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Mayor's Corner

Dear Wintervillians,

Everything is blooming, and the beautiful colors that paint spring onto Winterville are bursting out all around us. It's always an exciting time in the city as we begin to get ready for Spring. The Marigold Market opening, The Marigold Festival, The Front Porch Bookstore Concert Series, and other upcoming events keep our community busy and open for visitors. So many more people are coming to visit the place we call home year after year because of these events and the new amenities that we have added. In each of the last several years, visitors have seen something new in the City, and this year will be no different. We are working hard to get the Fountain renovated in time for this year's festival. We will be holding the grand opening for the Art Gallery



and Heritage Museum at the Cultural Center in June, and work will begin on the very large Stormwater project along Main Street to alleviate the flooding that has been an issue for all of us for many years.

In addition, we will be putting in two new crosswalks on Parkview at Pittard and Main Street at Robert Hardeman. And if that was not enough, we are thrilled to announce that the City of Winterville has been awarded a Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$398,500 to renovate the old Blacksmith Shop. Whew!! That all makes for a fun year of projects for all of us to enjoy! Thanks to everyone who has made and will make these dreams a reality and thank you all for being the incredible citizens you are. You make our community so very special, and now that it is warming up...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.

New Winterville Police Chief

After a thorough search and diligent review of the many outstanding applications we received, we are pleased to announce the hiring of our new Chief of Police of the Winterville Police Department. Congratulations William “Bill” Charles on your approval by City Council. We look forward to and thank you for your service. Special thanks to the Public Safety Committee members, Jonathan Mosley and Melissa Metzger. Please wish our new Chief well when you see him!



Friends of the Fountain Renovation

As you now know, work is underway to renovate our beloved Fountain in the City Square. We have been working with Historic Preservation Commission and the Friends of the Fountain to create a plan suitable for that special place. The initial phase allowed us to transplant the beautiful Japanese Maple to its new home on the grounds of Winterville Library. The next phase will include sidewalks

surrounding the fountain, park benches, a new water feature, and a local art installation. We hope to have the renovation completed in time for the Marigold Festival!

CDBG Grant Award for the Historic Blacksmith Shop

The Department of Community Affairs has awarded the City a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$398,500 to renovate the old Blacksmith Shop. There was no financial match required of the city, but we put architect and engineering funds forward in good faith and partnership. This process took hard work by several people and we appreciate each one of you, especially the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, who guided us through the entire process. Once finished, the Blacksmith Shop will serve as a permanent home to the Marigold Collective, allowing the opportunity for daily farmer’s market and food hub operations. This is exciting news for the City and the collective, as well as our historic little Blacksmith Shop.

Crosswalk Projects at Parkview and Main Street

Due to pricing and recent events at one of our intersections, we will need to rethink our project package regarding the two crosswalks we are considering. We had originally planned to address the crosswalks one by one over the coming years, but because of safety concerns at Main Street and Robert Hardeman Road, we have decided to combine projects and have both Parkview at Pittard and Main Street at Robert Hardeman Road crosswalks constructed at the same time. Combining these projects will also save the city some substantial dollars. Look for these projects to begin later this year or early 2025.

Playground Update

We are currently reviewing quotes for new playground equipment versus refurbishing our existing equipment. We hope to have a decision made next month so that we can begin the work to make the necessary improvements as

soon as possible. Thanks for your patience and stay tuned.

City Council Retreat

City Council held the first of their two annual retreats facilitated by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission in February. It was a very productive meeting, laying out the blueprint we will follow in 2024. Please attend Council meetings and Town Hall meetings as you can to keep up with our progress.

Farewell for Now

Extra special thanks to Retiring Police Chief Painter. Chief Painter has done an incredible job for our City, our citizens, and the department. We will miss his leadership and wish him well in retirement. Well done, sir! Thank you for your service. Wish him well if you see him on the streets, but if you miss him, do not worry. He will be back helping in a part-time capacity later this year and for years to come, we hope! Travel safe!

LETTER FROM CHIEF PAINTER

I hope today finds you in a good place. Temperatures are warming, and the City of Winterville is looking beautiful—a place that I am so proud to belong.

I have been a police officer in Clarke County now for 37 years, the last three years as your Chief here in Winterville. I can honestly say the last years have been the best of all. The residents of Winterville have made me realize that my profession is still one of honor, and it is a privilege to serve. I lost that feeling my last few years while serving in Athens. I can now say again that I would trade my life to protect the families of the community I serve.

As I patrolled our streets, I could feel the mutual respect and friendship of all the walkers, riders, runners, and our visitors. Even the dogs had that “look” when we spoke. I tried hard to convey a friendly police department to all.

