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I hope you are all doing well and staying well. I know that COVID-19 has created difficult times for all of us, but we must remain vigilant and do what we can as a community to fight this deadly pandemic. With the relaxation of some restrictions, we are seeing a rise in cases both in Georgia and across the nation. Specifically, we are seeing higher numbers of positive cases in children and young adults between 20 and 40—sometimes with very serious effects, which is concerning. I ask that all citizens wear a mask in public and observe the recommendations for social distancing. We want the Marigold Festival back, the auditorium open, and the economy thriving again, but to achieve all of that we must continue to make sacrifices while science catches up to the coronavirus. By taking these simple steps to protect the health of our neighbors and ourselves, we will overcome this pandemic and see some sense of normalcy return sooner rather than later. Discussions are ongoing about whether the very popular Marigold Market will open to the public as planned on July 11; if so, strict guidelines will be followed to provide for the safety of all who attend. We have much to look forward to and celebrate together, so let's work together to get this thing behind us as fast as we can. Until then, I will still see you on the streets—from a safe distance!



Sincerely,
Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor

CIVIC CALENDAR

Friday, July 3

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

Monday, July 13

Tuesday, July 14

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

Monday, September 7

Tuesday, September 8

Monday, September 14

Independence Day, City Hall closed

Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Council Workshop and Millage Rate Hearing,
5:30 p.m., Winterville Auditorium

Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m., City Hall

Millage Hearing, 11:00 a.m., Auditorium

Millage Hearing, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium

City Council and Charter Hearing, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.

Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.

Labor Day, City Hall closed

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.

Locations for city meetings in August and September will be determined based on the state of the pandemic. Please check the city website before attending a meeting.



CITY NEWS

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CITY MEETINGS

All public hearings and meetings of the Winterville City Council will take place in the Winterville Auditorium through the month of July. We will assess current conditions before determining whether to return our meetings to City Hall in August. We will continue to update you as we make these decisions. Thank you for your patience.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Public Hearings regarding the Charter Amendment have started a third time, with the first of two hearings and subsequent votes being held in June. The second hearing will be held in the Winterville Auditorium on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. Following the hearing, City Council will consider a second vote required to remove language from the Charter that prohibits the sale or manufacture of beer and wine in the city. If a second motion carries in favor of amending the charter, Mayor and Council will then need to pass ordinances to allow for the sale and manufacture of beer and wine within the city limits, and public hearings will be held throughout that process as well. Please visit www.cityofwinterville.com to fill out the public information survey regarding this important issue. The text of the proposed amendment can be found on the next pages.

MILLAGE RATE

City Council will hold public hearings in July to address the millage rate. Currently there are no plans either to raise or lower the rate. Please see this issue for the official announcement with the dates and times for the three hearings.

ACC—WINTERVILLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The City of Winterville and Athens Clarke County have formed a Joint Development Authority. The seven-member JDA (four ACC members and three Winterville members) is up and running, with the initial objective being the financial rescue of smaller businesses in the city and county that have been negatively affected by the pandemic and may not have been able to receive federal relief funding. The goal is to enable some of our smaller business owners to meet their expenses until they can reopen fully and safely. The long-term mission of the JDA will be to continue business development throughout the county and city.

WINTERVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The City of Winterville will re-establish a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with help from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). As part of their Placemaking Initiative, the GMA has chosen Winterville as one of just three cities across the state to partner with on a brand new Economic Development Consultation Pilot Program. (Washington, Lilburn, and Winterville are the three pilot cities.) This partnership will provide guidance, training, and resources to our city in the area of downtown development and projects that our citizens want to

see. GMA will help us reestablish our Downtown Development Authority, identify projects, find funding, and successfully manage these projects, tailoring it all to our vision and goals. There is much more to come, and your input will be key, so watch for many opportunities for citizen-driven brainstorming and leadership roles, including Board Member positions.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Thanks to World Central Kitchen, founded by internationally renowned Chef José Andrés, and to our very own celebrity Chef Hugh Acheson, we were able to feed 250 people a week during the first few months of the pandemic. Food insecurity was a grave concern during the first few weeks of the pandemic and will continue to be into the future. With the help of local and global heroes and partners, Winterville will continue to provide meals to our neighbors who are most challenged now, and we will likely start food pick-up services again should the infection rates continue to rise in our community.

MARIGOLD MARKET

The Marigold Market is a reality! Due to the efforts of our wonderful volunteers, we have been able to meet our community's request, through our Comprehensive Plan, for a farmers' market in Winterville. The Marigold Market re-imagines the typical farmers' market by aiming to include a wide diversity of both producers and produce while supplying affordable fresh food to the Eastside. To this end, we are working with Envision Athens, ACC's Prosperity Package initiative, and Family Connection/Communities in Schools. See the full article later in this issue.

REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON MAIN STREET

For years we have tried every possible way to address the speed limits on Main Street, and it looks like we will have an opportunity to plead our case to the Georgia Department of Transportation in the near future. The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission has accepted our project request and will facilitate these important discussions. The addition of the Firefly Trail and added traffic confusion from more pedestrians along the Main Street corridor has opened the door to these discussions. We will update you as soon as the discussions begin.

FIREFLY TRAIL

The trail is taking shape and looks great! While the rain slowed construction, the crew has started to catch up in the last few weeks and are close to completion. Thank you for your patience throughout the development of this wonderful new amenity. See the Firefly Trail article later in this issue.

WINTERVILLE ROAD STREET-SCAPING

Like the Firefly Trail, the street-scaping project in front of Dollar General also had its share of setbacks, but we are very close to being finished, and the area already looks much better. Washington Hawthorne trees were carefully selected as the thematic Commercial District tree by City Arborist Roger Cauthen. He and Public Works Director Tom Doonan have planted all the trees, and the piping, grading, and pouring of sidewalks should be completed by the first week of July.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE AUDITORIUM

Due to the coronavirus, the Carl Vinson Institute has postponed our Fox Theatre Institute Community Input Session to envision the future of our Auditorium. Please stay tuned for rescheduled dates.

RECONCEPTUALIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Winterville is pleased to report that we are working to increase and improve public safety, inclusion, and diversity throughout the city and pertaining to all leaders, citizens, and visitors. The mayor and city council are working with our code officer, our neighborhood liaison, our police chief and force, and our fire chief, as well as our school principals, small business owners, and citizens to ensure that Winterville is a welcoming and safe place for everyone. Already, our police officers have received training in diversity, mental health, and de-escalation, and we are pursuing similar training opportunities for city employees and councilmembers. Also, the Winterville government is in communication with the city of Athens regarding a joint anti-hate speech resolution. In addition, we are planning brainstorming sessions on topics such as increasing community communication, accessible food, transportation, and housing, and ways to improve the relationship between our dedicated law enforcement and all citizens. The mayor and council see this as something about which Winterville, as a city, was already mindful and making efforts to improve, and we look forward to continuing this work with and for all of you. Stay tuned for our next steps, which will include new leadership roles, fun family events with law enforcement and the community, mentoring programs at our elementary and middle schools, and improved communication among our different neighborhoods. We are eager to hear *everyone's* questions, concerns, or ideas. We love this city, and we love that you are here!

POLICE DEPARTMENT GAINS NEW OFFICER

Please welcome Officer William “Will” Horton to the Winterville Police Department. Many of you have met Officer Horton by now. His excellent work—especially arresting a sex-offender wanted by ACC police—has already earned a commendation from Chief Fulcher. He was sworn in (at a safe distance) on April 11 by Mayor Ferrelle. He and his wife, Stephanie, are residents of Watkinsville.



PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

The City of Winterville, acting by and through the Mayor and City Council of Winterville, desires to amend of the Charter of the City of Winterville pursuant to its authority conferred by the Constitution and the Laws of Georgia. The purpose of this amendment is to remove the Charter's restrictions that prevent the Mayor and City Council from granting licenses to sell malt beverages and wine within the City of Winterville. Therefore, the Mayor and City Council of Winterville propose that Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Winterville be amended to delete the following from Section 25 in its entirety:

The Mayor and City Council shall be forever prohibited from granting license in any form to anyone to sell spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors within said City of Winterville, and the said Mayor and City Council shall have right and authority to pass an ordinance prohibiting anyone from keeping any kind of intoxicants for the purpose of illegal sale within the corporate limits of said city.

And to substitute the following words in lieu thereof:

The Mayor and City Council shall forever be prohibited from granting licenses or permits in any form to anyone to sell distilled spirits within the City of Winterville. The Mayor and City Council shall be authorized to grant licenses or permits to persons to sell or manufacture malt beverages or wine within the City of Winterville in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and any rules, regulations and ordinances enacted by the City of Winterville.

Any portion of that Charter in conflict with this ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Winterville will be repealed upon final adoption of the amending ordinance.

Public Hearings on the ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Winterville will be held at the Mayor and City Council's regular meeting on July 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., which will be held at the Winterville Auditorium. A copy of this ordinance is on file with the Winterville City Clerk and the Clerk of Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County for purposes of examination and inspection by the public. A copy of the proposed amendment is available upon written request to the Winterville City Clerk, Wendy Bond, 125 N. Church Street, P.O. Box 306, Winterville, GA 30683.

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Winterville announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by 7.73 percent.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the city. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the city indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and increase the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia Law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Winterville requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the City of Winterville may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia

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Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the following locations at the indicated times:

All public hearings will be held at the Winterville Auditorium, 371 N. Church Street Winterville, Georgia:

- Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The City of Winterville Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Winterville Auditorium on July 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.
This meeting will be in conjunction of presentation of the 2021 City Budget. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

CURRENT 2020 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY WIDE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Real & Personal	32,052,287	32,538,791	33,062,161	34,945,093	40,313,663	44,960,061
Motor Vehicles	1,620,300	1,288,930	999,420	819,130	675,380	549,740
Mobile Homes	16,096	27,726	15,583	15,085	14,586	14,337
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	33,688,683	33,855,447	34,077,164	35,779,308	41,003,629	45,524,138
Less M& O Exemptions	1,118,592	1,130,815	1,305,199	1,355,914	1,437,324	1,462,219
Net M & O Digest	32,570,091	32,724,632	32,771,965	34,423,394	39,566,305	44,061,919
Gross M&O Millage	9.212	9.349	9.252	9.252	8.656	8.434
Less Rollbacks	6.312	6.449	6.352	6.352	5.756	5.534
Net M&O Millage	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.900
Total City Taxes Levied	\$94,453	\$94,901	\$95,039	\$99,828	\$114,742	\$127,780
Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$244	\$448	\$137	\$4,789	\$14,914	\$13,037
Net Taxes % Increase	0.26%	0.47%	0.14%	5.04%	14.94%	11.36%

WINTERVILLE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

371 N. Church St. Winterville, GA
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
www.WintervilleCenter.com
706-742-0823

The Winterville Center for Community and Culture remains closed until further notice.

2020 WCCC COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Due to self-quarantine, many of us have had the opportunity to try new recipes, and perhaps we have a few new favorite meals. A cookbook fundraiser is a perfect way to bring the whole community together to preserve recipes, share cultures, and alternative diets while raising money for our Community Center.

Since 2016, when we held our First Winterville Breeze 5K Run/Walk, our little city has been inundated with races, thereby decreasing the number of sponsorships for and participants in our event. The pandemic has also put unexpected pressure on the city budget, making it impractical to host a race this year.

