

THE TOWNE HALL NEWS



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2022 WOODSTOCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

The City of Woodstock has announced the lineup for the 2022 Woodstock Summer Concert Series taking place in the Northside Hospital-Cherokee Amphitheater from May to September.

On Saturday, May 14th, the 2022 Season of the Woodstock Summer Concert Series begins with Marshall Charloff & Purple Xperience. The Purple Xperience is a five-piece group hailing from Prince's birthplace, Minneapolis, MN. They have been touring around the country since 2011. Front-man Marshall Charloff brings the greatest and most authentic production of Prince and The Revolution to audiences of all generations.

On Saturday, June 11th, Sister Hazel takes the stage. Sister Hazel's "All for You," topped the adult alternative charts during the summer of 1997 and the success propelled their album to platinum status. Since then, the band has become firmly established not only in rock and alternative music, but now in country with four back-to-back Billboard Top Country Albums.

Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors will headline the concert on Saturday, July 9th. [CONTINUED]

2022 WOODSTOCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP CONT.

This Americana act from Nashville, Tennessee draws influence from Tom Petty and Bob Dylan. Drew Holcomb has found his place in today's landscape of singer/songwriter Americana. He and his band have developed their sound through extensive touring, performing alongside Amos Lee, Willie Nelson, John Hiatt, NEEDTOBREATHE, Don Henley, and more.

The Black Jacket Symphony returns to Woodstock on Saturday, August 13th to recreate The Eagles' Hotel California live in its entirety—note for note, sound for sound—plus a full set of The Eagles' greatest hits. No sonic detail will be overlooked, with the musicians doing whatever it takes to reproduce the album. It's a full night of rock and roll magic—plus a visual experience unlike any other.

The 2022 Series draws to a close on Saturday, September 10th with Scotty McCreery. McCreery earned 3 back-to-back No. 1 hits from his album Seasons Change. The North Carolina native won the tenth season of American Idol in 2011. His most recent album Same Truck debuted on the top 10 and its lead single You Time was McCreery's fourth consecutive single to reach number one on the US Country chart.

Mayor Michael Caldwell said of the 2022 season, "Woodstock's Concert series has become a must-do event for tens of thousands of families, and this year's impressive lineup is sure to break records. We'll see you under the stars this summer."

For full concert series details including sponsorship information, go to woodstocksummerconcertseries.com.



Saturday, May 14
Marshall Charloff & Purple Xperience



Saturday, June 11
Sister Hazel



Saturday, July 9
Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors



Saturday, August 13
The Black Jacket Symphony



Saturday, September 10
Scotty McCreery

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ISSUES REFUNDS TO CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

On March 25th, 2022, the City of Woodstock Finance Department mailed refund checks to residential property taxpayers who received an applicable Homestead Freeze Exemption during property tax years 2018, 2019, and 2020. During a recent implementation of new property tax software, it was discovered that the amount for Homestead Freeze Exemption had been incorrectly applied to the tax digest during the property tax years 2018, 2019, and 2020. As a result, some Woodstock property taxpayers, who had an applicable Homestead Freeze Exemption during one of those years, may be due a refund. This does not impact the most recent property tax year 2021.

The Constitution of Georgia allows counties to enact local homestead exemptions. Cherokee County has implemented an exemption that will freeze the valuation of property at the base year valuation for as long as the homeowner resides on the property. Even as property values continue to rise the homeowner's taxes will be based upon the base year valuation. To receive an exemption, a homeowner must apply in person at the Canton location of the Cherokee County Tax Assessors Office.

Woodstock City Council authorized the City of Woodstock Finance Department to issue refund checks to impacted property owners. Those who are still on record as owning the property in property tax year 2021 will receive checks automatically. Woodstock property taxpayers who were homeowners during property tax years 2018, 2019, or 2020, but who later sold their property may also be due a refund. If a refund is due, taxpayers who have moved will need to go to the City of Woodstock's Finance Department web page at www.woodstockga.gov/finance (which will be active on March 25th) and download a refund request form at the Homestead Freeze Exemption Tax Refund link. Once completed, the request (including all applicable support regarding ownership) should be emailed to TaxProject@woodstockga.gov or mailed to Woodstock Finance Department, Attn: Tax Refund Project, 12453 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA 30188.

"When it was discovered \$837,209.04 had been incorrectly applied to the tax digest, the City of Woodstock's Finance Department took immediate action," stated City of Woodstock CFO Ron Shelby. "With transparency, we will ensure this matter is resolved expediently." Shelby stated 9,632 property taxpayers will receive a check automatically and 1,436 property taxpayers who have moved will need to contact the City of Woodstock Finance Department to request a refund. The average refund check amount is \$86.92; check amounts range from \$0.02 to \$1,100.05. Eighty-nine checks are under \$0.58 (the cost of a postage stamp). According to Shelby, the cost to mail those payments is \$51.62 but it is important to process each payment and ensure financial transparency through this process.

Inquiries regarding this matter may be directed to TaxProject@woodstockga.gov. Taxpayers may also reach the City of Woodstock Finance Department by phone at 770-592-6051.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Michael Caldwell delivered his first State of the City Address on two occasions in January. He addressed the members of IN WDK at the Woodstock Arts Theater on Friday, January 21st and the Members of City Council at their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 24th.