As of April 1, 2024, I am retiring as your Chief. My family has grown even larger with twin grandsons. That brings the number to five grandchildren. I am a very proud Papa. It is time for me to spend more time with my family and build that dream cabin in the western mountains. Montana is calling.

I want to thank my wife, my children, and my grandchildren for their support over these years of service. It has not always been easy for them, I am sure. They always made me proud and supported me through my hard

times. Boy...there were some hard times. Thank goodness this job has given me way more good memories. For some, it is a calling.

I would like to thank Mayor Dodd and the awesome past and present Council I had the privilege of serving. They gave me the support I needed to provide the residents of Winterville a police department you can be proud of. The area is growing fast, and I am sure your new chief will see the growth and needs of your city. I hope they (you) continue to give them your support. I want to thank all the employees of the city. Wendy, thank you so very much! It was also a joy to work alongside the Winterville fire department. They are awesome. Please remember, they are volunteers. Thanks to Tom and his crew for keeping things running and looking picture perfect. There are too many others to mention, but thank you to all.

Finally, I want to thank the officers who worked alongside me—Joe, Kat, Ryan, Gus, Bill, Kristy, and Howell. You guys made us look good. I hope you all always remember the job is to protect and serve. In a small town like Winterville, you need to get to know everyone. Smile and wave to our residents, protect them from the bad people of the world, and help them when they need us.

Thank you,
David Painter

CIVIC CALENDAR

Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

Times, Dates, and Meeting Places are subject to change without notice.

Monday, April 1	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 8	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 11	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Monday, April 15	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, April 16	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25	Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (In-Person)
Saturday, April 27	Gambler Bike Race, All Day (SAG stop Doctor Museum)

Monday, May 6	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Thursday, May 9	Winterville Tree Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Pittard Park)
Saturday, May 11	Marigold Festival, All Day (Pittard Park)
Monday, May 13	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 20	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, May 21	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – City Hall Closed

Monday, June 3	Planning and Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 10	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 13	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Monday, June 17	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
Tuesday, June 18	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19	Juneteenth – City Hall Closed

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Western Judicial Circuit: Committed to Public Safety

Ensuring the safety of our community, upholding justice with due process, and holding those who commit crimes accountable are top priorities of the Western Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. Since day one of our administration, our team has worked tirelessly to focus resources on prosecuting cases involving serious crimes such as murder, aggravated assault, rape, and sexual assault.

To continue delivering on our promises of transparency and accountability, we started sharing information about convictions in the Western Judicial Circuit on our social media platforms. While we do not post the results of every plea or trial verdict, we share the outcomes of convictions related to serious felony crimes.

In March, we successfully negotiated guilty pleas in a child molestation and sexual battery case and multiple gang-related cases. Victor Jimenez Paster pleaded guilty to five felony counts, including child molestation and obscene internet contact with a child, and one misdemeanor charge.

We were also successful in negotiating guilty pleas in two gang-related cases. Rokeus

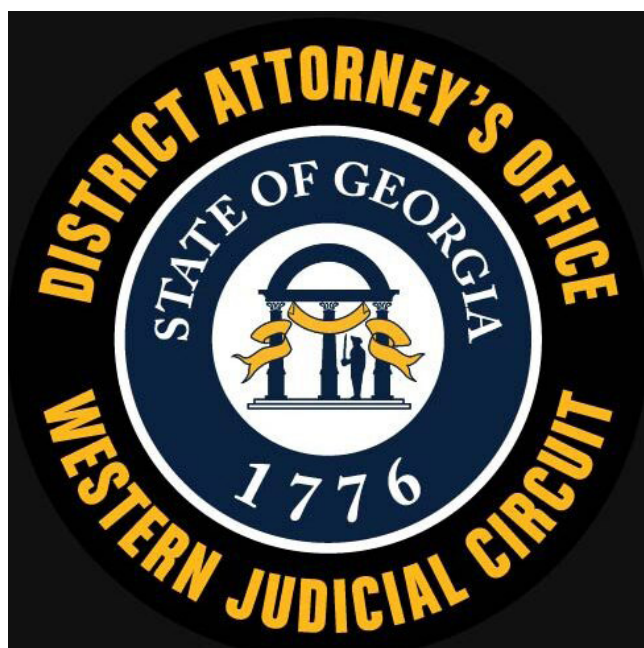
Addison and Brian Zane London pleaded guilty to the charges of violating the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act and committing aggravated assault. Addison was also charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and was sentenced to 25 years. London was sentenced to 15 years as a youthful offender.

Protecting victims of crime requires a multi-faceted approach. The cooperation of witnesses and survivors is critical in successfully prosecuting cases such as these, and the help of our law enforcement partners is essential.

My colleagues in law enforcement and I are committed to prioritizing the public safety and well-being of our community. We are dedicated to working towards a safer, fairer, more just, and equitable future for the residents of Athens.