The deadline for recipe submissions is August 31. We would like to have the cookbook available for gift-giving by November 16, if not sooner. What we need at this time are up to five of your favorite recipes in the following categories:

- Appetizers & Beverages (preferably non-alcoholic, nutritional, juices, etc.)
- Breads & Rolls (tortillas, bagels, biscuits, muffins, etc.)
- Breakfasts (cereals, protein, muffins, casseroles, etc.)
- Condiments & Sauces (dips, gravies, soy-based, dressings, jams & jellies, etc.)
- Desserts, Cookies, & Candy (snacks, sweets, pies, cakes, holiday, etc.)
- Fruit (fresh, cooked, salads, curd, mousse, fruit fluffs, etc.)
- Grains (cooked, cold, etc.)
- International & Ethnic (Italian, Mexican, German, Asian, Southern, etc.)
- Milk & Dairy (ice cream, flavored milk, shakes, cheeses, yogurt, etc.)
- Proteins (main dishes, meats, poultry, seafood, eggs, plant-based, grain-based, etc.)
- Vegetables (fresh, boiled, baked, casseroles, etc.)
- Sides (hot, cold, vegetables, salads, baked beans, etc.)
- Soups, Stews, & Sandwiches

Recipes that are dairy-free, keto, vegan, vegetarian, etc., will be gladly accepted. It would be helpful for you to provide a brief (3–4 sentences) story about your recipe, such as whether it is a traditional dish served only at holiday times, how it came down through your family, or why you like the recipe.

Recipes cannot be copyrighted by another organization, such as Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, Atkins, Betty Crocker, or from other cookbooks. The recipes must be either your own or use significantly different ingredients and/or proportions.

The cookbooks will feature photos and stories of the WCCC as well as historical locations around Winterville. Send your recipes to wintervillecenter@gmail.com.

MARIGOLD MARKET



In early March of this year, a small group of producers, growers, and supporters met at the train depot one evening with a focus on creating a community market in Winterville to meet the needs and desires of Athens' Eastside. Plans were made to open the market in Pittard Park in early May, but then COVID-19 hit, creating some obstacles. However, our farmers and producers would not be deterred. Rather, they took this as an opportunity to collaborate in pulling together resources to provide affordable fresh food in a weekly food box, with size options and add-on products for personalized boxes. These boxes (well, technically, they're bags) can be ordered online ahead of time and picked up at Pittard

Park via drive-though collection that minimizes contact. See the City's website for more information: <https://cityofwinterville.com/marigold-market>.

For quite some time, it has been a goal of Envision Athens to improve access to fresh food on the east side of Athens, while creating an inviting space that encourages people to eat fresh, local food. Erin Barger, Project Manager at Envision Athens, shared this goal with Mayor Dodd Ferrelle and Laura Ney, Clarke County Agriculture Agent, to begin to make this happen. Sherrie Anderson then joined the team as acting market manager with a passion for creating and cultivating an affordable, sustainable, and community-driven market.

Mayor Ferrelle often shares his vision of the Marigold Market as offering something for everyone. This means rethinking the typical farmers' market model while cultivating a spirit of inclusion. Affordability is of primary importance. Families from Winterville Elementary School and Coile Middle School may be eligible for a food box at a deep discount. Contact your respective school principal for a code to provide during check-out. The market managers and providers are also discussing offering a "last hour" shopping option, where any unsold produce will be available free or nearly free so that the farmers don't have to transport their goods elsewhere.



Another focus is on education, exemplified by demonstrations on fresh food storage and preparation. Additionally, along with fresh produce and other fresh foods (such as eggs, meat, and honey) from a variety of producers in the Athens-area, the market offers goods from a variety of cultures and backgrounds that support the needs of a wide array of local citizens. Lastly, we are currently looking at the possibility of adding a commercial kitchen. We would like to provide a place for our small producers/growers to expand efficiently, while providing more opportunity for our patrons to have access to locally made, sustainably grown, healthy foods.



This venture would not be possible without help from UGA Extension and our volunteers Michelle Vetter, Carol Anderson Wood, Michael Law, Dulce Brousset, and Wendy Bond. Collectively we have more than 10 farmers and producers contributing to the weekly fresh food boxes. This same group of volunteers is working diligently in planning our official opening of the market to the public on July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This inaugural season will run from July 11 through July 25, and we will end the 2020 summer season participating in the Back to School event on July 31. Each Saturday, the Marigold Market will have live music. Mayor Dodd Ferrelle and Adam Poulin will perform live onstage at the inaugural market.

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MEET OUR CURRENT FARMERS AND PRODUCERS

Deijhon Yearby, owner and operator of **Cozy Bear Market Garden** in Nicholson, had a dream of owning his own farm with the goal of helping provide healthy vegetables to those who find it difficult to access. As a solo farmer, he contributes to our weekly boxes and will represent at the market in July and moving forward. He also aspires to helping people become more self-sustainable by teaching them how to grow their own food. Cozy Bear Market Garden is Certified Naturally Grown (no synthetic conventional chemicals) and can be found at <http://cozybearmarketgarden.squarespace.com>, on Facebook @cozybearMG, and on Instagram @cozybear_marketgarden.

Chad Butler owns **Dunk Hill Farm**, a small farm in Wilkes county, just outside of Tignall. “We grow both diversified produce and pasture-raised chicken and eggs using methods to improve the soil and hopefully leave the land better than we found it. We are family owned and operated, and we only sell products that we have produced ourselves. We are a Certified Naturally Grown farm, as well as members of Georgia Grown and Georgia Organics.” You can learn more about Dunk Hill at <https://dunkhillfarm.com/> and on Facebook @dunkhillfarm.

Chris Warren, Master Baker and CEO of **Nerraw Foods, Inc.**, says, “My grandmother created a dessert alternative in 1977. I can’t figure out why she did it, but I’m glad that she did. Martha’s cantaloupe pie is “the best thing you’ve never tasted,” and it’s being sold in Winterville at the Marigold Market. Come visit us, learn more, and get a free sample at Pittard Park in Winterville.” Check them out at <https://www.nerrawfoodsinc.com/> and on Facebook @NerrawFoods.

Dulce Brousset, Winterville resident and seamstress, creates reusable produce and bread bags as well as fabric face masks hand-sewn in her home studio from 100% cotton. You may have seen her masks around town, as she has donated them to City of Winterville businesses and services.