According to Mayor Caldwell, "The state of our city is strong, and growing stronger." He cited that in the past year, Homes.com named Woodstock the third best suburb to move to in the US, Money Magazine named Woodstock one of the best 50 places to live in America, and Safewise.com recognized Woodstock as one of the 50 safest cities in Georgia. The Mayor stated that the unemployment rate in Woodstock rests at a historic low of 2.8%. "Our city's revenues outpace projections and expenses. Our reserves are growing. We have maintained a tremendously responsible, low debt ratio and we maintain some of the very lowest property taxes in our state," stated Caldwell.

The Mayor cited the 2020 census data demonstrating Woodstock's dramatic growth, "In 1990, our city's population was less than 4,500. In 2000, our city's population doubled to 10,050. In 2010, we more than doubled again to 23,896. And as of last year, 35,065 citizens call this great city home." One might assume that with nearly 50% growth in residents over the past decade, our city would see at least a moderate uptick in crime. Thanks to the incredible men and women of the Woodstock Police Department, just the opposite has occurred. Reported crime in 2021 was down 44% compared to ten years ago, and we marked our lowest crime level in more than a decade this past year. Caldwell continued, "Our Fire Department has certainly seen the effects of our growth. Alarm calls for the Department have grown by nearly 62% since 2012, and Woodstock's Bravest responded to a record 6,642 calls this past year."

Mayor Caldwell discussed the city's first ever annual comprehensive transportation plan and the Hub Transformation Project and noted, "When we consider transportation and traffic, it is important to keep in mind that we have a city and a destination. We should not build a downtown corridor with the primary focus of moving commuters who do not live in our city through our city to destinations that are not inside of our city. This pass-through traffic belongs on state arteries like 575 and Highway 92 outside of our downtown core." Last year, Woodstock saw over 3 million visitors to the downtown shopping district, ranking the center of our city yet again as the number one destination in Cherokee County.

Mayor Caldwell said the city is investing in cutting edge technology to help streamline zoning and permitting information for business owners considering Woodstock to make sure that red tape is never a hurdle that keeps someone from getting off the ground in our city. Initiatives like our city's waiver of business license fees for your first year in business, show Woodstock is serious about supporting our entrepreneurs and giving them every chance at success.

Mayor Caldwell also discussed the Woodstock City Center Project, attracting employers, housing and building inspectors, the new City Data Hub, and ended by announcing the 2022 Woodstock Summer Concert Series Lineup. A video of the address as well as a transcript are available on our website at woodstockga.gov.

RENOVATION TO DUPREE PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS UNDERWAY

The City of Woodstock Parks and Recreation Department has temporarily closed the tennis and pickleball courts at Dupree Park for renovation.

Once the renovation of the Dupree Tennis & Pickleball Courts is complete in mid-April weather permitting, Woodstock Parks and Recreation will introduce the following programs:

- Discovering Pickleball - Basic instructional class for beginners
- Discovering Pickleball for Kids - Basic instructional class for youth beginners ages 8-17 years
- Discovering Tennis for Kids - Basic instructional class for youth beginners ages 8-17 years
- Adult Mixed Doubles Pickleball League - 8-week pickleball league for beginners
- Adult Mixed Doubles Pickleball League - 8-week pickleball league for intermediate/advanced players
- Adult Men's Doubles Pickleball League - 8-week pickleball league for intermediate/advanced players
- Adult Women's Doubles Pickleball League - 8-week pickleball league for intermediate/advanced players
- Open Play Pickleball - a designated time where players can meet and play (with a monitor present to moderate skill level and even participation)
- Pickleball Practice and Play +55 - A weekly reoccurring instructional class for players over the age of 55 years (with an instructor)

“We are very excited about the renovation of the courts at Dupree Park,” said Woodstock Parks and Recreation Director Michael Huffstetler. “The project will provide dedicated courts for pickleball which has been a very popular program offered by the City of Woodstock and is in high demand. We are equally excited to have two dedicated tennis courts that will provide the community a place to play and not have to share with other sports. In addition to a great facility, there will be more opportunities to offer programs and leagues for both programs.”

For more information about parks and programs offered by Woodstock Parks and Rec, go to woodstockparksandrec.com. For more information about the City of Woodstock, visit woodstockga.gov.





You Are Cordially Invited to a Reception
Celebrating the Retirement of

WOODSTOCK CITY CLERK
RHONDA PEZZELLO

Monday, March 28th
from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The Chambers at City Center
8534 Main Street
Woodstock, GA 30188

Refreshments will be served. No RSVP required.

LETTER OF INTENT FOR CITY CENTER APPROVED

The Woodstock City Council approved a letter of intent with Woodstock City Partners Monday night outlining the roles and responsibilities of each party regarding the City Center project at the former site of Morgan's Ace Hardware. In 2015, Morris and Fellows was selected as the city's private development partner for a development project on city-owned property along Towne Lake Parkway following a competitive request for qualifications and formed Woodstock City Partners to act as master developer of the project. The city council decided to turn its attention to the acquisition and redevelopment of the Ace site after it became available and determined it was a better location for the planned parking deck associated with the project.