I invite you to join me, Clarke County Sheriff John Q. Williams, and Athens Clarke County Police Chief Jerry Saulters for a Public Safety forum on April 24th. This forum will provide an opportunity for us to discuss and address community and individual safety concerns that are currently affecting Athens.

– District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez



MARIGOLD



MARKET

Marigold Farmer's Markets

Mondays

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Year-Round

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
April 6 – December

100 North Church Street in Pittard Park
(right across from City Hall)

Saturday Marigold Market Season Begins April 6

Join us from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. every Saturday, April 6 – December in beautiful Pittard Park for a celebration of local food, farms, and family with live music, hot food, arts and crafts, and kid's activities. As always, we accept and double SNAP/EBT thanks to our partnership with Wholesome Wave Georgia!

This year we are welcoming three new farms and piloting a program to offer a wide selection of produce, cut flowers, vegetable starts, and live plants at affordable costs—under one large co-op tent. Our fabulous farmers and growers will be joined every week by artisan bakers, basket makers, coffee roasters, ceramicists, soap makers, crafters, and hot food vendors, and we are all so excited—this is our fifth year and it's going to be our best yet!

Did you know that we have a licensed community kitchen right here in Pittard Park? It's true! The Marigold Shared Kitchen is available for rent by the hour and is used by several of our producers (like Tastenini, Ceylon Snack Hut, and Daisyfish Farm) to develop, create, experiment, and grow their small businesses. It's also where our Americorps Community Food Fellows transform surplus produce from our farms into prepared meals for our food insecure neighbors. Please email marigoldcollectivewinterville@gmail.com for kitchen rates and availability, and more info about our food distribution initiative.

100 NORTH CHURCH ST IN WINTERVILLE, GA

FREE MART

FREE FRESH/PANTRY FOOD,
CLOTHES CLOSET, BOOKS
AND MORE

January 10th – April, 2024

WEDNESDAYS 9 AM – 12 PM

4th THURSDAYS 4 PM – 7 PM

contact: Shawanda @ 706-510-5771

NO MARKET ON 2/28 & 2/29/2024





Veggies from Daisyfish Farm, Whymms Farm and Mary Ann's Farm, Mushrooms from Classic City Gourmet Mushrooms, Sweet Potatoes from Mary Ann's Farm, Eggs from Sungate Farm, and Coffee from Mr. Bill's Beans, available in our CSA box and at our Saturday and Monday Markets! We accept and double SNAP/EBT!

Join The Collective!

The Marigold Collective is a group of farmers, families, small business owners, and government officials who work together to connect the Winterville and East Athens communities with fresh, affordable food, information on nutrition, support for local food producers, and an opportunity to distribute food abundance to our community.

We know that the prosperity of urban and rural communities are linked and envision a food system vital to our local and regional economy—one which provides nourishment in a manner that is socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable.

For more information and ways we can support each other:
marigoldcollectivewinterville.com.

FREE Hands-On Compost Workshop in Pittard Park on Saturday, May 4

Win a Worm Bin!

May 5-11 is International Compost Awareness Week. Join us in Pittard Park after Marigold Market from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 as we celebrate with a FREE hands-on composting workshop and celebration of nutrient cycling led by Extension Agent and Marigold Collective Board Chair Dr. Laura Ney and Americorps Community Foodfellow Isabella Rose Morris.

This family-friendly, wheelchair accessible event, part of Athens-Clarke County Extension's monthly Green Thumb Lecture Series, is intended for gardeners of all experience, ages, and skill levels and will cover the do's, don'ts, how's, and why's of composting. The workshop will be held rain or shine and culminate in a tour and demonstration of Winterville's brand-new community composting facility (bring a bucket of kitchen scraps to get in on the fun!)

Light refreshments will be provided, and one lucky participant will bring home their very own worm bin, donated by the Athens Area Master Composters (make sure to stop by their tent in the Ecovillage at the Marigold Festival and say hi!)

Space is limited, so please register at accgov.com/gardening or via the QR code to save your spot!

If you have any questions, email lney@uga.edu.



MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

The Marigold Festival is Coming Soon—Be There on May 11 at Pittard Park!

Hello Wintervillians! The Marigold Festival will be here soon; make plans to attend Saturday, May 11th, in Pittard Park. The day starts with the historic Marigold 10k, and vendors will be open 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. The Marigold Express II will lead the Parade through town at 10:00 a.m. Parade registration is open until Friday, May 3rd, for all who want to participate. Kids will enjoy a fun filled area of activities open from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. behind the Front Porch Bookstore. This year's amazing music line up begins at noon!

The festival is 100% run by volunteers, and we would love to have more help! If you are interested in joining our volunteer crew, please visit our website to sign up.