John Carter, owner of **Harvest Moon Garden**, has a passion for providing affordable fresh produce through his Certified Naturally Grown farm located in Tignall. Harvest Moon Garden is represented each week in our fresh food boxes and will be participating in our market when we open to the public. John offers a diverse selection of vegetables, herbs, flowers, and plants.

Buffalo Creek Berry Farm is a Certified Naturally Grown located 30 minutes from Winterville towards Rayle, GA. They grow primarily blueberries, blackberries, and mulberries. Laura and Cameron focus on regenerative agriculture farming techniques to boost plant nutrition through soil health; they give their plants probiotics and nutrition. They also make all their own preserves, syrups, vinegars, and more. You can learn more about them at <http://bcberryfarmga.com>, on Facebook @buffalocreekberryfarmga, and on Instagram @bcberryfarmga.

HEMI Blueberry Farm, owned and operated by Hector Buitrago and Michele Lamassonne, is a Certified Naturally Grown berry farm offering several varieties of blueberries and blackberries through mid-July, then several muscadine varieties from mid-August to mid-September. HEMI has been featured in our weekly fresh food boxes and will be represented at the market with their berries and value-added products. They offer blueberry preserves, blueberry syrup, local honey, blueberry muffins, and blueberry lemonade. You can learn more about them at <https://hemiblueberryfarm.com> or on Facebook @hemiblueberryfarm.

MEplusTEA is more than a tea company. It is carrying the torch of herbal blending passed down from ancestors to the many generations to follow. Owner Precious Jones creatively hand-blends loose-leaf teas from around the world with locally grown herbs to create unique tea blends and herbal elixirs. MEplusTEA acknowledges that for there to be a generation to teach, grow, and share, we must do our part to protect the environment. MEplusTEA uses recyclable and biodegradable packaging, and all our ingredients are grown sustainably. We place the highest value on quality ingredients, the well-being of customers, and generational development. You can find out more about MEplusTEA on Facebook @MEplusTEAs and at <https://meplustea.com>.

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40 Thistle Farm owner Sarah Hovater shares how her small homestead on eight acres in Oglethorpe County was “born out of a desire to produce delicious food as naturally as possible by diversifying plants and animal species.” Her farm provides our market with a variety of plant and animal products.

Wolfsong Flowers is a family-run micro cut-flower farm and florist established in January 2020. We are dedicated to growing beautiful and unique specialty and heirloom cut flowers, using sustainable, natural, and organic preferred practices. At market, we plan to offer seasonal farmer’s choice bouquets in paper and in jars, a few large vase arrangements, and some specialty plants. This fall and winter we plan to extend our offerings to include wreaths. John Lennon once said, “Love is the flower you’ve got to let grow.” We believe in the love-language of flowers and the hope and joy fresh local flowers can bring to the community. You can find owner Lara Jackson on her Wolfsong Flowers Facebook page.

Emmet Cabannis, from **Eden Pure Beef/Falling Creek Farms**, provides wholesome, clean, pure beef, raised the way God and nature intended. His cattle are lifetime grass-fed in his own pastures using natural cattle farming practices with no vaccines or antibiotics. Eden Pure Beef is featured in our weekly deluxe fresh food boxes, offers select roasts in our add-on section of our online store, and will be participating in the markets at Pittard Park. To learn more, go to <https://fallingcreekfarm.grazecart.com> or find them on Facebook @EdenPureBeef.

Rashe’s Cuisine has also partnered with the Marigold Market, offering affordable cold, prepackaged meals with both meat and vegan options. In addition to providing the first Farm to Neighborhood Market to the Athens area, Rashe’s Cuisine also provides on-site chef-for-hire, cooking lessons, meal replacement, and catering services. Rashe’s is your Jamaican To Go Restaurant! You can find Rashe on Facebook and Instagram @RasheCuisine.

Gabriel and Tamita, owners of **Caribe United Farm**, raise free-range poultry and eggs on their Caribbean-style farm in Crawford. Thanks to their love of the land and their shared values of eating what you grow and growing what you eat, everything on the farm is grown and raised hormone-free, chemical-free, and pesticide-free.

If you are a grower or a producer of non-food goods and are interested in participating in the Marigold Market, contact Wendy Bond at cityhall@cityofwinterville.com for more information.



From left: Carol Anderson Wood, Dr. Laura Ney, Mayor Dodd Ferrelle, Sherrie Anderson, Michael Law.
All photos courtesy of Matt Brewster of Marigold Solutions.

LIBRARY NEWS



In an effort to provide service to our community while protecting health and safety, Winterville Library is gradually transitioning back to in-person service. Our building has been closed to help limit the spread of COVID-19, but we have continued to offer library services through our website and social media presence.

Athens Regional Library System branches are implementing a phased re-entry plan. Winterville Library now offers curbside holds pickup. Patrons can place holds at athenslibrary.org, through the PINES mobile app, or over the phone. Library staff will notify you when your hold is available. Visit the library between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for contactless checkout and pickup. This process has caught on quickly; it's great to see familiar faces once again.

Photocopying and printing services can also be requested by email. We hope to start allowing residents into the buildings for computer use in July. Detailed information about the phased reentry plan is available on our website under "Director's Message."

Our Summer Reading Program is alive and well and has gone virtual this year. Families can use an online platform, Beanstack, to keep track of everyone's reading and participation, plus find fun challenges to complete. Beanstack is available through the library website and can also be downloaded as an app on your mobile device. This year patrons will collect their prizes at the conclusion of the summer rather than when they reach a new level of reading.

All Summer Reading Program events and performances will be streamed online. By logging on to any library's Facebook page, patrons can watch magicians, puppeteers, science projects, and craft activities at 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is also Storytime on weekday mornings. On Sunday evenings children can watch a bedtime story.

