

THE TOWNE HALL NEWS



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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Woodstock Summer Concert Series kicked off on Saturday, June 12th with The Black Jacket Symphony performing Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' *Damn the Torpedoes* album at the Northside Hospital-Cherokee Amphitheater. Approximately 7,000 concert goers were in attendance.

The next concert takes place Friday, July 9th. The Ultimate Queen Celebration featuring Marc Martel will perform. The public is encouraged to utilize the free shuttles provided at three locations. The air conditioned shuttles run continuously beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 11:45 p.m. from three locations: Northside Cherokee/Towne Lake, Woodstock City Church, and Little River Elementary School.

Remaining dates in the series include: Steep Canyon Rangers on August 14th, Christopher Cross on September 18th, and Rumours (a Fleetwood Mac tribute) on September 25th.

Woodstock Summer Concert Series is a rain or shine event, but concertgoers should always check woodstockconcertseries.com for concert updates before heading out to the event.

COPS ON DONUT SHOPS

On Friday, June 4th, the Woodstock Police Department joined law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia to raise funds for Special Olympics at participating Dunkin' Donuts locations.

WPD was at all of the Woodstock Dunkin' Donuts locations. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to see our officers and donate to the Special Olympics!



PLANT STAND AT TRAILHEAD

A big "HOOORAY!" to the teachers, students and volunteers from Woodstock Elementary School for their contribution to sustainability in Woodstock. "Take a Plant, Leaf a Plant" is a self-monitored station at the Noonday Creek Trailhead where you can do just that...take a donated plant home or leave a plant for someone else to enjoy. Stop by today and let's get growing!

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER COTY THIGPEN NAMED TO TOP TEN IN TEN LIST



The Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce announced the 2021 group of Cherokee County's Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals to Watch. The City of Woodstock's Assistant City Manager, Coty Thigpen, was included in this year's recipients.

The Top 10 in 10 initiative is designed to cultivate and showcase exceptional Cherokee County young professionals and focuses on Cherokee County residents under age 40 who are considered to be Cherokee County's up and coming leaders over the next 10 years. Congratulations to Coty and all of those recognized!

WOODSTOCK POLICE ANNUAL AWARDS

On Thursday night, April 15, 2021, the Woodstock Police Department held its annual Awards Banquet. Annually held in December of each year, the 2020 Awards Banquet was delayed due to COVID Restrictions. With proper safety precautions in place, The Woodstock Police Department's Command Staff recognized department personnel for their outstanding achievements in 2020.

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 Gary Cowan

Officer of the Year - Corporal Dennis Hornes

Rookie of the Year - Officer Justin Ismach

Civilian of the Year - Patti Behrend

Tessa Basford Community Service Award - Katie Wise and Officer Shane Bonebrake

*The Tessa Basford Community Service Award may be awarded to any person who makes significant contributions to the Woodstock Police Department through their time, actions, talents, and dedication to making the City of Woodstock a Better Place.

Volunteer of the Year - Billy Doby

Legacy Award - Earl Darby, Retired Cherokee County Coroner

*May be awarded to an individual, group or entity who, through sustained and lasting efforts, has had a significant impact on a large number of individuals and has improved the quality of life in Woodstock and beyond.



WOODSTOCK NAMED BEE CITY USA

Woodstock is now a Bee City USA, joining many other cities across the country in improving their landscapes for pollinators. Bee City USA works to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free of insecticides. Pollinators like bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds, and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost ninety percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

EXPLORE GEORGIA GRANT

Visit Woodstock GA has been awarded a \$28,600 Tourism Recovery Marketing Grant from Explore Georgia, the state tourism office within the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD). The Explore Georgia Tourism Recovery Marketing Grant program supports marketing efforts to bolster the recovery of Georgia's tourism industry from the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit Woodstock GA was among 34 tourism entities across 27 counties who received a combined total of nearly \$1.5 million in recovery marketing funding as part of this one-time program. The Explore Georgia Tourism Recovery Marketing Grant program was designed to provide relief to areas of the state most impacted by the drop in tourism and will fund promotional efforts to aid the travel industry's recovery in 2021. The grants awarded have prioritized organizations and communities that have experienced the greatest impact from the loss of visitors and subsequent tourism spending during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUMMER ROADWORK

Summer Road Paving and Striping is underway! Roads to be re-striped include Woodstock Pkwy, Ridge Trail, Buckhead Crossing, Running Deer Pkwy, and Parkway 575. Roads to be paved include north and south ends of Rope Mill Rd, Lewis St, a portion of Clay St; In the Deer Run subdivision - Picabo St, Ridge Valley, Old Deerfield Ln, Wolf Dancer Ct, Piedmont Ln, Mill Spring Ct; In the Ansley Forest subdivision - Shannon Dr, Kelly Cir, Justin Dr, Adam Cir, Amy Ct, Bonnie Dr. Expect delays.

FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT

Woodstock Fire and Rescue received a \$19,242 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant was used to purchase three Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras, helping WFD keep Woodstock, GA safer than ever. A huge thank you to the generosity of Firehouse Subs and their customers who made this grant possible.

Upcoming Events

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- June 3 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- June 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
- June 12 Woodstock Summer Concert Series 7:30 pm
- June 14 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council 7 pm
- Mar 21 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council 7 pm

- July 1 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- July 1 Planning Commission 7 pm
- July 5 City Offices Closed
- July 5 July 5th Spectacular (10am Parade, 3 pm Festival, 9 pm Fireworks)
- July 9 Woodstock Summer Concert Series 7:30pm
- July 12 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7 pm
- July 19 Work Session of the Mayor and Council 7 pm
- July 26 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7 pm

july

august

- Aug 5 Downtown Development Authority Meeting 6 pm
- Aug 5 Planning Commission 7 pm
- Aug 9 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council CANCELLED
- Aug 14 Woodstock Summer Concert Series 7:30 pm
- Aug 16 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7pm
- Aug 23 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7pm

Election Update

Our next Municipal General Election is on Nov. 2 to fill the positions of Mayor and Council Seats for Ward 1, Ward 3, and Ward 5. The terms are for four years beginning on Jan. 1, 2022.

Anyone wanting to run may qualify in the office of the City Clerk on Aug. 16, 17, and 18. More information including qualifying fees is available at woodstockga.gov/elections.

Holiday Trash Schedule

There will be no change in the trash schedule due to the Independence Day holiday.

The week of July 5th to July 9th will be a regular service week.

MUNICIPAL COURT ASSOCIATE JUDGE APPOINTED

Jeremy Abernathy was appointed by the Mayor and Council on February 22, 2021 to serve as Woodstock Municipal Court's Associate Judge.

On May 17, 2021, Municipal Court Judge Robert Tidwell officially administered the Oath of Office to him.

Cobb Life Magazine honored Jeremy as a 2013 Top 20 under 40 for his community involvement and stellar advocacy.

Georgia Trend Magazine recognized Jeremy as Georgia 2016 Legal Elite. Jeremy was also awarded the Nation's Top One percent award in 2015, and recognized as Georgia's Top 40 under 40 for 2015.

Welcome, Judge Abernathy!



GREENSTOCK DAY RESULTS

Thank you for participating in our Greenstock Electronics Recycling Event on May 1, 2021. The City collected 8.56 tons of electronics, 0.28 tons of batteries, 7.58 tons of paper shredded, 0.29 tons of waste, 122 eyeglasses, 26 ink cartridges, and 177 fluorescent bulbs. There were 470 cars with 632 people that attended the event.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The City of Woodstock honored those who fought and died to keep us free at a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31st at 10 a.m. at The Park at City Center. City officials along with American Legion Post 316, Marine Corps League Detachment 1311, Warriors' Watch Riders, and other local veteran's groups participated in the ceremony. Highlights included the POW/MIA Remembrance, the reading of Woodstock's Honor Roll, placing of the memorial wreath, dove release, rifle honors and playing of Taps with performances by Above and Beyond Choral Group and bagpiper Don McCook.



Photo by Cherokee Tribune & Ledger News



PRESENTED BY



- JUN 12 - BLACK JACKET SYMPHONY
(TOM PETTY'S "DAMN THE TORPEDOES")
- JUL 9 - ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION
FEATURING MARC MARTEL (FRIDAY CONCERT)
- AUG 14 - STEEP CANYON RANGERS
- SEP 18 - CHRISTOPHER CROSS
- SEP 25 - RUMOURS
(A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE)

CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7:30 PM

THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.
PLEASE VISIT WWW.WOODSTOCKCONCERTSERIES.COM FOR UPDATES
BEFORE HEADING OUT TO ANY EVENT.



AMPHITHEATER FITNESS SERIES

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. Twisted Cycle Woodstock will conduct the workout this June and it promises the Best. Workout. Ever.

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - <https://bit.ly/3bib5I3>

ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Woodstock Parks and Rec announces a Summer 2021 Mixed Doubles Adult Pickleball League. It will be an open round-robin league held at the Dupree Park Pickleball Courts every Monday evening at 7pm from July 12 - August 30. The league will have seven rounds of play culminating with a single elimination league championship playoff on August 30. All league play will be self-officiated and will be subject to USA Pickleball Association Rules. Players will provide their own equipment. Teams will be mixed doubles (one male/one female). If a player does not have a partner and one is available, he/she will have a partner assigned. League fee is \$20 per player. Learn more at woodstockparksandrec.com.