And don't forget, Mother's Day is May 12th, and we can't think of a better place to find the perfect gift with over 75 vendors in one place. Thanks to the citizens in the city of Winterville—you are the true spirit behind the festival and create the atmosphere that makes the day truly special.

Everyone mark your calendar, dust off your favorite festival chair, and we will see you in Pittard Park on May 11th!

Visit the festival website for all registration forms and information: www.marigoldfestival.com.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates @marigoldfestival .

**Remember, there will be rolling street closures on the morning of May 11th for the 10k and the Parade. Thank you for helping everyone stay safe!



12:00 Sir Crazy Pants
12:45 Evergreen (Camp Amped, Nuci's Space)
1:30 The Ram Band
2:15 Songwriter Round:
Betsy Franck, Cree Mo, Justin Brogdon
3:30 Pickled Holler
4:30 Norma Rae
5:30 Grassland
6:45 The Bad Ends

Winterville Marigold Festival
Saturday, May 11, 2024
Pittard Park

Winterville Cultural Heritage Updates

As we finally welcome Spring, it's almost staggering to look back and realize everything that's happened with cultural heritage in Winterville since the last issue of the *Gazette*. In that time:

- Our city received the Georgia Association of Museums' 2023 Patron Award for its steadfast support of museum initiatives in Winterville.
- The Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum received donations of two significant collections of 19th century objects used by rural physicians.
- The Doctors Museum also completed an \$8500 grant project funded by the Watson-Brown Foundation to upgrade the building's insulation and climate control hardware, as well as restore the building closer to its 1910 appearance.

Additionally, the Winterville History Museum and Heritage Room is:

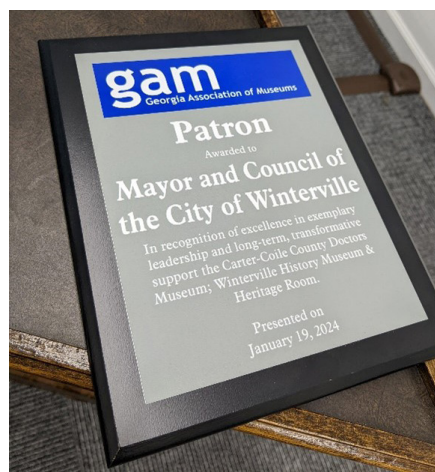
- Working to complete its physical space in the Winterville Cultural Center (coming early 2025!)
- Launching *Echoes of Winterville*, a digital initiative that will result in a searchable exhibition database that explores the connections between more than 22,000 Winterville events documented in the *Oglethorpe Echo* newspaper between 1875 and 1915.
- Embarking on a project to fully document and catalog the history of the Athens Branch of the Georgia Railroad.
- Meeting with several of our town's founding families, including the Winters and Pittards, and collecting their photographs, artifacts, and stories.

And that's just all that we could fit in this article!

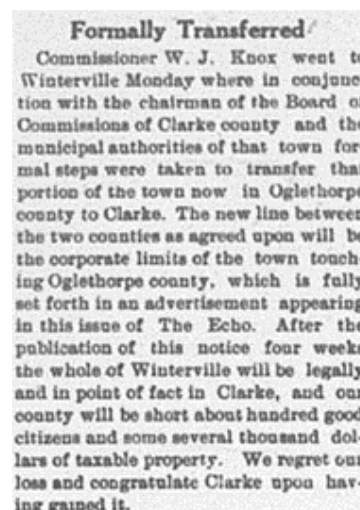
History and heritage are booming in Winterville, and we have you to thank for that. This community has always been built on the friendship and goodwill of its residents, and that's why our story is so compelling to those who are not lucky enough to call Winterville their home. Our history shows us where that spirit came from, and our present shows us how it is manifested today. It is because of these things that Winterville's future is undeniably bright.

I'll see you at the museum,

Jonathan Scott
Winterville Cultural Heritage Director



Winterville's award from the Georgia Association of Museums. Thank you to Mayor Ferrelle and all of City Council for your steadfast support!



One of the thousands of historic Winterville news stories being included in the Echoes of Winterville project.

Library Renovation

Winterville Library has new flooring and more! Nate Rall, Executive Director of Planning and Programs with the Georgia Public Libraries, met with Tom Doonan, Public Works Director for the City of Winterville, Mayor Dodd Ferrelle, ARLS Director Valerie Bell, and ARLS Assistant Director Toby Mayfield. Rall provides planning, design, and construction consulting support for the 60 public library systems in the state of Georgia, and manages Georgia's public library Capital Outlay and Major Repair and Renovation grant programs. He has participated in over 100 public library building projects. The group discussed needed improvements and repairs for the Winterville Library.

