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## COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT

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As you know, all of Clarke County is under an order to shelter in place in order to help reduce the severity of the novel coronavirus outbreak. As a result, city offices and many businesses are closed, and community meetings are canceled. You are urged to cancel all social engagements and to remain home except for essential travel (e.g., trips to the pharmacy). Maintain a distance of at least six feet from anyone you encounter outside your home, and wash your hands for twenty seconds or use hand-sanitizer after coming in contact with outside objects. Dates for all events listed in this issue of the *Gazette* are tentative and subject to change. Updates will be posted on the city website, Facebook, and Nextdoor Winterville.

### UPDATE FROM ACC REPRESENTATIVES

We just completed another update with our two local hospitals and other healthcare providers in the area. Based on this call, we want to provide the community with several updates.

The most important is this: our healthcare providers in the Athens area are prepared. We all know the number of cases is going to increase, and we may see a surge, but the hospitals and our other providers are ready.

Testing capacity and response time for results continue to move in the right direction. One of the most significant challenges in addition to limited testing is waiting times for results. Fortunately, we anticipate much quicker testing results over the next several days—which will also significantly help with PPE supplies.

The Georgia National Guard has deployed medical officers to the Athens area to provide additional support, as well, and we thank them for their continued service to our state and community.

Many have reached out about providing support to those on the frontlines, whether it's food or supplies. For Piedmont Athens Regional, please contact Libby Hayes at [libby.hayes@piedmont.org](mailto:libby.hayes@piedmont.org); for St. Mary's, please contact Ansley Martin at [ansley.martin@stmarysathens.org](mailto:ansley.martin@stmarysathens.org). We're also seeing a continued need for blood donations. Please consider visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and donating blood.

Congressman Jody Hice also joined us and provided an update on the federal level. His office stands ready to assist our hospitals in securing necessary funding and working with others requesting funding as part of the recent federal relief package.

Finally, as always, we are all here to assist in any way possible. We know these are extremely challenging times, but we're confident we will emerge from this battle successful and even stronger as a community. We're incredibly grateful for those on the front lines—let's all continue to lift up our healthcare workers as they lead this fight.

—Mayor Kelly Girtz, Mayor Dodd Ferrelle, Chairman John Daniell,  
Sen. Bill Cowser, Sen. Frank Ginn, Rep. Spencer Frye,  
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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Wintervilleans, I write to you today from our home on Georgia Avenue. I am usually in my office looking out onto the City Square, Pittard Park, and City Hall with adoration and gratitude, but for now we are all sheltering in place to do our part in protecting citizens here and across the country and help assure that our communities have the resources they need to care for the critically ill. The significance of the impact of the coronavirus cannot be overstated, and I would be remiss for not addressing it in the Gazette for the sake of both current news and historical reference. These are difficult times we are all going through, but hard times always remind me of what an incredible community we have. I am confident that we will bounce back stronger and more unified than ever. Community leaders have joined with me to prepare for the needs of families at risk with regard to health, food, emotional, or financial insecurities, and we will continue to do everything we can to protect your health and safety. Citizens have stopped by my office to donate money for families in desperate need, and small businesses in Clarke County and beyond are sewing masks for our health care providers. These are powerful displays of support, love, and hope born again and again throughout our community. Winterville, Athens, and our surrounding counties will rise to the challenge together; this is the focus of my gratitude today. We will get through this. This pandemic will eventually subside. In the meantime, spring is blossoming. We are cautiously hopeful that the Marigold Festival will be held as scheduled on May 9, and the City of Winterville can begin our certain journey back to brighter days, when I will see you on the streets. Until then, stay home and stay well!



Sincerely,  
Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor

## CIVIC CALENDAR

**All events held at City Hall unless otherwise indicated.**

Monday, May 4	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5	Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Marigold Festival (city-wide)
Monday, May 11	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 19	Historic Preservation Commission, 6:00 (WCCC)
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day, City Hall closed
Monday, Jun 1	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jun 2	Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jun 8	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jun 9	City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jun 16	Historic Preservation Commission, 6:00 (WCCC)



## CITY NEWS

### CHARTER AMENDMENT

As you know, the city is considering an amendment to the Charter that would remove language prohibiting the sale or manufacture of beer and wine. To amend the City Charter, two public hearings must be held, followed by a vote at each of the regular meetings following those hearings. At the first public hearing on March 10, a motion was made to amend the Charter; the motion carried. The second public hearing and vote is tentatively scheduled for April 14 at 6:30 p.m. However, this hearing may need to be rescheduled to a date in May. In the meantime, please visit [www.cityofwinterville.com](http://www.cityofwinterville.com) to fill out the public information request regarding beer and wine in the City of Winterville.