Finally, Winterville Library wishes to acknowledge The City of Winterville for the purchase of an industrial disinfectant sprayer for public buildings. Mayor Dodd Ferrelle and Public Works Director Tom Doonan unpacked the sprayer at our library and used it here first. It keeps the building safe from viruses and bacteria for months—and even adds a soft lemon scent! We also thank the Marigold Festival volunteers who filled our flower beds, making them more beautiful this year than ever before!

We look forward to the day when we re-open so we can assist patrons, resume the Book Club and events, and continue the volunteer reading to residents at Avery Place.

Winterville Library is a branch of the Athens Regional Library System.



Kiki the Kitty brings her people, Max and Walker McNiff, to pick up their library books at a safe distance (left), and Andrea Wells and baby Amelia Bay use the dropbox to return their latest reads (right).

Photos by Dierdre Murray



FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

The 2020 Front Porch Bookstore fall concert series has been scheduled in the hope that audiences will be able to group safely.

- September 5 Janet and the Blue Dogs
- September 12 Adam Klein and the Wildfires
- September 19 Making Strange
- September 26 Blind Orphan Kitty
- October 3 Scarlet Stitch
- October 10 Five-Eight
- October 17 Sound Traveler Band
- October 24 Cosmo Jr

All concerts start at 6:00 p.m. and are free and open to all. Bring your lawn chairs!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

A silver lining in the Covid cloud is that people have had more time to tend their garden boxes, and the garden is looking really beautiful. Visitors are welcome to come and sit under the shade shed that we had built last year. We ask that you observe social distancing and best practices to keep from transmitting germs.

Last month the pump on the city's water well died, and the steering committee for the community garden provided \$1,790 to have it replaced. The committee tries to be good stewards of the rental fees, so there were some contingency funds.

There are five boxes devoted to raising vegetables for donation to the local food bank. Thus far this year we've donated carrots, radishes, and collard, mustard, and turnip greens. There will soon be ripe tomatoes to share.

Gardeners use pollinator-friendly organic methods to do battle with squash bugs and Japanese beetles. We're rewarded with delicious vegetables and visits from birds and butterflies. We hope you'll visit, too!

Jack and the Giant...Turnip?

Remember when county fairs used to award prizes for things like Best Pie and Biggest Pumpkin? If Winterville had such contests, we'd have a clear winner in the root vegetable category! Jack Eisenman is obviously keeping busy in his retirement by cultivating Turnips of Unusual Size. Congratulations on your big achievement, Jack!



Photo by Emily Eisenman

MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE RAISES MONEY AND MAKES NEW FRIENDS



Because this school year will bring many extra challenges to many families, the Marigold Festival committee is collecting needed supplies through July 29. Needed items include backpacks; youth and adult masks; youth socks, underwear, undershirts, and leggings/tights; deodorant, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products; travel size containers of hand sanitizer, wet wipes, and tissues. Supplies can be dropped off at Winterville City Hall (125 S. Church St) or at the office of James Neves, Edward Jones Financial Advisor (1895 Lexington Rd. in Athens). If you don't feel comfortable dropping off in person, you can make a donation using our new "Donate here!" button on our festival website at www.marigoldfestival.com. All money collected will go toward supplies and uniforms for our local students.

In a heartwarming turn of events, when the Marigold Festival FaceBook page intended to tag one local sponsor, radio station Bulldog 93.3, we accidentally tagged Bulldog Radio at Ferris State University in Michigan. We were delighted to receive the note reprinted at right. We hope that our new friends in Michigan will join us for the 2021 Festival!

Thank you to all our neighbors, near and far, for helping ensure that our kids are ready to tackle the new year! A

Hello, Winterville Marigold Festival

My name is Barrett Jones I am the current President of Bulldog Radio at Ferris State University in Michigan. We were recently erroneously tagged in one of your Facebook post. We as a group decided to make a donation for your Supply Drive. We sent our donation to your PO box, hope it helps.

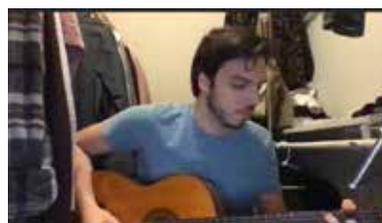
Thanks and as always Go Dawgs

ONLINE CONCERT SERIES

With this year's Marigold Festival canceled due to the pandemic, a number of slated musicians resorted to live-streaming the set they'd intended to perform. Would-be concert-goers could watch performances by Gio Turra (from his closet!), Sir Crazy Pants, Caroline Aiken, and Mayor Ferrelle and Adam Poulin. ACC Mayor Kelly Girtz em-ceed the performances at the Auditorium. Thank you for keeping the music going!



Mayors Kelly Girtz (left) and Dodd Ferrelle; Adam Poulin and Mayor Ferrelle on stage; Caroline Aiken performs.



Sir Crazy Pants (left) and Gio Turra stream live video of their sets.

WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

CITY ARBORIST ROGER CAUTHEN RETIRES

The City of Winterville would like to thank our City Arborist, Roger Cauthen (pictured), for his years of service devoted to improving the beauty and health of Winterville's trees. Roger was instrumental in the development of the Winterville Tree Ordinance and has supported and strengthened the Winterville Tree Commission in the last two years. He has also been involved with the Firefly Trail in our city. He will be leaving in July to pursue retirement dreams but will be on call to help bring in a new generation of city arborists that can build upon his great work. We wish Roger well and thank him for his service.



NEW PLANTINGS

As the Firefly Trail (FFT) construction continues, a glimpse into its future is emerging. According to Cauthen, “one hurdle to overcome with the Trail was how to restore appropriate, community-inspired re-vegetation of trail edges in the wake of the demolition of trees and the grading that was necessary for trail construction. The previous thick cover of trees provided beneficial screening but was becoming overcrowded. The densely growing trees would become weak over the next decade, with risk of frequent toppling, dead limbs, and excessive leaf and fruit drop. These effects would lead to hazard conditions along with lots of debris settling on the trail. While it was painful to see many of the trees go, a plan for restoration was in the works.”