The City of Woodstock will fund public infrastructure improvements including approximately 650 spaces in a public parking deck, modifications to the existing road and pedestrian network and a much-needed meeting and event facility. It is anticipated that public infrastructure improvements will be funded through SPLOST and other revenue sources without having any impact on the City's General Operating Fund.

"Tonight, our council has taken an exciting first step towards completing a defining project for the center of our city," stated Mayor Michael Caldwell. "This step represents a handshake enabling Woodstock City Partners to begin investing in design and engineering for the project while our city starts to move forward with our public information process. Woodstock is committed to investing in transformative public infrastructure on this site which will yield significant improvement in both traffic and parking issues while also incentivizing brand new private investment both at this site and throughout the city."

Cheri Morris, president of Morris and Fellows and Woodstock City Partners has assembled a development team that will be tasked with delivering an \$80 million-dollar private development focusing on additional retail and restaurant opportunities, a boutique hotel with meeting space, and professional office space. They will purchase the private parcels from the city for \$1.5 million. "Since our first downtown development opened in 2010 Woodstock has become a regional shopping, dining and entertainment destination. With its ongoing commitment to fostering its downtown's unique vibrancy, city leadership has helped us envision a best-in-class city center with significant investment in infrastructure to support and amplify the existing entertainment hub."

It is anticipated that the public information for this project will begin this spring and the project could open in mid 2024.



Upcoming Events

march

- Mar 3 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- Mar 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
- Mar 14 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council 7 pm
- Mar 21 CANCELLED Mayor and Council Worksession
- Mar 28 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council

- Apr 7 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- Apr 7 Planning Commission 7 pm
- Apr 9 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7 pm
- Apr 18 Mayor and Council Worksession 7 pm
- Apr 25 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7 pm
- Apr 30 Greenstock Day Recycling/Paper Shredding Event 9 am - 1 pm
- Apr 30-May 1 City Wide Yard Sale

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- May 5 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- May 5 Planning Commission 7 pm
- May 9 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7 pm
- May 14 WSCS - Marshall Charloff & Purple Xperience 7:30 pm
- May 16 Mayor and Council Worksession
- May 23 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7pm
- May 30 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am - CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Holiday Trash Schedule

There will be no trash and recycling collection on Monday, May 30th due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Trash collection will be delayed by one service day for the remainder of the week.

We are Hiring!

Check out woodstockga.gov/jobs to see available positions

WOODSTOCK WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF



The City of Woodstock welcomes Robert Jones as Chief of Police. His first day in the role was Monday, March 14th.

As Chief of Police in Kingsland, Georgia, Robert Jones improved the trust of the public in their police department by implementing meaningful community outreach programs and developing valuable dialog with community leaders. He established positive leadership in the department and increased recruitment and retention in an extremely challenging time for law enforcement. These measures delivered a 35% reduction in crime rates.

"Chief Robert Jones has led an impressive career in law enforcement across the state of Georgia," stated Mayor Michael Caldwell. "I am confident that he will

do an outstanding job maintaining Woodstock's low crime rates and continuing our department's reputation for community engagement and professionalism. Our eternal gratitude goes out to Chief Calvin Moss for his years of service and legacy of excellence, and we are excited to Welcome Chief Jones to our city."

Throughout his career, Robert Jones has led law enforcement agencies into creating stronger and lasting bonds with their communities. A former Chief of Police in Adairsville, Georgia, and Warden of the Carroll County Correctional Institution, Jones demonstrates strong expertise in law enforcement, administration, community-based policing, and emergency management. Chief Jones is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and led US Troops in peace and combat missions around the world as a Platoon Sergeant. Jones has served as an Adjunct Professor at Columbus State University Law Enforcement Command College since 2019 instructing law enforcement executives in the vast ethical, operational, policy, legal, and administrative issues of today's public safety environment.

City Manager Jeff Moon said of Jones, "We are excited about Chief Jones joining our police department. He will be a good fit with our community and be able to continue the positive direction and successes of the department that Chief Moss has worked on for the past ten years. I know that he and his family are looking forward to returning home to the North Georgia area."

Jones holds an Executive Certificate in Leadership and Management from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, a Masters in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University, a B.S. in Public Safety and Emergency Management from Grand Canyon University, and an Associates in Law Enforcement from Thomas University. He is a graduate of Gordon Central High School.

MARK HAND PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of Woodstock announces the promotion of Mark Hand to Assistant Chief of the Woodstock Police Department effective Thursday, February 11, 2022.

Assistant Chief Mark Hand joined the Woodstock Police Department in September 2002. After serving as a patrol officer and field training officer for three years, Assistant Chief Hand was assigned to the Special Operations Group, Traffic Enforcement Unit, where he attained a certification in Accident Reconstruction. Assistant Chief Hand has moved up through the ranks during his years of service to the city; serving as patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant in Criminal Investigations Division, and recently served as Commander of the Field Operations Division as Captain; overseeing Patrol Operations and the Special Operations Group. He has also served on the Cherokee County multi-agency SWAT team and the Woodstock Police Department's Honor Guard. City Manager Jeff Moon said, "Assistant Chief Hand has long been a valued member of the Woodstock PD family. We are looking forward to him taking on additional responsibilities and what the future holds." Assistant Chief Hand holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University, a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a concentration on criminology from Kennesaw State University, is a graduate of Georgia Law Enforcement Command College's Professional Management program, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Prior to his career with the Woodstock Police Department, Assistant Chief Hand served in the United States Air Force, Security Forces, as a police officer from 1994-1998. During his military career, Assistant Chief Hand performed law enforcement and security duties and was a member of the 22nd Security Police Squadron's Emergency Services Team. Assistant Chief Hand serves as Director of Law Enforcement for the Georgia TIME Task Force Board of Directors, Cherokee County Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad Board of Directors, and serves as a coach for a local high school's football program.