As a result, Mattox Chore and Maintenance replaced a significant area of rotting flooring, extending the installation to the circulation area and the front room. This renovation corrected several "trip hazards" and improved the library's overall appearance. And, at Doonan's suggestion, a beautiful deck was added to the back of the building. "I want to see those kids outside on beautiful summer days!" he said. More good news: Director Rall pledged a reimbursement of 90% of expenditures from the State Library.



Left-Right: Nate Rall, Valerie Bell, Toby Mayfield

New Book Clubs Beginning in May

The library will soon introduce two new monthly book clubs. (We are making the most of 20-hour weeks!) In May, Library Assistant Sam Watson will host "Baby Friendly Book Club." The

library invites parents to join this club where we welcome you to bring your little one along for engaging literary discussions.

Every month the group will read and discuss a new book with other parents in a baby-friendly setting.

This club is recommended for parents with babies ages 0-2.



Join your fellow nature enthusiasts for lively discussion at our new "Naturalist Book Club." Starting in September, this group will delve into all aspects of the natural world. Formally, naturalists study nature, but all nature lovers make observations, whether they are formally initiated or not. Check postings on the library website and Facebook page for decisions regarding times and dates. Those interested in participating can sign up to receive updates about each book club. Send an email to wintervillelibrary@athenslibrary.org and state which club interests you.

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program begins on June 1 and goes through July. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library!* Summer reading programs help children and teens retain and enhance their reading skills over the summer, provide a haven and a community for readers, and are a valuable outreach tool for libraries. Look for a visit from a colorful variety of birds from Parrot Pro Productions, a visit

WINTERVILLE LIBRARY

from our dear friends at Sweet Olive Farm, a shadow puppet workshop for kids hosted by Dr. Vivian Appler of UGA Department of Theatre, a fun program by Winterville City Arborist, Susan Russell, weekly story times, and a visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog! As always, patrons can read for prizes. Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program begin on the day of the Winterville Marigold Festival right on the front porch of the Winterville Library!

Arts in the Library

We have big art news: this year the library will host artwork from the artists' submissions for the 2024 Winterville Marigold Festival Call for Art. The entries will be on display in our gallery from April 5th through May 31st. Our next art show, beginning on June 1st, features beautiful art by our beloved library assistant, Sam Watson!

FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

Great things are happening at the Front Porch Bookstore! We now have heating and air conditioning systems in both buildings, thanks to the city of Winterville, Friends of the Winterville Library, and Harry Spratlin, who installed the units. Now you can peruse the aisles of our great store in year-round comfort!

Doing some spring cleaning? Clearing your bookshelves to make room for more? Bring your book donations to us! And remember, every Saturday is a \$10 Bag of Books Sale. Our store is run by volunteers; all books are donated, and all proceeds from sales support the Winterville Library.

Spring Concert Schedule

Our spring concerts begin April 6th with the Monsignor Donovan School Ram Band. Once again, the Winterville Civitan will be providing Free Hot Dogs at our opening concert! Check out our spring lineup:

- 4/6 Monsignor Donovan Ram Band
- 4/13 Stephen Simmons and Dodd Ferrelle
- 4/20 Back Room Revival
- 4/27 Scarlet Stitch
- 5/4 Making Strange
- 5/11 Marigold Festival—Check out the music lineup in this issue
- 5/18 Norma Rae
- 5/25 Memorial Day - No Concert
- 6/1 Jim Cook
- 6/8 Repent at Leisure
- 6/15 Hobohemians
- 6/22 Alan Johnson
- 6/29 Dixieland 5

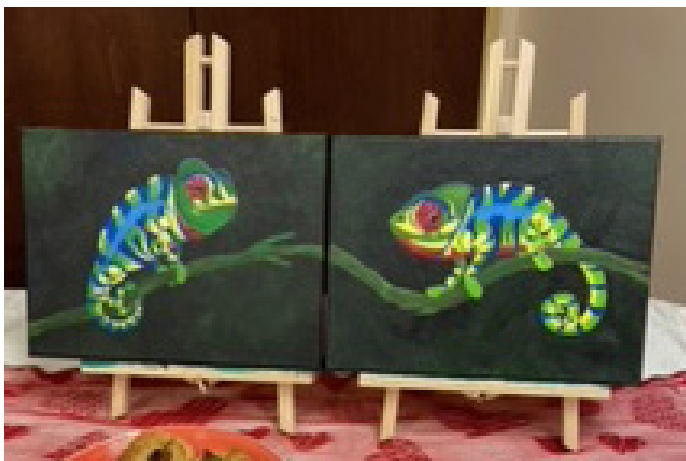


Vino and Valentines



WAC hosted our second annual Vino and Valentines sip and paint evening this past February. We had several couples come out to celebrate Valentines with us. Each couple painted a diptych

of two iguanas on branches looking at each other. Local artist, Judy Hammond, was the instructor for the evening. Participants enjoyed wine paired with sweet and savory snacks provided by WAC while painting. WAC plans to host another paint and sip evening either late summer or early fall.