### STORY MAPPING

City Council approved the use of a rather new platform called Story Mapping to create a city-wide communication plan. We will partner with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Planning and Government Services Division to create this platform and link it to our website. Story Mapping will enable the city to have a much more robust, real-time communication tool for our citizens and public servants. Stay tuned for launch dates!

### MAIN STREET FLOODING REMEDIATION

City Council approved engineering services through W&A Associates to address flooding on Main Street. We now have a plan to install new piping underneath the street near the driveway at Winterville First Baptist Church. We hope to have this done in conjunction with the Firefly Trail construction that is currently underway. In addition, Athens Clarke County Public Works will install inlets along Main Street between the WFBC driveway and Henry Meyer Road. We look forward to having these two projects done very soon.

### NEGRC FISCAL RETREAT

The Winterville mayor, City Council members, and city staff participated in a fiscal retreat facilitated by John Devine of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC). The purpose of the retreat was “visioning” the financial future of the city and prioritizing short-, medium-, and long-term spending. A report will be presented to the city by the NEGRC and shared on the city’s website. A second retreat will be held later in the year to address the planning and prioritizing of SPLOST funds spending over the next 10 years (starting April 2021).

### DOLLAR GENERAL STREETSCAPING

This project is currently suffering the same fate as the Firefly Trail Project: delay due to the enormous amount of seemingly non-stop rain. As soon as dry weather takes over, we will see this project move quickly, with piping and grading of the ditch as well as a new sidewalk and street trees down Athens Road and around Henry Meyer Road.

## NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Please congratulate and welcome your new Chief of Police, James “Jimmy” Fulcher. City Council approved the hiring of Chief Fulcher at the March 10 meeting. It was a true joy to hear all of the community support for Jimmy, and we look forward to serving alongside him and the rest of our top-notch police department. We wish Chief Fulcher good luck and many years of service!



Chief Fulcher at the swearing-in ceremony

## WINTERVILLE AUDITORIUM CITIZEN INPUT MEETING

This meeting, facilitated by the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute, was scheduled for April 2 but will have to be postponed. The purpose of this meeting is to get your input on all things pertaining to the future of the Auditorium. We want to hear your ideas for how the Auditorium will operate, what it will look like, who will perform there, and even what to name it.

## NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Please welcome Jack Reddick to our city staff. A full-time employee with Athens Clarke County Code Enforcement, Jack will be working part-time for the City of Winterville. He brings 13 years of experience and accreditation in Code Enforcement to this position.

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Shauna Smith and Timothy Pierce-Tomlin have joined the Planning and Zoning Commission. We are thrilled to have representation from Winter Hills and Gordon Circle in City Hall! Welcome, Shauna and Tim, and thank you both for serving! Also, thanks and congratulations to Bob White, who is the new chairman of commission.

## WINTERVILLE RECOGNIZED AS “VISIONARY CITY”

The February 2020 issue of *GeorgiaTrend* magazine announced the winners of its inaugural Visionary City Award. The award highlights Georgia cities that “have exhibited success in planning and forward-thinking in... civic engagement,” writes Karen Kirkpatrick. Nine cities (three in each category of large, medium, and small cities) received the award for projects that “serve as inspiring examples of civility, collaboration, and creating communities of positive change across Georgia,” said Larry Hanson, Executive Director of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The GMA is partnering with the magazine in sponsoring the award. Winterville earned the title of Visionary City through its work on restoring the Auditorium, in which citizens came together to work, fund, and plan the future of a space that will be a home for the arts and, in Mayor Ferrelle’s words, a “magical place.” As *GeorgiaTrend* states, the winning cities “foster healthy working relationships” and are places where people “truly love to live and work.” Of course, we Wintervillians already knew that, but it’s great to have others agree!