CITY OF WOODSTOCK WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Tracy Albers is joining the City of Woodstock as Community Development Director effective January 18th, 2022. City leaders began the search for a new Community Development Director in October 2021 when former Community Development Director Brantley Day accepted a position with Cherokee County's Community Development Agency. Albers brings over 16 years of planning and public policy experience gained in the Los Angeles metropolitan area to the role. Tracy and her family relocated to the Atlanta area early last year. The City of Woodstock Community Development Department is responsible for managing the current and long-term growth of the city through the administration of the zoning code and the comprehensive town plan. The Community Development Director oversees fifteen employees across the Planning and Zoning Division, the Land Development Office, the Building Department, Code Enforcement, and the Development Services Office.

"I am honored and excited to have been selected as the City's next Community Development Director," says Albers. "I look forward to working with the City Council and Woodstock community to effectively advance City goals and initiatives and preserve its quality of life." Tracy has served as the Community Development Director for the City of Brea, California since March 2020. In her role with Brea, she oversaw similar divisions as well as the Housing Division and Economic Development. Prior to her work in Brea, she was a Planning Manager in San Gabriel and a Senior Planner in Pasadena and Burbank.

Albers received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. During her time in Nebraska, she worked for the City of Lincoln's Parks & Recreation Department and Public Works & Utilities Department. City Manager Jeff Moon said of Albers, "Tracy brings a world of experience with her to the job, and we are excited about her joining the City."



O'CONNOR PROMOTED TO DEPUTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City of Woodstock announces the promotion of Katie O'Connor to Deputy Community Development Director. Woodstock City Council approved the promotion at the February 28th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

O'Connor has served as Senior City Planner since December of 2015. Katie began working for the city with an internship as Assistant Program Coordinator for the Sustainable Woodstock program in June 2010. She was hired later that year as a Development Services Representative and then promoted to Development Services Supervisor in 2012. She became a city planner in 2013 and earned her American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) qualification in 2017.

During her time in Woodstock, Katie has led significant planning processes including Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) plans and updates, managed the city's participation in Georgia Tech's Smart City Program, drafted the city's first Sustainability Plan, and led the re-certification and advancement process for the city's ARC Green Communities Program to the platinum level. In her spare time, she also serves as the Vice President of the Board for Woodstock Arts.

Woodstock Community Development Director Tracy Albers said of Katie, "Her experience leading some of the city's most complex projects over the last decade makes Katie uniquely qualified to serve as Deputy Director." Albers continued, "Her love for the community and desire to preserve its quality of life is unrivaled."

According to Albers, promoting O'Connor to Deputy Community Development Director is an acknowledgement of a lot of things she has been doing day to day for a while. Looking ahead in her new role, Katie will be tasked with taking a holistic look at department operations with a goal of more efficient, concierge-based services that will better serve experienced developers and those who are new to the process. She will also look for opportunities to better communicate information to public and seek out additional online and hybrid community engagement opportunities.



THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK RECOGNIZED AS A 2021 GREEN COMMUNITY

The City of Woodstock has achieved recertification as a Green Community, advancing to the Platinum Level. The Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities program is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments implement measures that will reduce their environmental impact. It recognizes their commitment to environmental stewardship and their leadership in sustainability practices.

All winners earned certification points for sustainable measures implemented in their communities. Some measures that earned Woodstock certification points include:

- Retrofitting a fire station, which resulted in a 23% reduction in energy costs and 15% reduction in carbon emissions.
- Constructing 12 of 77 planned miles of multi-use trails throughout the city based on its Greenprints Plan.
- Recycling 97,800 pounds of electronics, 5,675 pounds of batteries, and 3,948 pounds of textiles and fabrics at annual recycling events for residents.
- Achieving an 87% energy-use reduction and saving approximately \$500,000 in energy costs by switching to a virtual server system, resulting in carbon emissions equivalent to the removal of 111 cars from the highway.
- Incentivizing sustainable development through parking bonuses for features such as electric vehicle charging stations and pervious pavement.
- Promoting infill development by targeting economic growth on underutilized properties in their downtown corridor.
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In metro Atlanta, 17 local governments – 11 cities and six counties – are currently certified under the ARC Green Communities program. This is the first program in the country to promote sustainability through a green certification program for local governments.

"Each of our newly awarded Green Communities has shown great progress in reducing our collective environmental impacts and helping create a more livable and sustainable region," said Natural Resources Managing Director Katherine Zitsch. "The hard work, innovative thinking, and dedication of our Green Communities serve as a model for other communities in the region."

ARC developed the Green Communities Program in 2009 to recognize local governments that invest in programs and policies that lead to a more sustainable region. The nationally recognized program showcases the many ways that local governments can reduce their environmental footprint.

