



HISTORIC
Jonesboro
Georgia

**COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**

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Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting— Saturday, December 2

Join us for Holiday Fun on Main Street and at Lee Street Park! Parade begins at 5:00 pm, down Main to Lee Street Park. Tree Lighting, Music, Food, and more... A great way to kick off the holiday season with your family, friends, and neighbors.



BROAD STREET PROJECT PLANNING BEGINS

Our Broad Street Project is being planned just south of the Firehouse Museum (FM). The City has acquired all of the buildings behind the FM, as well as the parking lot adjacent to the old News Daily building. A City Green is part of the plan as well as a pedestrian walkway. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!**

Public Meeting: Tuesday, December 12 — 6:00 pm

Firehouse Museum, West Mill Street

Our consultants, TSW, as well as other committee members will be present to share the vision for our Downtown. ***This is your space, citizens. We need your input on the future of Jonesboro.***

Low-Temp Industries Annexed into the City

Located at 9192 Tara Boulevard, Low Temp Industries, Inc. is one of the country's leading innovators and manufacturers of custom foodservice equipment and décor. Low Temp, under the leadership and ownership of the Casey Family has been a strong presence in the Jonesboro community for over seven decades. As a result of Low Temp's request to annex into the City limits of Jonesboro, the City Council approved the annexation of 35.7 acres on November 20, 2017. Low Temp plans to build a new corporate headquarters and production facility totalling slightly over 170,000 SF in order to continue their 70 year history of manufacturing custom and modular food service equipment. The facility will incorporate Green building technologies. Low Temp currently employs 165 employees.

**City Council Approves
2018 City Budget**

On November 13, 2017, the Jonesboro City Council formally approved the 2018 Budget to begin on January 1, 2018. The

\$4,725,128.00 budget represents a 2% increase over fiscal year 2017. It provides a 2% step increase for all employees. Also included in the budget is the purchase of two new vehicles for the Police Department and two new trucks for the Public Works Department. The proposed plan maintains existing services while advancing the City's strategic goals in the Comprehensive Plan. Public hearings were held regarding the budget prior to its approval. Copies of the 2018 Budget are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

HOLLY DAYS....CHRISTMAS IN JONESBORO

2017 Mayor's 1st Annual Outdoor Decorating Contest—Theme: "Deck the City"

Entry forms are available at City Hall or online at www.jonesboroga.com

Entries must be received by December 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm—Must be ready for judging by 5:30 pm, December 18, 2017

Entries must be located inside the Jonesboro City Limits—(Call for verification)

Winners will be announced on the City of Jonesboro's website, www.jonesboroga.com

AWARDS: *1st, *2nd, *3rd for each individual and business category (\$100 cash prize for each 1st place winner)

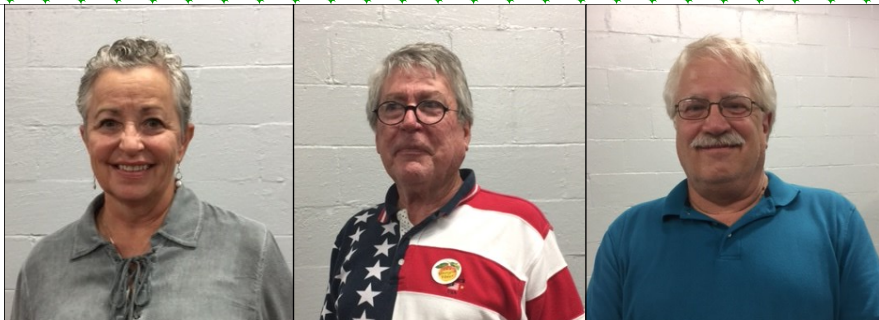
***Best in Theme and *Mayor's Choice Award**

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND MAKE OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL!

★ **CITY ELECTION RESULTS** ★

Pat Sebo: 128
Billy Powell: 116
Bobby Lester: 96
Lee Moore: 87
Arlene Charles: 81
Homestead Exemption: **Yes: 108**
No: 105

Congratulations to Sebo, Powell, and Lester!



