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Winterville Library Events

Storytime Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Library

Bedtime Stories Thursdays, Jan. 2, 16 & Feb. 6, 20 at 6:30pm

Grab your teddy bear and get your pajamas ready! A family story time program for children of all ages. Kids come in pajamas, bring a teddy bear, pillow or a blanket and a caregiver.

Family Game Night Tuesdays, Jan. 21st & Feb. 18th

Join us as we dig out some of our old favorites (Candy Land, Sorry, Cootie) as well as some new games (Flippity Frogs, Barnyard Stampede, Sneaky Snacky Squirrel). Fun for the whole family!

Special Storytime and Open Playtime Wednesday, January 29, at 10:30am

Please join us for special storytime. We'll watch a short video of Judy Sierra's *Antarctic Antics* then jump into open playtime. Open playtime gives children and their caregivers a chance to play together with age-appropriate toys.

The **Friends of the Winterville Library** present an update on the status of the proposed "Firefly Trail" on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00pm. See article on page 2.

Library Hours

Monday	3 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday	3 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 12 pm
Thursday	3 pm - 7 pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

The library will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 20 for holiday observances.



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Christmas in the Park 2013

Our annual Christmas in the Park was a great success. While the forecast originally called for rain, we ended up with no rain and unseasonably warm temperatures.



Our City Clerk **Wendy Bond** did a great job organizing the event as always. The performance by the **Winterville Elementary School** choir was an added bonus.

Community Garden Update



Plans are underway for a Winterville Community Garden starting this spring. If you would like to be on the email list to receive information as details are determined, please email:

WintervilleCommunityGarden@gmail.com

Santa and Mrs. Claus were a big hit with the children. And of course the event would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of **The Commercial Bank**. Thanks to everyone who helped carry on this wonderful tradition!



Left: Santa and Mrs. Claus pose with local children. Right: A capacity crowd turned out for the event and enjoyed the warm evening.

Mayor's Corner

A big **THANKS** to everyone who contributed items for the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade and Toys for Tots. We filled almost three boxes with toys. The **Winterville Civitan Club** collected a full box just from their members!

A reminder that the Pittard Park Pavilion is now closed for rentals until late March. The Depot is available for rental year round.

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year.
~Emily Eisenman

Keep Your Septic System In Super Shape

by Christina Catanese, US Environmental Protection Agency

If you're among the nearly one in four households served by septic systems, EPA has some "SepticSmart" tips for you to help keep your system in shape:

Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full. Fix plumbing leaks and install faucet aerators and water-efficient products. Too much water use at once can overload your system, particularly if it hasn't been pumped in the last couple of years.

Avoid pouring fats, grease and solids down the drain, which can clog your system, or toxic material, which can kill the organisms that digest and treat waste.

Have your septic system inspected every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped when necessary, generally every three to five years. It can cost \$3,000 to \$7,000 to repair or replace a malfunctioning

system compared to the average \$250 to \$300 cost to pump a septic system.

Don't flush household products down the toilet. Dental floss, disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts, coffee grounds and cat litter can clog and potentially damage septic systems.

A malfunctioning system, in addition to being costly, can kill native plants and fish and shellfish, as well as reduce property values and potentially pose a legal liability.

A properly maintained system helps keep your family's drinking water clean, reduces the risk of contaminating local waters, and keeps conversation with your guests focused on more pleasant subjects...like the funniest commercials during the big game.

So while you work on your new year's resolution to be healthier yourself, resolve to keep your septic system in shape too. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/septicmart

Rails-To-Trails Project

by Mary Quinn

Across the United States, communities are converting abandoned railroad corridors into functional, appealing resources for walking, bicycling, jogging, and even equestrian use. This concept, known as "rails-to-trails," makes use of an existing infrastructure to create multi-use paths with associated amenities such as trailheads, parking lots, restrooms, interpretive and educational signage, and often, parks or other forms of greenspace.

Efforts to extend this successful, dynamic phenomenon into Northeast Georgia focus on the historic

"Athens Branch," a 39-mile rail line formerly running from Union Point to Athens. Communities linked by this route include Athens-Clarke County and the City of Winterville; Oglethorpe County and the cities of Maxeys, Crawford, and Arnoldsville; and Greene County and the cities of Union Point and Woodville. Advocates see this cutting-edge rail-trail as a way to promote active and healthy lifestyles, protect air quality by reducing automobile trips, develop community, and generate economic development. Advantages to residents along the corridor include property value gains, easy access to the facility, and tax incentives

for donation of property or easements to support the project.

Children will have a safe place in which to practice independence in transportation and leisure, elderly populations will gain a resource to maintain health and fitness, and people of all ages and backgrounds will reap aesthetic, environmental, economic, cultural, health, and recreation benefits.

Thursday, January 23, 2013, from 6-7 pm at the Winterville Library, an update on the status of the proposed "Firefly Trail" will be provided. The focus of this event will be the Winterville area. Please join us!



3rd Annual Ticket To Ride Bike Ride March 22 \$30 registration to Mary Cook, 402 W. Cloverhurst Ave., Athens GA

January 2014

- } January 6 - 5:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- } January 7 - 5:30 pm City Council Workshop
- } January 14 - 7 pm City Council Meeting
- } January 20 - MLK Holiday, City Hall Closed
- } January 23 - 6 pm Firefly Trail meeting at the Library

February 2014

- } February 3 - 5:30 pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- } February 4 - 5:30 pm City Council Workshop
- } February 11 - 7 pm City Council Meeting

Looking Ahead . . .

- } March 22 - Miss Marigold Pageant
- } March 22 - Firefly Trail Bike Ride
- } May 17 - Marigold Festival



Miss Marigold Scholarship Pageant
for girls in grades 1 - 12
Pageant Date March 22
Applications Now Available
www.MarigoldFestival.com
or at City Hall
Questions? Contact
MissMarigoldWinterville@gmail.com

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