WOODSTOCK HIRES NEW CITY CLERK

The City of Woodstock announces the hiring of a new City Clerk, Elicia (Elle) Taylor. Current City Clerk Rhonda Pezzello announced her retirement earlier this year. Taylor's first day will be Thursday, March 24th.

As Administrative Office Coordinator for the City of Alpharetta, Elle Taylor served as Board Secretary for Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and others. Taylor also served as Alpharetta's Planning and Zoning Coordinator making her very familiar with public hearing process.

"We're excited about Elle joining our team," said City Manager Jeff Moon. "She has a world of experience from her time in Alpharetta and will be a valuable asset to our community."



Elle is a graduate of Georgia State University with a bachelor's in business administration with a marketing emphasis.

There will be a reception to welcome City Clerk Elle Taylor to the City of Woodstock at 6pm on Monday, April 11th prior to the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council at the Chambers at City Center (8534 Main Street).

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Woodstock Downtown Development Authority (DDA) saw a change in leadership this year. Perry Tanner, Kenny Kligman, and Karen Wintering completed their service on the board.

New members include: Lisa Morton appointed by the Mayor, Trent Chambers appointed by Ward 1, and Melissa Madigan appointed by Ward 5.





Greenstock Day Celebration 2022 ! City Wide Yard Sale

Weekend of April 30th

**Please join us as Woodstock continues its journey to “Go Green”!
Reuse ~ Repurpose ~ Recycle ~ Rethink ~ Reduce**

Why?

The Great American Cleanup organizes millions of volunteers in locally-directed activities that encourage individual stewardship for the environment and care for the community. Efforts in litter prevention and removal, waste reduction, recycling, beautification, and community greening result in cleaner, greener, safer and more beautiful public spaces. In honor of Earth Day and Keep Georgia Beautiful, residents are encouraged city-wide to hold yard sales!

How do I sign up?

Easy sign up! Visit www.WoodstockParksandRec.com Special Events and submit your address online. Only your address and subdivision will appear in the advertisements. Please put up **your** individual street signs for days, hours, and directions. **Be sure to remove the signs immediately after your sale. Reuse them next year! (Addresses for the Yard Sale Ads will be accepted until 4-11-22)**

Is there a Fee?

There is no cost to you!

Where will you advertise my sale?

City of Woodstock/Parks & Rec Website
Flyer
The Park at City Center Kiosk
City of Woodstock E-mail blasts
Woodstock Patch

Craigslist.com
City of Woodstock Cherokee Tribune Ad
City of Woodstock Ledger News Ad
Parks and Recreation & City Facebook Pages

What should I do with my leftover garage sale items?

Recycle: After your sale, if you have clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, stuffed animals, belts, hats, purses, and backpacks left over, please donate them for reuse or recycling at any USAgain bins which can be found at www.usagain.com.
Donate: Call your favorite charity, they would love your donations!



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Greenstock Day Recycle Event!

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Woodstock Elementary School

Woodstock
Recycles!

Please join us as Woodstock continues its journey to "Go Green"
Reuse ~ Repurpose ~ Recycle ~ Rethink ~ Reduce

RECYCLE & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT !

9 am – 1 pm Woodstock Elementary School – 230 Rope Mill Rd. Drive through, we'll unload for you!
The City of Woodstock, Waste Management, Premier Surplus, and A-1 Shredding & Recycling, bring you a day for recycling! For a list of all acceptable items visit www.WoodstockParksandRec.com.

Electronics - Cell Phones - Batteries

All equipment will be broken down by Premier Surplus and processed so it can be re-used, thus lessening demands on local landfills and keeping toxins from leaking into our soil and waterways! **All collections will be done free of charge, except for TV's which require a fee of \$25. Projection TV's \$40. CRT Monitors \$10 and LCD Monitors with a Broken Screen \$5. Cash Only Please.** Cell phones will be collected for the *Georgia Lions Lighthouse*.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs - Hearing Aids – Eyeglasses – Magazine/Newspaper

Light bulbs must be in a clear plastic, sealed bag. No long, tubular style fluorescent light bulbs. Home Depot stores will accept compact fluorescent light bulbs all year long!

Document Destruction

A1 Shredding & Recycling will be on site to shred your residential, confidential documents. **There will be a limit of 10 boxes per car.** For business shredding service, please call A1 Shredding at 770-795-9744 ext. 109.

SPECIAL TRASH PICK UP

Any time you have large items that you need to dispose of, first consider a charitable donation. If not, **AND** you live in the Incorporated City Limits of Woodstock, you can call Waste Management and schedule a special pick up of your items. Please be aware that there may be limits on what they can accept. **NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS!** To schedule a pick-up call, 404-794-6707.



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City of Woodstock Recycling Event 2022

Items Accepted at No Charge

Batteries	Eyeglasses	Modems	Scrap Metal
Cabling - Bagged	Fax Machines	Mouse	Shoes – Gently Used
Car Batteries	Flash/Floppy Drives	Networking Equipment	Small Household Appliances
Cardboard - Flattened	Gaming Consoles	Newspaper	Stereos
CD Players	Gaming Controllers	Notebooks/Tablets	Switching Boxes
CDs	Hard Drives	PC Monitors	Lasers
Cell Phones	Hearing Aids	PC Power Supplies	Tape Players
CFL Bulbs - Bagged	Keyboards	Personal Computers	Test Equipment
Circuit Boards	Label Printers	Phone Books	Toner/Ink Cartridges
Clothes – Gently Used	Laptops	Printers	Typewriters
Copiers	Magazines	Radios	VCR Players
DVDs	Microwaves	Scanners	Video Cassettes
DVD Players			

Paper Shredding

Residential Documents Limit 10 Boxes No Binders, Magazines, or Phone Books
No need to remove staples, paper clips, or binder clips. For *Business* Shredding – Please call 770-795-9744 ext. 109.