Winterville Library Art Exhibits

Winterville Library Art Exhibits have been a wonderful collaboration between WAC and the Winterville Library. Local artists are encouraged to submit photos of their work through email to waclibraryart@gmail.com. If chosen, the art will be put on the calendar and exhibited for a six week period. Currently a poetry exhibit based on the subject of grief written by poet Shirley Wright is on display until mid-April.

Art Sampler Workshops—A Big Hit!

WAC hosted its first ever Art Sampler Workshops this past February. To see if there was an interest in the community for more evening art classes, WAC hosted two consecutive weeks of sampler classes including relief printing, watercolors, acrylic landscapes, oil painting, geli printing, and folk art painting.



Participants chose one class from a choice of three offerings each week. Most participants were new to creating art altogether and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying sampling a class before committing to a course in their area of interest. Local resident

Patty Bearden said it was her first time trying geli printing which involves using colorful paints, as well as textures to create prints on paper. Tess Vaughan participated in the watercolor workshop the first week and the folk art workshop the second week. "I saw the classes advertised downtown and thought it sounded like something fun to do!" Vaughan said. According to Sheryl Meskin, WAC member



WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL



and the Art Sampler Workshop coordinator, the feedback has been very positive. At present, WAC is in the planning stages of offering evening classes in the near future. Follow us on Instagram @wintervilleartscouncil and on Facebook for updates concerning start dates of classes.

Upcoming Events:

April brings back WAC at the **Marigold Market!** WAC members will provide supplies and instruction for children to complete a fun art activity the first Saturday of each month at the market. Stop by!

WAC will hold its annual **Winterville Cultural Center Student Art Show and Reception** on April 18 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. This exhibit showcases art that has been created by students and participants of art events held at the Winterville Cultural Center. Their work will be on display in the lower hallway gallery until late May.

The **2024 Marigold Festival Art Contest Opening Reception** will be held Saturday, April 20 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Winterville Library. This year's winner is Mary Ann Cox. Mary Ann's winning piece along with the other contest entries will be on display in the library until May 31.



Yay! WAC is super excited to announce the dates for our 3rd annual **Summer Art Camp!** This year's camp will be held the week of June 24–28. Students ages 8–11 are invited to attend. Camp will be held Monday–

Friday from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Please call the Winterville Cultural Center at 706–542–0823 to register your child. Fee is \$125 per child. (Discounted rates for families with multiple children interested in attending camp.) Spaces are limited to 20 campers.

Our **FLAG (Free Little Art Gallery)** will be celebrating its 2nd birthday this May! WAC has been so pleased to have numerous supporters who create art for our wee little gallery. If you'd like to donate something for our upcoming birthday exhibit, you can either mail



your art (FLAG c/o Winterville City Hall, 125 N. Church St., Winterville, GA 30683) or drop it in our drop box on the back of the FLAG. Mark it "birthday exhibit." This exhibit will be showcased during the Marigold

Festival on Saturday, May 11. Follow us on Instagram @freeandweewinterville to see all of the awesome art we receive because #artisgoodinwinterville.

Call for Art: WAC has several upcoming opportunities for artists! You can stay informed by following us on Instagram @wintervilleartscouncil and Facebook.

WINTERVILLE PLAYERS

Winterville Players Present “An Evening of One Acts” on April 26, 27

The Winterville Players will follow their successful production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* with an evening of one-act plays offered on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Marigold Auditorium. Tickets are \$15, available through Eventbrite.

Fin and Euba, by award-winning playwright Audrey Cephaly, portrays the lives of two young women caught in a stagnant spiral of despair.

The Proposal, by the great Russian playwright Anton Chekhov, hilariously asks the question, “Can romance blossom between two quarrelsome neighbors?”

And *Trifles*, written by Susan Glaspell, is a not-so-subtle treatment of the not-so-trifling differences between the sexes in a murder mystery in which the suspect never appears onstage.

Trifles will be directed by Kelly Flanders. *Fin and Euba* and *The Proposal* will be directed by Anita Turlington. All three plays showcase Athens and Winterville talent.

WINTERVILLE PLAYERS PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF ONE ACTS

FIN & EUBA
BY AUDREY CEPHALY
The fragility of dreams and the desolation of a hard-scrabble life without them.

THE PROPOSAL
BY ANTON CHEKHOV
Raucous comedic farce that asks the question: Is marriage as important as a piece of grass or two dogs?