This spring around 300 native trees and shrubs were planted along the trail under Roger's supervision, with help from Public Works Director Tom Doonan and volunteers Mateo Fennell and residents Darryl and Caroline Riggins. Presently the plants are thriving and will be a welcoming entrance into the heart of historic Winterville. (See photos next page.)

Additionally, 40 more trees were added along Main Street as part of the Winterville Commemorative Tree Program, and 30 trees were planted along Athens Road and Henry Meyer Road as part of the Dollar General street improvement project. Winterville was awarded the Tree City USA designation for the third year in a row.

Roger also has been working to revamp the annual marigold plantings associated with the Marigold Festival. This year, new beds were developed between the Firefly Trail and Main Street, and new, more vigorous varieties of marigolds were selected.

EVENTS

Welcome to new Tree Commission member Mathew “Mateo” Fennell! Mateo is an ISA Certified Arborist; his arboricultural expertise and experience will be a great asset to the Commission. We are excited to have him onboard.

Join us virtually on Zoom to learn what the Commission is up to at the next Winterville Tree Commission Public Meeting on Monday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/92153516113>

Want to learn more about tree management? Check out eLearn Urban Forestry at <http://urban.elearn.sref.info/>

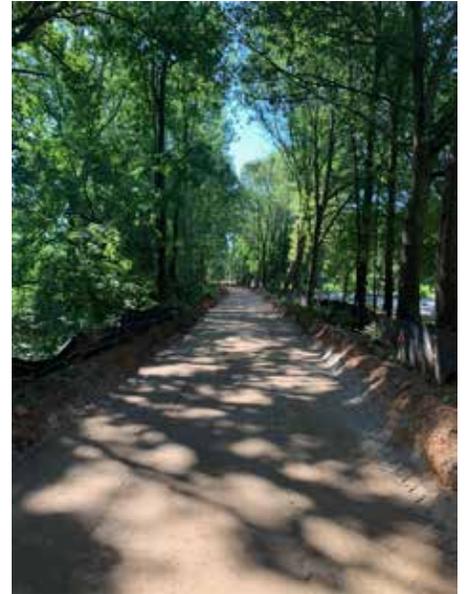
FIREFLY TRAIL BUZZES WITH ACTIVITY THIS SPRING

From Winterville and Athens to Maxeys and Union Point, the construction of the Firefly Trail continues this summer despite the year's many challenges.

Drier-than-normal weather in June has allowed construction crews to make great progress in Winterville. Concrete has been poured on much of the path from Athens Road to Dozier Street, with several gaps at driveway crossings and near First Baptist Church where incompatible soils had to be removed and replaced. South of Dozier Street, crews have been working on grading and laying the base layer to prepare for paving later this summer.

Athens-Clarke County has awarded a bid to extend the existing trail toward Winterville from Old Winterville Road to Hancock Road and has completed initial surveying on the final connector from Hancock Road to Winterville's Five Points. Also, the Unified Government expects to award a contract for building the Trail Creek Bridge later this summer.

Led by the South Oglethorpe Firefly Trail Local Action Committee (LAC), Maxeys continues to work on an extension of the completed portion of their Model Mile. The LAC recently held a COVID-safe physically distanced volunteer workday to clear vegetation from the route and begin removing low-hanging limbs that are in the way of paving equipment. Next steps include removing some limbs that were too high for volunteers to reach safely and installing a drainage pipe where the trail crosses a ditch.



Looking southward down the trail from Dozier St. Photo by Mark Ralston.

In addition, Firefly Trail, Inc. (FTI), presented the City of Maxeys with a check for \$25,000, fulfilling the non-profit's pledge to help match a Department of Natural Resources grant secured by the city. Funds were provided by donors to FTI's community fund-raising drive, including hundreds of individuals, the Riverview Foundation, and the Newland Family Trust. Also, the new owners of the Maxeys Depot are investing heavily in restoring the historic structure, which stands next to where the trail extension will pass.

Union Point has acquired the final easements necessary to begin construction of its 0.6-mile segment of the Firefly Trail, which will connect the city to Union Point Elementary School. With FTI and the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, the governments of Greene County and Oglethorpe County are working together to apply for grant funding to complete the trail between Union Point and Maxeys. Elsewhere, FTI is working closely with local residents and businesses to create Local Action Committees in East Athens, Winterville, and northern Oglethorpe.

Watch for information coming soon about the trail opening in Winterville!



Mulberry, Hydrangea, Blackberry, and Blueberry planted along the trail. Photos by Mateo Fennell.

NEWS FROM ACC STORMWATER PROGRAM

BEST PRACTICES FOR SUMMER

Summer is officially here, temperatures are rising, and you are probably thinking more about lawn care and home improvement projects. The Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program urges homeowners to keep in mind some best management practices when using water this summer.

- **Car washing:** Consider washing your car in your yard instead of in your driveway. This allows the soapy, dirty water to absorb into the ground instead of going down a nearby ditch or storm drain.
- **Garden care:** Install a rain barrel to save water and keep your plants looking good. Athens-Clarke County has temporarily suspended Rain Barrel Workshops, but rain barrels can be purchased online from hardware or home improvement stores. Check out our DIY Rain Barrel Build Guide at <https://athensclarkecounty.com/4309/Rain-Barrels> if you're interested in making your own at home.
- **Lawn care:** If your neighborhood association allows it, let your grass grow to at least 3 inches before cutting. Make sure to properly bag your lawn clippings for leaf and limb pickup. Pull weeds by hand.
- **Composting:** Start using compost in your garden instead of fertilizer or pesticides. Compost is nutritious for plants and helps you cut back on your food waste. Learn more at www.accgov.com/compost.
- **Follow ACCGov's Outdoor Watering Schedule:** Conduct your outdoor watering during the evenings to minimize water loss due to evaporation.
- **Thinking of repaving your driveway?** Consider installing permeable pavers to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff on your property.