Chargeable Items – Cash Only



Projection TV's \$ 40.00



LCD Monitor with
Broken Screen \$ 5.00



CRT Monitors \$ 10.00



All Televisions \$ 25.00

Items Not Accepted

Air Conditioners	Freezers	Household Trash	Ovens
Carpet	Furniture - Inside or Outside	Humidifiers	Propane Tanks
Chemicals	Gas Powered Tools	Paints & Solvents	Textiles – Old/Rags
Construction Debris	Glass	Refrigerators	Tires
Dehumidifiers	Grills	Lawn Mowers	Vacuum Cleaners
Dryers/Washers	Hazardous Material	Mattresses	Washers/Dryers
Fire Extinguishers	Helium Tanks	Medications	Water Heaters
		Motor Oil	Yard Waste





Memorial Day Ceremony

May 31, 2021 10:00 am

The Park at City Center

101 Arnold Mill Rd., Woodstock, GA 30188

The City of Woodstock along with the American Legion Post 316, Marine Corps League Detachment 1311, Warriors' Watch Riders, and other local veteran's groups, honor those who fought and died to keep us free.

Join us on Memorial Day for a special service of remembrance.

Highlights include the POW/MIA Remembrance, the reading of Woodstock's Honor Roll, placing of the memorial wreath, dove release, rifle honors and playing of Taps.

Making the event even more special are performances by the Above and Beyond Choral Group and bagpiper, Don McCook.

Heartfelt and meaningful readings of the *Memorial Day and Red Poppy Proclamations, The Other Side of the Wall, In Flanders Field, Keep the Faith, Marine Corps Memorial Ritual, and Dedication of the Dove Release* will emphasize the importance of this day.

A special thank you to Grizzly Softwash for taking care of the Memorials in the park.

Please check our website for updates before heading out to any event.



**Honoring All Those Who Have Given the
Ultimate Sacrifice, Life Itself.**



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THE DISCOVER WDSTK SCAVENGER HUNT

Are you interested in getting out and discovering Woodstock? The Discover WDSTK Scavenger Hunt is happening April 1st-30th. This event provides a unique experience as participants team up to gather photographic evidence of their journey through 100 different venues in Woodstock.

The event is free to take part in and no advanced registration is required. Teams will be competing to win a \$100 Downtown Dollars Gift Certificate and many great prizes donated by Woodstock businesses.

The scavenger hunt clue sheet will be published at 10am on April 1st on the social media pages for Downtown Woodstock and at visitwoodstockga.com/scavenger-hunt.

Submissions will be accepted throughout the event (April 1st -30th) at the Woodstock Visitors Center (Mon.-Sat. 10-5).

FARM. FRESH. MARKET.

In 2022, the Woodstock Farm Fresh Market will be open every Saturday, April 23rd through Saturday, December 31st. Market Hours are 8:30 am to noon and the market will be located on Market Street in Downtown Woodstock.

The Woodstock Farm Fresh Market was commissioned to 1) provide local growers an outlet to showcase and market products; 2) publicize the importance of locally grown products; 3) provide opportunities for presentations and demonstrations related to agriculture, gardening, food safety and preparation; and 4) allow the citizens of Woodstock and the surrounding area the opportunity to buy healthy, locally grown products to enhance their quality of lifestyle.



WPD AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2021

On January 21, 2022, the Woodstock Police Department held its annual Awards Banquet. The Woodstock Police Department's Command Staff recognized department personnel for their outstanding achievements in 2021.

While many awards and recognitions were presented throughout the night, the following received annual awards signifying their great work and contributions to the Woodstock Police Department:

Supervisor of the Year - Sergeant Jeremy Cochran

Officer of the Year - Officer Josh Collie

Rookie of the Year - Officer Chandisaita Mutasa

Civilian of the Year - Brittany Page

Volunteer of the Year - Matt Marano (not pictured)

Legacy Award - Donnie Henriques, former Mayor of Woodstock & Phil Price, retired
Commander of CMANS

Tessa Basford Community Service Award - Chief Calvin W. Moss

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the men and women of the Woodstock Police Department awarded Chief Calvin W. Moss with the Tessa Basford Community Service Award. The award was presented to Chief Moss by Scott O'Meara, Vice President of the Woodstock Public Safety Foundation and first Tessa Basford Award recipient, Mayor Michael Caldwell, Former Mayor Donnie Henriques, City Manager Jeff Moon, and Captain Mark Hand.





AMPED IN THE PARK

AMPED in the Park is a FREE monthly fitness series presented by Woodstock Parks & Recreation and a monthly community partner at the Northside Hospital-Cherokee Amphitheater. On Saturday, April 16 at 9 am, Strongside will conduct the outdoor workout. On Saturday, May 7th at 9 am, Onelife Fitness will conduct the outdoor workout. Registration is required at woodstockparksandrec.com.