# WINTERVILLE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

The Winterville Center is closed due to the pandemic. Please visit [www.WintervilleCenter.com](http://www.WintervilleCenter.com) for information on when the center will reopen and classes will resume. You can also like our Facebook page at to receive updates, and opt-in to receive our monthly newsletter.

## NEW FUNDRAISER

Since 2016, when we held our First Winterville Breeze 5K Run/Walk, our little city has been inundated with races, resulting in decreased sponsors of and participants in the Breeze. So, we have decided to try a new type fundraiser while still supporting some of our more successful local races.

Thus, we are excited to announce a cookbook fundraiser. A cookbook is a perfect way to bring the whole community together through preserving recipes, sharing cultures, and exploring various dietary lifestyles—all while raising money for our cause.

The deadline for recipe submissions is still to be determined, but we would like to have the cookbook available for gift-giving by November 16, if not sooner. At this time, you are welcome to send up to five of your favorite recipes in the categories below. We are also interested in recipes that support dairy-free, keto, vegan, vegetarian and other dietary choices.

- 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, dressings, jams & jellies, etc.)
- Desserts, Cookies, & Candy (snacks, baked goods, holiday treats, etc.)
- Fruit (fresh, cooked, salads, curd, mousse, etc.)
- Grains (rice, barley, etc.)
- International & Ethnic (Italian, Mexican, German, Asian, southern, etc.)
- Dairy (ice cream, shakes, cheeses, yogurt, etc.)
- Proteins (meats, poultry, seafood, eggs, plant- or grain-based, etc.)
- Vegetables (fresh, boiled, baked, casseroles, etc.)
- Sides (hot or cold, vegetables, salads, baked beans, etc.)
- Soups & Sandwiches (cold or hot, stews, etc.)

Please provide a brief story about your recipe, for example, whether it is a traditional dish served only at holiday times, how it came down through your family, or why you like the recipe. The cookbooks will also feature photos and stories of the WCCC as well as some of Winterville's historical locations.

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 significantly altered. Send your recipes to [wintervillecenter@gmail.com](mailto:wintervillecenter@gmail.com).

# WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

For the past few years, the Winterville Arts Council (WAC) has kicked off the new calendar year by hosting an art show featuring the work of students from Winterville Elementary School under the instruction of their art teacher, Ms. Carli Brownlee. This year's opening reception was held on Friday, February 7. Due to inclement weather and a date change, attendance was a bit less than the previous year's reception; nevertheless, we had a good number of students, family, and friends attend. It is a joy to witness the students' faces beam with pride at seeing their art and names displayed throughout the Winterville Community Center! The students' art will remain on display through the end of March.



Art by WES students

The art exhibit planned for this spring was to feature submissions for the annually changing logo for the Marigold Festival. However, this show has had to be post-poned due to the need for citizens to shelter in place. Marisa Mustard had the winning entry and is thus the 2020 Marigold Festival featured artist. See more about Marisa in the Artist Spotlight in this issue.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

WAC is excited to announce our first juried art show! We are honored to have as juror Ms. Viviane Van Giesen, former president of the Athens Art Association and currently Vice-President of the Georgia Watercolor Society. The opening reception will be held Friday, July 17, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. at the Winterville Center. All interested artists are asked to submit their work with a \$10 submission fee by June 12. A monetary prize will be awarded to Best in Show.

If you'd like more information on the Winterville Arts Council, including upcoming events, art submissions, and our newsletter, please visit [www.wintervilleartscouncil.org](http://www.wintervilleartscouncil.org). You can also keep up with WAC events by liking us on Facebook or by following us on Instagram [@wintervilleartscouncil](https://www.instagram.com/wintervilleartscouncil).



# LIBRARY NEWS

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is "Imagine Your Story: Mythology and Fairytales." The program begins May 9, the same day as the Winterville Marigold Festival. Ms. Hannah will be on the front porch of the library to help with registration. This year the program is not just for children! Last summer we had so many adults express interest that we decided to include all ages. We will offer Reading Logs for adults as well as age-appropriate prizes (mostly books) for adults.