AN 1862 SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS

Step back to 1862, join the McCord Family as they prepare for Christmas. Get a glimpse of history at:

STATELY OAKS PLANTATION

DECEMBER 8 AND 9, 2016—7:00-9:00 P.M.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Stately Oaks Plantation. Tickets will be sold by the time of the tour; a new tour will start every 20 minutes. Tickets may be obtained at Stately Oaks on the evening of the event as availability permits. Prior purchase is recommended. 100 Carriage Lane—(770) 473-0197

While waiting for your tour to begin, you will be entertained with music and storytellers in the Bethel School House. Juddy's Store will be open for shopping.

Admission \$10; Seniors (55+) \$8;
Children (5-11) \$5 Under 5 Free



The Bethel Schoolhouse at Stately Oaks is available for rental for parties and other events for up to 50 people. You may bring your own food, or Historical Jonesboro will provide a caterer. Call Joy at (770)

473-0197 for details and pricing. Plan a special event in the last one room schoolhouse in Clayton County.

Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County is seeking **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as docents, tour guides, store clerks, or assist with gardening/handyman services around the property. If you can give of your time and talent, call (770) 473-0197 for information.

Coming on January 11-12

MAMA'S SOUP KITCHEN

Lunchtime fundraiser for Historical Jonesboro at the Firehouse Museum on West Mill Street
Details in next month's newsletter.

City Applies for Rural Zone Designation

The Rural Zone Program will provide tax credit Incentives to promote revitalization by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long established business districts designated as Rural Zones by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Established by Governor Nathan Deal in 2017 through HB74, Rural Zone Communities are eligible for Job Tax Credits, Investment Credits, and Rehabilitation Credits for small business owners as well as investors in the designated Rural Zone. The Commissioners of DCA and the Department of Economic Development will designate up to 10 Rural Zones per year, with benefits earned for five years. Communities must meet guidelines in order to apply. If attained, the Rural Zone Designation will be yet another tool in the revitalization of Downtown Jonesboro.

Jonesboro Joins Network of Age Friendly Cities

As a part of our Community Planning, Neighborhood and Business Revitalization initiatives, the City of Jonesboro has passed a resolution to support and engage in the World Health Organization/AARP Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network. Age-Friendly Communities create physical and emotional environments that are supportive, nurture healthy aging, encourage self-care and engage older persons in a variety of activities that contribute to quality of life. AARP works with cities at the local level to enable them to be more supportive not only of older residents but for residents of all ages by tapping into national and global research, models and best practices.



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FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

(678) 767-6475

WOODY WOOD WORKS INC.

138 ARNOLD PL.
JONESBORO, GA. 30236
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Clayton House Relocates to New Facility on Commercial Court

Clayton House, Inc., 110 Broad Street in the City, has relocated to a larger facility south of the city off Tara Boulevard at 1560 Commercial Court, the former location of the Clayton County Police Academy. Working with Clayton County, the City was able to obtain the building and negotiate an exchange of property with The Clayton House, Inc. The new facility is over 17,000 SF (up from 4800 SF in the old location) and will afford Clayton House the opportunity to have enlarged meeting areas as well as providing potential rental space to assist with monthly operating expenses. Clayton House, Inc., a non-profit, offers regularly scheduled AA, Al-Anon, and Ala-Teen meetings for those in recovery. For information, call (770) 478-0191.



CITY BLOTTER

October 2017



Citations—718
Warnings—329
Accidents—44
Arrests—96
DUI—6
Property Checks—154
Warrants—393
Probation—872
Criminal Invest.—31
Training Hours—114



#SHOPJONESBORO

Carnegie Kids Academy

106 Gloria Drive
"Explore, Create, Grow"
(770) 703-1048

State Farm Insurance Bryan Sasser

167 North Main Street
(770) 478-9920

Bullard Realty

238 Stockbridge Road
Making Real Estate
"Real Easy"
(770) 477-6400

Sagon Trucks & Equipment

8871 Tara Boulevard
(770) 471-8871

Dr. Dan Serritella, Ph.D.