All workouts are fitness friendly (meaning you don't have to be super fit to participate).

DISCOVERING RECREATION

Woodstock Parks and Recreation's Discovering Recreation Series is growing!

- Discovering Disc Golf (3/27, 4/10, 5/22)
- Discovering Stitchcraft (4/13, 5/11)
- Discovering Fishing (4/23, 5/28)
- Discovering Gold Panning (4/23)

Fees vary. Registration is required at woodstockparksandrec.com.

ESSENTIAL GARDENING

Woodstock Parks and Recreation's Essential Gardening class schedule is as follows

- Cutting Gardens (4/23)
- Garden Pests (5/7)
- Let It Rot! (5/21)

Class Fees are \$5. Registration is required at woodstockparksandrec.com.

**Visit Trestle Rock Trail
in April**

for



TRAILSTORY



TrailStory combines the healthy activities of walking and reading

Last Stop on Market Street

Matt De La Pena &
Christian Robinson

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TRAILSTORY

TrailStory gives elementary school aged children and their families a fun, active, and socially safe way to read a book and enjoy Woodstock's trails at the same time.

For the month April on the Trestle Rock Trail in Olde Rope Mill Park, 15 signs will be placed along the trail with pages of the book Last Stop on Market Street, a national bestseller by Mat De Lapena and Christian Robinson, on one side of the sign and interactive/QR code questions about the book on the other side of the sign. Children and their families can enjoy the book and the trail at their own pace, anytime, as many times as they like through the entirety of April.



POLLINATOR CERTIFICATION

Join the movement to save and provide habitat for the butterflies, bees, moths, and other pollinators by creating and certifying your pollinator garden.

Choose from: Pollinator Garden Certification - Listing on website, Social Media Announcement, and Certificate - \$5.00, or,

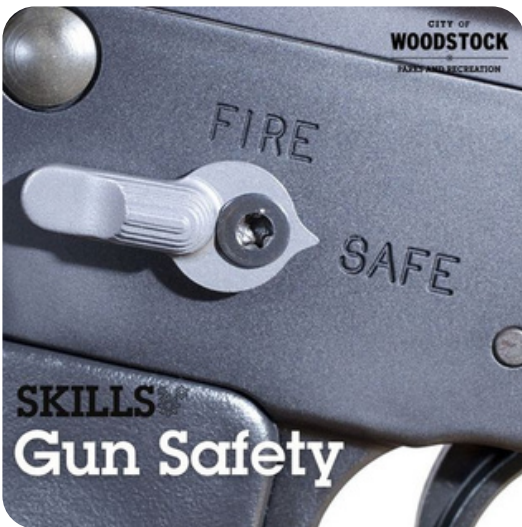
Pollinator Garden Certification with Sign- Listing on website, Social Media Announcement, Certificate, and Sign for your Pollinator Garden - \$20.00

Contact Jamey Snyder at jsnyder@woodstockga.gov for an application.



ADOPT A TRAIL

There have been some beautiful weekends to volunteer this Spring! The Rotary Club of Towne Lake took advantage of the sunshine recently and cleaned their section of the Towne Lake Pass Trail. Thanks a million!



SKILLS & EDUCATION

SKILLS - Gun Safety, taught by a firearm instructor from the Woodstock Police Department, is a basic class designed to cover the importance of gun safety with particular attention to the four cardinal rules of gun safety. Also to be discussed will be the safe ways to store a firearm in the home and the avenues to obtain training on shooting and carrying. The class will wrap with a question and answer period. Participants will earn a certificate upon completion of the class.

Saturday, April 30 at 10 am at the Senior Center Expansion
Registration fee is \$5 payable at woodstockparksandrec.com



POLICE EXPLORERS

The Woodstock Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post is a program for young men and women interested in learning about careers in law enforcement. Explorers are provided with educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities. If you are between the ages of 14-21 and interested in joining our Explorer Post (or learning more about our program), email Officer Willingham at jwillingham@woodstockga.gov.



SUMMER OPEN BURNING BAN

During the summer months, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. A major source of these pollutants is the burning of fuels and other combustible materials. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has identified open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone. Beginning May 1st and ending September 30th, EPD's Open Burning Ban will be enforced in Cherokee County. The Open Burning Ban prohibits citizens and businesses from burning yard and land-clearing debris. This rule is in addition to the year-round state ban on the burning of household garbage.



TEN-YEAR LCI PLAN ADOPTED

The City of Woodstock was one of 10 metro Atlanta communities awarded a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant in May 2020 by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Woodstock was awarded \$140,000 in grant funding. The city's LCI award was used to update and build upon the existing Town Center and Highway 92 studies, two previous LCI plans for which the city received funding, in 2012 and 2014, respectively. This LCI plan, adopted by City Council, looks ahead to the next decade and includes recommendations and strategies that support access to jobs and services, walkability, and livability.