- Goals for Summer Reading Programs include:
- Empowering people of all ages and abilities to read by developing positive attitudes about reading and books
- Motivating school-age children to maintain reading skills during summer vacation
- Encouraging regular use of the library
- Attracting new patrons to the library
- Encouraging readers to try new literary genres
- Increasing family participation in library activities
- Providing a space where everyone is welcomed, accepted, and acknowledged

There are many exciting events scheduled. On May 23 we will host a Fancy Nancy-themed tea party. On June 6, Sweet Olive Farm returns with their ambassador alpacas! Come see the Amazing Ziggy and his pirate-themed magic show on June 24, and Julie Bagentoss will perform Flamenco dancing and read Spanish stories on July 15. As always, we will have several craft days that will include making fantasy-themed slime and unicorn headbands. Story Time will continue every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

The Summer Reading Program wraps up with a pizza party on August 1. Patrons will celebrate how much they read during the summer. All kids and teens will take home cool prizes. Top Readers will take home extra prizes.

Be sure to follow Winterville Library's Facebook page. You can also find the latest updates on programs and services online at [www.athenslibrary.org/winterville](http://www.athenslibrary.org/winterville). The Winterville Library is a member of the Athens Regional Library System, which includes 11 libraries in Athens-Clarke, Franklin, Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties.

## FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is closed until further notice, but we are looking forward to starting the spring concert series once it is safe for crowds to gather again. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some local music. Below is a tentative schedule beginning in May.

May 2	Lexington Jam
May 9	Marigold Festival
May 16	Original Screwtops
May 23	Vagablonde
May 30	Dangfly
June 6	Welfare Liners
June 13	Kate Morrissey Stahl
June 20	Norma Rae
June 7	Eastville Belle

# WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Trees provide so many benefits to homeowners and communities: cooling outside summer temperatures, keeping our water and air clean, providing habitat for wildlife, creating privacy, improving our health and well-being, and limiting the impact of climate change by storing carbon. Trees also provide beauty, and spring is a great time of year to appreciate the beauty of new leaves unfurling, flowers blooming, and cones forming. Take a moment to observe what is happening to the trees in your yard. You may be surprised to see flowers you never noticed before and other ways trees “wake up” in spring. Enjoy the wonder of trees! At right is a Japanese maple, and below, from left to right, is a dogwood, redbud, and loblolly pine.



## ARBOR DAY

On February 20, the city celebrated Winterville Arbor Day at Winterville Elementary. A member of the Georgia Forestry Commission planted a bald cypress tree at the school (the rainy made the choice of this water-loving tree especially appropriate!). WES student Thomas Field read a poem about a tree, and Mayor Dodd Ferrelle made the Tree City USA Arbor Day proclamation. National Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 24.

**Please note:** Due to the Coronavirus, the Tree Commission has canceled the May 2 Winterville Tree Tour but will hold one this fall. The April 6 public Tree Commission meeting will be rescheduled; date TBA.



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

After a festive registration potluck in February, all of the garden boxes have been rented. Registration will reopen on 1 March 2021. A one-year rental of a 4' x 8' x 1' raised bed is \$40 a year. Rental fees help cover the costs of garden maintenance and weed control in the public areas. Boxes have drip irrigation during warm months. For more information, go to <https://cityofwinterville.com/winterville-community-garden>.



# FIREFLY TRAIL BUZZES WITH ACTIVITY THIS SPRING

Despite a wet, soggy winter and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic that has forced postponement of several key events, Firefly Trail continues to progress up and down the 39-mile corridor and particularly in Athens-Clarke County.

Residents of Winterville and vicinity have watched the on-again, off-again activity on the 1.6 mile Winterville segment these past several months. Frequent rains frustrated the construction crew (and others) because concrete cannot be put down unless the subgrade is at optimal moisture content and precisely compacted. More than one section was thought to be ready for concrete pouring, only to be judged too damp and/or in need of additional compaction. But on February 28, the first small section of concrete was poured and more has been put down in the weeks since.

Factoring in the delays, Athens-Clarke County SPLOST project administrator Derek Doster currently anticipates a mid-summer completion for the Winterville segment.

