTERVILLE TRAIN DEPOT @ 6:00  
ROUTE AVAILABLE AT KUTT.IT/JOYRIDE

 \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION  
\$25 FOR FAMILIES  
[HTTPS://WWW.BIKEATHENS.ORG/GIVE/](https://www.bikeathens.org/give/)



**CIVIC CALENDAR**

Meetings are held at City Hall, unless otherwise stated. *Time, date, and location subject to change.*

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday, July 1            | Council Workshop                            | 6:00 PM                 |
| <b>Friday, July 4</b>      | <b>Independence Day</b>                     | <b>City Hall Closed</b> |
| Monday, July 7             | Planning & Zoning                           | 5:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, July 8            | City Council                                | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, July 10          | Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail    | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, July 10          | Winterville Arts Council (@Cultural Center) | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, July 10          | Tree Commission (@Pittard Park)             | 6:00 PM                 |
| Monday, July 14            | Municipal Court                             | 5:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, July 15           | Historic Preservation Committee             | 6:00 PM                 |
| Monday, August 4           | Planning & Zoning                           | 5:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, August 5          | Council Workshop                            | 6:00 PM                 |
| Monday, August 11          | Municipal Court                             | 5:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, August 12         | City Council                                | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, August 14        | Arts Council (@Cultural Center)             | 6:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, August 19         | Historic Preservation Committee             | 6:00 PM                 |
| <b>Monday, September 1</b> | <b>Labor Day</b>                            | <b>City Hall Closed</b> |
| Tuesday, September 2       | Council Workshop                            | 6:00 PM                 |
| Wednesday, September 3     | Planning & Zoning                           | 5:00 PM                 |
| Monday, Setemember 8       | Municipal Court                             | 5:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, September 9       | City Council                                | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, September 11     | Winterville Arts Council (@Cultural Center) | 6:00 PM                 |
| Thursday, September 11     | Tree Commission (@Pittard Park)             | 6:00 PM                 |
| Tuesday, September 16      | Historic Preservation Committee             | 6:00 PM                 |







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### **EMERGENCIES 911**

City Hall  
706-742-8600  
Fax 706-742-5476

Winterville Cultural Center, Art Gallery, &  
Marigold Auditorium  
706-742-0823

Doctor's Museum  
706-389-5151

Pittard Park Rentals  
706-742-8600

Front Porch Bookstore  
706-372-3928

Library  
706-742-7735

Athens-Clarke County Schools  
706-546-7721

Winterville Police Department  
**Emergencies 911**  
Non-Emergency 706-742-5295

Winterville Fire Department  
**Emergencies 911**

ACC Animal Control  
706-613-3540

Public Utilities  
706-613-3440

Post Office  
706-742-8875

Leaf & Limb Pickup  
706-613-3501 x318

Street & Drainage Repair  
706-613-3465

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