Storytime Live!

with Fancy Nancy

Saturday
April 16, 2022
11 am

The Park at City Center
Gazebo

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Free Admission & Socially Distanced



WILLIAM G LONG SENIOR CENTER NEWS

April 29th 12pm-2pm: Mother's Day Luncheon \$10 for members

May 3rd 10am-3pm: DAY TRIP: Gwinnett Strippers Minor League
Baseball Game, Lawrenceville, \$19

SPREAD THE WORD!! May 5th we will be having an OPEN HOUSE.
This event will be open to the public & will showcase all the
senior center has to offer. FREE food, music, vendors games &
activities. You won't want to miss it!!



DOWNTOWN WOODSTOCK

SIETEdeMAYO PUB CRAWL

SATURDAY, MAY 7 | 2PM TO 6PM

Take the 10 Minute WaterSense Challenge



DETECT AND CHASE DOWN LEAKS



Did You Know

that easy-to-fix water leaks account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes? In fact, the average household leaks nearly 10,000 gallons of water per year, or the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry, and could be costing you an extra 10 percent on your water bills.

In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your utility bill expenses and water in your community.

So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this 10-minute challenge to detect and chase down leaks!

www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week



Start by Gathering Clues

These clues can help you detect leaks before you even start investigating your home.

1

Check Your Utility Bill

A place to start is to examine your utility bill for January or February. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons (or 16 CCF) per month. You can also look for spikes—is your water use a lot higher this month than it was last month? Learn more about your water bill:

www.epa.gov/watersense/understanding-your-water-bill

2

Read Your Water Meter

Find your water meter, which is usually near the curb in front of your home but can be inside your home (e.g., in the basement) in cold climates. Use a screwdriver to remove the lid on your meter, which is heavy and usually marked "water."

Now that you've found the meter, take a reading during a period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same after two hours, you probably have a leak. Here's a tip on how to read a water meter:

www.smarthomewaterguide.org/how-to-read-your-water-meter

3

Take a Toilet Test

Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and let it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. Make sure to flush afterward to avoid staining, and consider replacing your old toilet flapper if it is torn or worn. Check our Fix a Leak web page for handy videos that show you how to do it.

While you're waiting to see if your toilet has a leak, walk around your house with the checklist on the next page and see if you can chase down any other water wasters.

epa.gov/watersense

Checklist for Chasing Down Leaks

Here are some of the places leaks may be hiding in your home.

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may want to consult a licensed plumber to stop your running toilet, broken sprinklers, water heater drips, or malfunctioning water supply lines. Take a quick inventory of clues to water waste:

IN THE BATHROOM

- Toilets: Listen for running water and conduct the food coloring test described on the first page.
- Faucets: Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.
- Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips or stray sprays that can be stopped with tape.
- In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub spout; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Faucet: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.
- Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.
- Appliances: Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

IN THE LAUNDRY OR UTILITY ROOM

- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipe connections.
- Clothes washer: Check for pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.

IN THE BASEMENT OR UTILITY ROOM

- Water heater: Check beneath the tank for pooling water, rust, or other signs of leakage.

DON'T FORGET TO GO OUTSIDE

- At the spigot: Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.
- In-ground irrigation system: Check for broken sprinklers or nozzles spraying in the wrong direction. You may want to consult an irrigation auditor certified by a WaterSense labeled program to improve system efficiency: www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro.

FOR THE KIDS



Kids aren't just the leaders of tomorrow, they're the dreamers and doers of today. "Test Your WaterSense" and try other fun activities at Flo's Kids Zone at: www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

Check for signs of moisture or mold on your walls, ceilings, or floors. This could indicate that a pipe is wreaking havoc behind the scenes and requires the attention of a professional.

If you want to do a more detailed investigation for leaks, check out the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association Smart Home Water Guide at www.smarthomewaterguide.org.

If any of your fixtures needs replacing, remember to look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products. WaterSense labeled products are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.

MARK AN X FOR LEAKS



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City of Woodstock Arbor Day Celebration 2022



Thank You Volunteers!

William G. Long Senior Center members:

**Left to Right – Brad Baker, Diane Ray,
Kathleen Casagrande, Torie Lindley,
Denna Neff, Cheryl Rainey, Steve Horne, and
JoAnn Evans!**

**On February 17th, volunteers sorted and bagged
750 tree seedlings that were handed out on February 18th
in celebration of Georgia's Arbor Day.**



MILESTONES IN THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK



On January 18th, IN WDSTK held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of VIBE Realty in Downtown Woodstock located at 790 Market Street.



On February 28th, the retirement of Woodstock Police Chief Calvin Moss was celebrated with a reception and ceremony at the Chambers at City Center. Mayor Caldwell presented Chief Moss with an award in gratitude for his service of our community.



Assistant Fire Chief Jimmy Eley was recognized for 30 years of service to the Woodstock Fire Department in February. Mayor Caldwell, AC Eley, wife Shayla, and their three children pictured.



The Mayor and City Council held their annual strategic planning retreat in Columbus, GA from January 7th to the 9th. The location allowed attendees the opportunity to learn about how the City of Columbus leverages natural resources to encourage sustainable private development.

2022 SWEARING IN CEREMONY

At Woodstock's January 10th Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, Mayor Michael Caldwell was sworn in along with Council Members Warren Johnson and Brian Wolfe. Thanks to Cub Scout Troup 625 from Little River Methodist Church for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and presenting the flag. Council Member Colin Ake was sworn in at the January 24 meeting.



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