Remember: do not dump anything down the storm drain! Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes, including paint and oil. Both can be recycled by the Athens-Clarke County Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM), located at 1005 College Avenue. Appointments are now required for all visits. You can schedule one online at www.accgov.com/charm.

If you have any questions, please contact the ACCGov Stormwater Management Program at 706-613-3440 or email stormwater@accgov.com.

CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS!

Any photographers out there? ACCGov Stormwater Staff will be starting to put together the fourth edition of our Stormwater Calendar soon. If you'd like to submit a photo to be considered for the 2021 calendar, please email it to stormwater@accgov.com with the name of the photographer along with a brief description of where, when, and why it was taken. As of this writing, there is no firm deadline; work on the calendar will continue into September, so photos will be accepted on a rolling basis. Water-themed pictures are preferred, but any outdoor scenes (animals, trails, sunsets, etc.) will be considered.

Help stop water pollution!

Stormwater Hotline: 706-614-1282

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WINTERVILLE CIVITANS

Winterville Civitans have been staying safe and following COVID recommendations. Our next meeting will likely be July 9 at 7:00p.m. at the Depot. In the meantime, members are communication via email and Zoom meetings. Some of our projects require face-to-face contact, however. Earlier in this year held a scholarship competition for local students seeking funding for higher education. There will be a presentation of plaques and accomplishments to recognize the winners soon. Morgan McGarity and Brooke Fraysher emerged as the winners from among many strong entries.

Anyone who has visited the Winterville Depot has noticed the mural on the North Wall. It was completed in 1980 by Tim Coile, a then-local artist. Time had taken its toll, and the mural was deteriorating. Efforts to find artists with the ability and willingness to renovate the mural came up empty. After an extensive search, President Bill Chrisohon and President-Elect George Chandler found the original artist in Verona, Wisconsin. Tim was more than happy to restore his work, but the pandemic complicated travel arrangements. Nevertheless, he was able to come to Winterville and make the repairs. The mural now is close to perfect, and the Civitans are making arrangements to cover it with shatter- and glare-proof glass to keep the artwork looking good well into the future. We hope the cost can be shared by the Winterville Heritage Foundation. With these improvements, our Depot will continue to be a charming and atmospheric venue for meetins and events. [Learn more about Tim's restoration of the mural in the Artist Spotlight column in this issue.]

If you are interested in joining the Civitans and helping us improve the lives of special-needs individuals as well as the general Winterville community, email Ray Marden at ramardenjr@aol.com.

LOCAL CHURCHES' RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WINTERVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

We are excited that our doors are open again for in-person worship each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Online worship services will still be available for those who need to continue to shelter in place. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, August 2, at 9:30 a.m.

Winterville First Baptist Food Pantry continues to serve those in need in our community. It will be open starting at 9:00 a.m. on July 18, August 15, and September 19. Drive-through pick-up will continue until further notice in order to maintain safe social distancing. Learn more at www.wintervillefbc.org.

WINTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WUMC is currently holding discussions about how and when to reopen. While in-person services were held the last Sunday in June, the church will not meet in-person on Sunday, July 5. Please consult the website at <http://wintervilleumc.org> for updates. In the meantime, Sunday worship services will continue to be live-streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. Simply go to www.facebook.com/wintervilleumc/live or follow the link from the church's web page.



CITY SPOTLIGHT

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

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Simply B'licious Cakes

Inspired by her late mother, Betty Stinson, and with a name dreamed up by her cousin, Apple, Shawneece Stinson opened Simply B'licious Cakes in July 2019, which she runs with the help of her three daughters, Nema, Tee and Najah. Two of the young women help with the baking, while the third runs the counter and serves customers. This small, family-owned and -operated bakery offers a variety of treats for everyone to enjoy. Shawneece says that she's been baking her entire life but finally began pursuing it seriously about six years ago. As she explains, "I'm internet-taught and YouTube-trained, as I call it, because I've never attended classes for baking or decorating. I just mimic what I see." The photos testify that Shawneece has become an expert!



Shawneece Stinson



Shawneece and daughters

SB Cakes specializes in custom cakes but also offers a range of basic cakes, as well as smaller treats. They are ready to satisfy all your sweet teeth, so stop by and visit them at 225 Cherokee Road in Winterville Plaza (the small strip mall that is home to Wok Star). The menu changes daily and their hours vary, so call ahead at 706-899-0320. You can follow them on FaceBook as Simply B'licious Cakes.



Above and right, a German chocolate and red velvet cake; below and left, samples of decorating techniques.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Tim Coile

This article originally appeared as “Winterville Native Returns To Restore Town’s Mural He Painted Years Ago” in the *Athens Banner-Herald*, May 15, 2020, by Wayne Ford. It has been edited for length and reprinted by permission.

Tim Coile traveled to Georgia from far off Wisconsin last week to repair a mural he painted decades ago in Winterville.



Photo by Joshua L. Jones

“This is my hometown, and that’s one of the reasons I was called to do the mural,” he explained.

In the 1980s, Coile painted a mural covering a wall inside the historic train depot that was once an important cargo and mail drop but today serves as a meeting and social gathering facility in this city in eastern Athens-Clarke County.

Coile’s painting imagines the train depot of a bygone day when Main Street was still a dirt road. The train tracks were removed years ago, so the rumblings of the heavy locomotive reverberating through town have disappeared.

Things change, and Coile found the mural was indeed in need of repairs.

In a joint venture, the City of Winterville and the Winterville Civitan Club arranged for Coile to return to his hometown so the hands that created the scene can once again touch the work.

“The damage is not so much abuse by people, although we can’t understand why people would stick thumbtacks and staples in a piece of art,” he said.

“That damage is pretty negligible. The biggest damage is it’s 40 years old,” he said, explaining the painting in places has wrinkled and in other places was peeling.

“I’m trying to make the painting like the original the best I can,” he said.

Coile grew up in what later became known as the City of Marigolds, where he said his family was a creative lot immersed in art, music, and crafts.