Elsewhere in Athens-Clarke County, initial survey work for the segment from Hancock Road to the Winterville city limits is close to finished. Completion of this step will be followed by preliminary plan development, and Doster projects a late summer preliminary plan review by the ACC Mayor and Commission.

Back toward Athens, considerable construction activity will be getting underway in early summer. Bid submission for the nearly two-mile Old Winterville Road to Hancock Road section, which includes a Firefly Trail bridge over the proposed Loop 10 on-ramp, is scheduled for April 23. Mayor and Commission approval is expected in May, with work to commence soon thereafter. The long-awaited Trail Creek bridge, which will combine reconstructed sections of the “Murmur” trestle with modern steel arches over Dudley Park Drive and Poplar Street, is now in the final design stage. Contractor selection is expected early this summer.

Further afield, engineering work on the Union Point Model Mile is underway with high hopes that Firefly’s southern-most segment will be completed by year’s end. A recent grant from the Riverview Foundation will provide essential safety features where the Trail crosses Georgia 44 before continuing on to Greene County Primary School.

A 0.7 mile asphalt trail segment was completed in Maxeys last fall, with a second piece anticipated later this year. As with Union Point, Maxeys is taking advantage of a generous Riverview Foundation grant to plan needed safety features and other amenities.

Firefly Trail, Inc., is presently helping organize Local Action Committees in Winterville and Northern Oglethorpe County. These supportive citizen groups will complement existing LACs in Union Point, South Oglethorpe County, and East Athens, giving local citizens opportunities to contribute their ideas and talents as Firefly Trail continues to make progress. For more information, visit <https://www.fireflytrail.com/>.



Left: Metal artist Myra Colquitt presents a bike rack she created for the Winterville section of the Firefly Trail. Right: A yellow bike sculpture donated by the Civitan Club decorates the trail at Winterville’s Five-Points.





## 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](mailto:wintervillegazette@gmail.com).

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Write Direction Consulting, LLC, provides communication and consulting services for clients throughout Georgia and the east coast. Kelly Stimpert, a Winterville resident, founded the company in late 2018. Since that time, she has worked with large non-profit organizations and small to medium-size businesses to design strategic plans, write and edit technical documents, guide communication campaigns, and develop grant proposals.

Before launching Write Direction, Kelly earned an undergraduate degree from The University of Georgia ('96), owned an advertising agency in Atlanta, and completed a Master of Public Health from Georgia State University ('09). She has worked as a consultant, advertising agent, and communicator for more than 20 years, including at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).



Kelly Stimpert

During 2019, Kelly collaborated with Mayor Ferrelle and his team on a pro bono basis to strategize about ways to promote the city of Winterville and all it has to offer. Kelly offered input about the city's communication and outreach plans, including suggestions to post a master calendar on the city's website, promote the recent awards ceremony at the Fox Theater in Atlanta, create a strategic plan, and offer the Winterville Gazette in an online format. The city is grateful for her support and has already begun to make many of these ideas a reality.

Although originally from Atlanta, Kelly has a vested interest in Winterville and the Athens area. Her Bulldog roots run deep: not only did she graduate from UGA but her grandfather, Dr. Warren K. Agee, was the Dean of the Grady College of Journalism. Kelly is proud to be back in the area working in the same field as her much beloved grandfather. To learn more about Kelly and Write Direction Consulting, please visit [www.writedirectionllc.com](http://www.writedirectionllc.com).

# ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

## Marisa Leilani Mustard



Artwork by Marisa Leilani Mustard was selected from among numerous submissions to be the logo for the 2020 Marigold Festival. Since her start painting original designs on guitars, drumheads, and distortion pedals for musicians across the country, she has continued to develop her unique & thoughtful style. A peripatetic soul, she lived in Alaska, New Orleans, and New Mexico before coming to Athens. Each place has greatly influenced her art. Marisa's favorite thing to paint is functional art, covering all types of surfaces from murals for local businesses and private homes to musical instruments and mailboxes. She values giving back to the community, and participates in such projects like AthFest Educates, Roll out the Barrels (a fundraiser for the Green Schools Program, which provides environmental education to Clarke County public school students), and Play On Athens, for which she painted a public art piano. You can see Marisa's piano, painted with her signature style—crisp line work and bold flowers—at the ACC Library. To see more of her work, follow her on Instagram [@m.leilaniart](https://www.instagram.com/m.leilaniart).