172 North Avenue
"Individual and Group
Psychotherapy, Counseling"
(770) 478-7802

Gibbs Auto Interior & Accessories

8230 Tara Boulevard
"When your car is in need of
some love"
(770) 472-0224

Farmer's Furniture

8564 Tara Boulevard
"Furnishings for your Life"
(770) 478-300

Joseph M. Todd, P.C.

104 South Main Street
"Aggressive and experienced,
handling civil & criminal
cases" (770) 477-7878

HOLIDAY RIDDLES

(answers on page 4) 1. What is Santa's favorite cereal? 2. What's the best thing to put in a Christmas cake? 3. Why is Christmas just like a day at the office? 4. What nationality is Santa Claus? 5. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving? 6. Why is Santa so good at Karate? 7. What do elves learn in school? 8. What did the big candle say to the little candle? 9. What do you call an old snowman? 10. Why does Rudolph do so well in school?





You're Invited

Only New & Unwrapped toys will be accepted!

Join Us For a
Holiday Fundraiser & Toy Drive
Hosted by
Chairman Jeffrey Turner
Thursday, December 7, 2017
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Twenty-2-Twelve Restaurant & Lounge
723 GA-138, Riverdale, GA 30274

Drop off Location:
Clayton County Board of Commissioners
112 Smith Street
Jonesboro, GA 30216

For additional information, contact:
Shane Williams
(404) 323-3759

Twenty-Twelve
A Division of
CASA

Monetary Donations and Toys will benefit the Children of the Ambassadors Behind CASA Program.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

EXXON
One Stop
(Gas & Grocery)
226 N. Main St.
Owners:
Abdul and Salima
Mohamed
In business for two years
Mrs. Mohamed says,
"I love the support
and home town feel."



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Community Calendar

- DEC 2 Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting 5 pm
Main Street and Lee Street Park
- DEC 4 Work Session, 6 pm, JPD
- DEC 5 Hill Family Band, 6 pm, FM
- DEC 7 DDA Meeting, 6 pm, JPD
- DEC 11 City Court, 8 am, JPD
- DEC 11 Council Meeting, 6 pm, JPD
- DEC 13 Economic Restructuring Committee
4:30 pm, CH
- DEC 14 Covered Dish Supper, 6 pm, FM
- DEC 25-26 Christmas Holidays, City Offices Closed
- JAN 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Firehouse Museum Activities

Tues. Movie, 6 pm Thurs. Bingo, 6 pm (10 & OLDER)
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar)
PD =Police Dept. FM = Firehouse Museum
LSP = Lee Street Park CH=City Hall

ARTS CLAYTON NEWS

Holiday
**POP-UP MARKET,
Dec. 1-22**
Handcrafted gifts for everyone
on your list: Original art,
jewelry, wood, glass and
Georgia Made foods.
Holiday Hours: 9 am-5 pm
Saturday: 10-4
**Arts Clayton Gallery
136 South Main Street**

Saturday, December 9
FUN ART PARTY!
Holiday Themed Games,
Fun and Snacks
Ages 4-14 (\$10), 1:00-3:00
"Floating Jingle Bells"
"Snow Paint" "Ornaments"
"Frost on Trees"
**Prepaid Registration Required
(770) 473-5775**

2nd Saturday Sampling
Dec 9- Holiday Entertaining
Featuring Georgia Olive Farmers Olive
Oil Recipe: Bruschetta.
GEORGIA MADE PRODUCTS
Come and enjoy our selection of
honey, salsa, preserves, jams,
olive oil, pancake mix, cider and
much more.

CITY ARCHIVES



Moab Stephens and Family

Riddle Answers

1. Frosted Flakes
2. Your teeth
3. You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.
4. North Polish
5. In the dictionary
6. Because he has a black belt
7. The elf-abet
8. I'm going OUT tonight.
9. Water
10. Because he NOSE a lot and is very bright.

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