TRIFLES
BY SUSAN GLASPELL
A murder mystery that explores gender relationships, power between the sexes, and the nature of truth.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 26–27, 2024 • 7:00 PM
MARIGOLD AUDITORIUM FOR ARTS & CULTURE
373 N. CHURCH ST., WINTERVILLE, GA

TICKETS \$15

Fin and Euba

Fin: LeeAnn Peppers

Euba: Meredith Lysaught

The Proposal

Mme. Chubukov: Kat Farlowe

Natalya Stepanovna: Anna Ray

Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov:

Jamie Mendenhall-Turner

Trifles

Sheriff Henry Peters:

Tom Bouknecht

George Henderson, County Attorney:

Chuck Marler

Lewis Hale, neighbor: Skip Hulett

Mrs. Peters: Abbie Vogt

Mrs. Hale: Jessica Parker

WINTERVILLE CULTURAL CENTER

Gallery Grand Opening!

June 15, 2024

Reception: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Winterville Cultural Center

Open to the public

**CALL
FOR
ART**



Grand Opening
Exhibit of the
Winterville Cultural
Center Gallery

Exhibit Theme
NEW BEGINNINGS
Works About A New Beginning

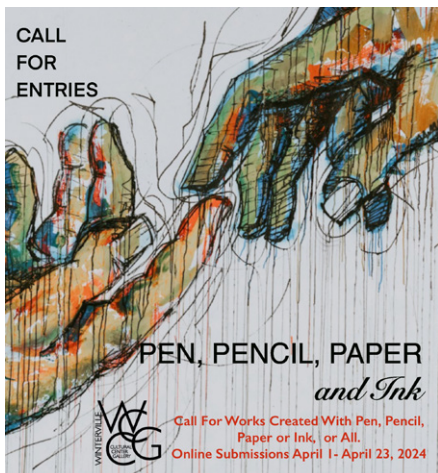
For details go to Wintervilleccgallery.com
Submission April 1 - April 27, 2024
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Call for Artwork—Pen, Pencil, and Ink

If you create art using pen, pencil, ink, and paper, here is your opportunity to show your work. The exhibit will be displayed in the Winterville Cultural Center Exhibit Hallway, which is on the first floor of the Center. Works will be displayed in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the new gallery upstairs. Only 2D art will be accepted for this exhibit.



Spring at the Marigold



4/19-4/20 - Studio Athens
presents **Willy Wonka Jr.**
4/26-4/27 - Winterville Players
presents **An Evening of One Acts**
5/9 - **Mayor Dodd & Adam
Poulin's Open Mic**
5/17 - **Shauna & the Jaywalkers**
5/18 - **Sons of Sailors** (Jimmy
Buffett Tribute band)
5/19 - **Klezmer Local 42**
5/30 - **Mayor Dodd & Adam
Poulin's Open Mic**



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marigoldauditorium.com



Firefly Trail Update

As you read this update, the 13th Annual Firefly Trail Ticket to Ride will be history. It's a big event along the Firefly Trail corridor each year, and the 2024 edition will introduce many cyclists to 5.8 fabulous miles of newly completed trail in Greene County and to the new Firefly Trail Bridge over Trail Creek in Athens' Dudley Park. Winterville always shines brightly during Ticket to Ride, with its beautiful trail segment and warm hospitality at the SAG refreshment stop.

Considerable effort has been put into grant writing in recent months, with the hope that additional Firefly Trail miles will be constructed sooner rather than later. Here's a recap:

In October, the City of Crawford submitted a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant application to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), requesting funding to design and construct a 0.65-mile trail segment. Local TSPLOST dollars are proposed to cover the required match. The community should know by early April whether the submission will advance to the "Second-Level Application" stage.

Two weeks after the Crawford application was submitted, work was completed on a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant

application, targeted at completion of the remaining 0.9-mile trail segment in Maxeys. We recently learned that Georgia DNR has moved this application to the Second-Level phase, indicating the agency anticipates funding the project.

Finally, a third application was completed at the end of February and submitted to USDOT on behalf of Oglethorpe County, to request a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant. If awarded, the \$1.4 million RAISE grant would enable completion of public engagement, planning, and design/engineering work for the Firefly Trail through Oglethorpe County, plus a final 0.3-mile segment in Union Point.

Support our efforts to complete the Trail— Participate in or volunteer to serve at the Athens Orthopedic Clinic Twilight!

Here's how it works: When you register to PARTICIPATE in the Twilight 5K, Gambler or Triathlon, and/or to VOLUNTEER with Twilight, enter the coupon code "firefly24" during the checkout process. Through the generosity of Twilight sponsors and Community Rocks! Georgia, Twilight will donate \$25 to Firefly Trail Inc. at no additional cost to you! Register today at <https://athenstwilight.com/charity/> or scan the QR code below. Thank you for supporting our region's first major rail-trail!