The 2020 Marigold Festival Logo



## GLANCING BACK

The *Gazette* is pleased to announce a new, regular (space permitting) feature on historical citizens, places, and events in Winterville history, written by Gwen Lott.

### STILL STANDING

The lone grave of Revolutionary soldier Hiram Howard rests on a curve of the short, narrow, dead-end Suddeth Street in Winterville. In 1925, the Elijah Clarke Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution gathered there to celebrate his military service by placing a stone marker that still stands today.

Howard served in the North Carolina Troops and Georgia Continental Line during the war. His lineage can be traced back to Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States. According to his Last Will & Testament filed in Athens, Clarke County, on 31 August 1821, Hiram willed to his wife the “land and plantation where I now live in Clarke County on the waters of Shole Creek containing three hundred and twenty five acres.”



The *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Volume 2*, lists Howard as being buried at “his home.” According to this information, Suddeth Street was once part of a large plantation.

Historians wanting to track Howard’s lineage can find information in the *The Georgia Frontier Volume 1: Colonial Families of the Revolutionary War Period*, which records Hiram Howard as the son of Henry Groves and Priscilla (Farrar) Howard. He married Lucretia Giles, and they had four daughters: Divine (Howard) Embry, Priscilla (Howard) Weaver, Polly (Howard) Orr, and Judith (Howard) Jackson. This last child was named after her great-grandmother on her father’s side, Judith (Jefferson) Farrar, who was a paternal aunt of Thomas Jefferson.

As further recognition of his service, the Athens Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution marked Howard’s grave with an SAR marker on April 15, 2017. Howard is a part of Winterville’s history and his grave marker stands as a testament to all those killed during the American Revolution.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

In May of 2018, the Mayor and Council voted to start a Historic Preservation Commission in Winterville. There are many benefits of living in a Historic District and a city that supports it. Historic districts bring visitors (and money!) into the city, help foster a strong sense of community by linking us to our past, and support sustainable living through being pedestrian friendly. Additionally, real estate values in historic districts remain more stable over the long run, and there are federal and state tax incentives and credits both for residential and income-producing properties. By preserving the charm of a historic home or building and adhering to historic district guidelines, you are investing in your future.

The Winterville Preservation Commission will be sending letters to residences in the five historic districts delineated by the commission. The city will hold three public hearings to explain more about the various districts and discuss the guidelines. After public input, the mayor and council will collaborate with HPC members to finalize the work the commission has done. Relevant articles as well as dates and times for public input meetings will be available on the city website.

We look forward to support for historic preservation on the part of the community, as we will all gain from the benefits it offers the city of Winterville.

# MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

The Marigold Festival Board is keeping a close eye on recommendations for gatherings in May and beyond. We are hoping to celebrate our favorite yearly tradition with you all, but your safety is our #1 concern. We will issue an announcement by April 8 regarding whether the festival can proceed as scheduled.



# ARTS!OGLETHORPE

Arts!Oglethorpe is ready to entertain you when it is safe to resume life as we knew it! A small troupe of actors were planning to present the Southern comedy *Dearly Departed* by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, but concerns about the spread of Covid-19 led them to put their plans on hold.

The cast is made up of eleven actors, three of whom are residents of Winterville: newcomer to the company Josh Brown, and A!O veterans Ed Smith and Mary Quinn. The show is directed by Shirley Dillard.

Hilarity abounds in *Dearly Departed* as family and friends plan the funeral of the deceased family patriarch while dealing with a boatload of their own eccentricities and mishaps. Ed Smith's character Ray-Bud says it best when he tells his wife, "When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you."

Stay tuned for updates about when this play might be staged. At the moment, we anticipate an opening date in August or September. Arts!Oglethorpe performs at The Historic Crawford School, 325 Park Avenue, Crawford. Ticket sales have been suspended for now; however, tickets will cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.



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Interested in becoming a part of the 2020 Marigold Festival? We have lots of volunteer opportunities! Go to **www.marigoldfestival.com** for information on how to sign up.

Look for the *Gazette* online at  
<http://www.cityofwinterville.com/city-publication>