“When I was young, my parents realized I had artistic talents,” he said, recalling that on a birthday he received his first art kit.

He practiced art from elementary school to high school and remembers his artwork took the first-place ribbon at the county fair in Clarke County every time he entered the contest.



Tim repairs a section of peeling paint.
Photo by George Chandler

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Coile joined the U.S. Navy after high school, and when he was done with military service, he lived in Greenville, SC, for 14 years before moving in 1993 to Verona, Wisconsin, located on the outskirts of the state capital.

It was while living in South Carolina that he was commissioned to come to Winterville and paint the mural that has become an integral part of the old depot, which once served as City Hall. The mural was the third Coile had done during his freelance art career.

After managing an artisan bread market in Wisconsin, he is now retired, but said he has enjoyed a trip back to his old stomping ground.

“It was a nice trip back into time, but things have changed,” Coile said. “You can’t go back home again, but there is enough here that I remember.”

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

Timothy Gibson, MD



February 7, 1940 – March 17, 2020

On May 30, 2020, the family of Dr. Tim Gibson gathered to name and dedicate the building at 102 South Main Street that formerly housed his medical practice in Winterville. Dr. Gibson opened the Winterville Medical Center in 1974, which provided medical care and addiction therapy. Together with his brothers, Tom and Ted Gibson, Tim was a pillar of the Winterville community for more than four decades. The building is owned by Ted’s business, Classic City Mechanical. Tim’s nephew, Trent Gibson, gave a dedication speech and the family raised glasses to toast their hero, who had changed lives in that building and in our community for so many years.

Timothy was born on February 7, 1940, at The Tennessee Coal & Mine Hospital in Fairfield, Alabama, to Mrs. Laura Jacquot Gibson and Mr. Thomas Neuce Gibson, Jr. Growing up near his maternal family in Biloxi, Mississippi, he was expected to contribute to the family’s welfare. He bagged groceries, sold magnolias to tourists, kept paper routes, and worked with his father doing everything from painting houses to fishing the Gulf and even helping build the bridge over Biloxi Bay. After graduating Biloxi High in 1958, he began his studies at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, graduating in 1962 with a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. Tim then entered the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidates School and in 1963 was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was soon deployed to Vietnam alongside his brothers. He served three tours of duty and was twice wounded in action. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal with a Gold Star, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with a Gold Star.

In 1972 he graduated from the University of Alabama Medical School in Birmingham and began his post graduate medical education in Atlanta at Emory University, training at both Emory and Grady Hospital. Two years later, Dr. Gibson relocated to Athens to be closer to his brothers and to open a private practice. Though based at Winterville Medical Center, he worked to provide healthcare in rural areas by opening clinics in Comer, Elberton, and Madison with the essential help of Libby Haley, RN, who served as his nurse for 42 years. After restoring

the Newton “Pink” House, he opened his first “in-town” location, Prince Avenue Primary Care. In addition to his board certification in Family Medicine, he was certified by the American Society for Addiction Medicine as an Addiction Specialist and served for two years as the president of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine. In 1992, seeing a void in the addiction community, he and his wife, Em Chaffin Gibson, opened and operated Athens Recovery, a therapeutic community for men recovering from addictive disease. He eventually became the Medical Director of Advantage Behavioral System’s Substance Abuse Program for over 20 years.

Through his nearly 50-year career in Athens, Dr. Gibson helped, healed, and hoped for tens of thousands of patients. It was his honor to provide medical care to generations of local families and to help countless others restore their lives through sobriety. Known for his raw honesty and unrelenting hope in human kind, Dr. Gibson’s tough love will be sorely missed by all that knew him. Dr. Timothy B. Gibson died as he lived: with honor, tenacity, and gratitude. As was his wish, his community will continue to receive family-centered healthcare from his devoted staff at Prince Avenue Primary Care.



Em Gibson (left) with Libby Haley



Tim and Em Gibson’s children, Laura Gibson Hooper and James Gibson



Trent Gibson, Ted Gibson Jr., Ted Gibson, Travis Gibson

SCHOOL NEWS

COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Back-to-School Preparations

CCSD has released a statement in English and Spanish addressing issues and planning regarding safely opening schools during the ongoing pandemic. The statement can be read here: <https://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/>

Coile Middle School Names New Principal

With Dr. Marsha Thomas retiring after 32 years in education, Coile Middle School will be under new leadership when students return to school in the fall. Dr. Beverly Ford, who served as Assistant Principal under Dr. Thomas, has been named her successor. Dr. Ford has been with Clarke's public school system since 2006, and before becoming assistant principal at Coile, had been interim assistant principal and assistant principal at Alps Road Elementary School. Prior to these leadership roles, she served as a Behavior Specialist for the district, a Special Education team leader at JJ Harris Elementary, and a first grade teacher at Timothy Road Elementary School.

"It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth," states Dr. Ford. "I have enjoyed each experience along my educational journey and am excited about my next role as principal at Coile Middle. It is my goal to engage and empower every child and to have them feel a part of the Cougar family. I embrace Rita Pierson's quote, 'Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.'

With an increase in student enrollment, Coile will also welcome two new administrators to serve in the role of Assistant Principal. Stephanie McKee, currently an instructional coach at Coile, will transition to the role of AP. Ms. McKee has worked as an educator for the past 15 years in Clarke County. From Dekalb County School District, Dr. Angela Majors also joins the administrative team at Coile. Dr. Majors was previously an Instructional Support Specialist in the DeKalb County Public School District and has taught since 2006.

Media Center Wins State-Wide Award

Samantha Barnum, media specialist at Coile Middle, has been awarded the 2020 Judy Serritella award for exceptional library media programs. This award is granted by the Georgia Library Media Program, which "was created to recognize library media programs that empower students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information both in vision and in practice. Exceptional library media programs are ones that demonstrate these characteristics in a consistent and effective manner." Congratulations to Ms. Barnum!



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