[HTTPS://ATHENSTWILIGHT.COM/CHARITY/](https://athenstwilight.com/charity/)

WINTERVILLE CHESS CLUB

Winterville: A Hub for Chess Enthusiasts of All Ages

The Winterville Chess Club continues to serve as a destination for chess players of all ages and levels of experience. At its recent weekly Friday tournament on March 15th, fourteen players competed in two separate sections of round robin blitz games where seven players competed against each other in seven rounds of play. In a blitz format, each player is allotted five minutes of game time with two seconds added to each player's clock after each move. The participants included elementary, high school, and college-aged students, as well as senior players (players who are 50 years of age and older), and even included a mother and son playing in the same section. The game format varies each Friday based on player preference. While the chess games are competitive, the atmosphere is one of camaraderie and encouragement when a player produces a well-executed game.

As an affiliate of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), the Winterville Chess Club meets at the Winterville Community Center every Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. The results of the games are submitted to the United States Chess Federation for official ratings, a system used to rank chess players as an estimate of their strength based upon their performance against other players. The USCF uses a system of categories to rank a player based on rating strength such a Class J for beginning players with ratings of 100-199 and Senior Masters for the strongest players with ratings of 2400 and higher.

On the weekend of April 19th and 20th, the Winterville Chess Club will hold its 3rd Annual Bolivar Morales Memorial Chess Tournaments to crown its blitz and classical champions. In past years, this annual event has attracted players from the Atlanta area, South Carolina, and even Nicaragua.

WINTERVILLE STRIDERS

Winterville Striders Complete Athens Marathon

On January 28th, four members of the "Winterville Striders" relay team, whose average age is 73, completed the 26.2-mile Athens Marathon. Each member of the team

ran roughly 6.55 miles. Team members included Jack Eisenman, Marguerite Madden, Janey Sanders, and Bob Gadd. Team members report that they had a great time!



L-R: Jack Eisenman, Marguerite Madden, Bob Gadd



Janey Sanders

WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Arbor Day

February 20th was Arbor Day in Winterville this year. Mayor Ferrelle read the Arbor Day Proclamation at WES and a Dogwood tree was planted there at the school.



Tree Giveaway

In January, the Tree Commission gave away 101 trees to residents who applied for them. Twenty-five different people picked up a variety of Holly, Oak, Maple, and Dogwood trees!

Mulching Workday

Bring your rake and kids at 1:00 p.m. on April 27 to help spread mulch on the commemorative trees in Pittard Park in preparation for the Marigold Festival.

Landmark Tree

A large Water Oak in the yard of Joan and Greg Derda was identified as a potential Champion Tree. After measuring and online submission, representatives of the Georgia and County Tree Organizations verified the tree was indeed the largest identified Water Oak in Clarke County at 171" circumference, 80' tall, and a crown spread of 99'! They named it an Athens-Clarke County Landmark Tree, a first for Winterville!



WINTERVILLE CEMETERY CLEANUP

Civil Air Patrol Winterville Cemetery Cleanup

The Athens Civil Air Patrol Squadron held a trash clean-up day at the Winterville Cemetery and picked up 25 bags of trash on Saturday, March 16.

This was a great effort on their part, and the City really appreciates their hard work.



Welding and Supply Chain Training Classes

Goodwill of North Georgia, known for its mission to put people to work, will launch its next round of supply chain and welding training classes at the Athens Career Center, beginning in April 2024. The Athens Goodwill Career Center serves the Winterville area, so these opportunities are available to you.

These no-cost job training and support programs are part of the organization's decades-long effort to meet community workforce needs through various skilled trade programs. Goodwill plays a pivotal role in Georgia's economy, leading the nation in job connections. In 2022, Goodwill of North Georgia employed and connected 19,254 people with work opportunities partnering with major companies like Amazon and Delta Airlines. The ripple effect throughout the economy generated an economic impact of \$997,100,000.



Upcoming Training Program Details Are As Follows:

Welding (April 2024 Start Date):

In this 6-to 12-week program, participants prepare for a career in the welding industry. Offered in collaboration with Lanier Technical College and North Georgia Technical College, the program is designed to give participants job-specific, skills-based training, and an opportunity to earn industry credentials. Future job opportunities include Welder, Metal Worker, or Machinist.

Supply Chain (April 2024 Start Date):

This 8-week program will prepare participants for a career in the fast-growing industries of supply chain management, transportation, customer service, and warehouse operations. While in the program, participants can earn continuing education units from Georgia Tech. Graduates find entry-level jobs as Operations Clerks, Dispatchers, or Logistic Clerks.





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Saturday May 11, 2024

Winterville Marigold Festival

You can join the fun now!

Volunteer applications are open