JULY 4TH SPECTACULAR

Monday - July 5, 2021

Freedom Run ~ 7:15 am

The 25th Annual Freedom Run 5K, 1 Mile, and Tot Trot!
More info at www.WoodstockFreedomRun.com or www.ItsYourRace.com

Parade ~ 10 am

Parade starts at Woodstock Elementary School on Rope Mill Road, travels south on Main Street and ends at Sam's Club near Hwy 92. *Rain or Shine unless inclement weather!*

Visit website for parade map and road closures.



Festival ~ 11 – 3 pm

The Park at City Center
101 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock
Great Fun, Food, Arts, Crafts, Music, Kids Activities & More!



Fireworks ~ Dusk

Behind Lowes Shopping Center (Hwy 92 near 575)
See website for traffic and parking plan.



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www.woodstockparksandrec.com

Fireworks Exit Traffic Plan



TRAIL STORY

Created by Sequoyah Regional Library System and Woodstock Parks and Recreation, TrailStory is a project aimed at giving 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 June on the Towne Lake Pass Trail from the Woodstock Park connection towards Woodstock High School and running through the month, 15 signs will be placed along the trail with pages of Adam Rubin's national best seller Dragons Love Tacos 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.



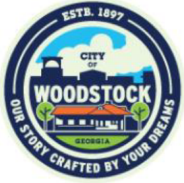
STORYTIME LIVE

Join us at the Gazebo in the Park at City Center for Storytime Live. Your children's favorite characters will read a story, pose for photos, and interact with little ones. The events begin at 11 am.

Saturday, June 19: Belle from Beauty & the Beast

Presented by the FoxTale Book Shoppe and Woodstock Parks and Recreation. Free admission and socially-distanced.





2021 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Woodstock will hold our next Municipal General Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Library located at 7735 Main Street, Woodstock, GA to fill the positions of Mayor (Donnie Henriques, Incumbent); and Council Seats for Ward 1 (Warren Johnson, Incumbent), Ward 3 (Colin Ake, Incumbent), and Ward 5 (Brian Wolfe, Incumbent). The terms are for four years beginning on January 1 following the election. Anyone desiring to run for one of these positions may qualify in the office of the City Clerk at the Woodstock City Annex – 12453 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA 30188 on the following dates/times:

Qualifying Dates for the 2021 Municipal General Election:

Monday, August 16, 2021	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, August 17, 2021	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, August 18, 2021	8:30 am to 5:00 pm

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO
VOTE IS OCTOBER 4, 2021**

<http://voter.cherokeega.com/register-to-vote.cfm>



Qualifying Fees: (3% of prior year's annual salary)

The qualifying fee has been set at \$432 for Mayor and \$342 for Council which is 3% of their annual salary – Mayor (\$14,400) and Council (\$11,400). The qualifying fee is non-refundable.

Qualifying Requirements:

- ⇒ At the time of their election, be a citizen of the United States and at least 21 years of age.
- ⇒ At the time of their election, be a resident of the State of Georgia for at least two years.
- ⇒ For Council: At the time of their election, be a resident of the City of Woodstock in the ward in which they are qualifying for one year.
- ⇒ For Mayor: At the time of their election, be a resident of the City of Woodstock for one year as of the date of the election.
- ⇒ Be a registered voter.
- ⇒ All public monies must be accounted for. Can not be a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law.
- ⇒ Shall not be the holder of public funds illegally.
- ⇒ Candidate must never have been convicted and sentenced for fraudulent violation of election laws; malfeasance in office; or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence under the laws of this State or any other State of the United States, or that the candidate's civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude.
- ⇒ Candidate must pay the appropriate qualifying fee or file a pauper's affidavit within the dates and times assigned.

Filing Requirements:

Before potential candidates take any campaign contribution's they must file with the City Clerk a DOI (Declaration of Intent) to accept such contributions. All contributions must be accounted for in writing as to who gave the contribution, the amount (no matter how small), the date received and whether it was cash, check or in-kind contribution, otherwise it is an anonymous contribution and is illegal.

Candidates must complete a Declaration of Intent (if new candidate), Financial Disclosure Statement; Notice of Candidacy; Campaign Committee and/or Campaign Contribution forms or Affidavit. Visit the State Ethics Commission Website for more information on Campaign Reports and Filing Requirements: <https://ethics.ga.gov/>

For more information, please contact the City Clerk, Rhonda Pezzello at 770 592-6002 or rpezzello@woodstockga.gov.

SERVICE AWARDS

At their June 14th meeting, Woodstock Mayor and Council recognized City of Woodstock employees for years of service.

5 Years

Roberto Bocanegra
Water & Sewer

Stacy Brown
Economic Development

Joshua Buckner
Police

Jay Darby
Public Works

Jacob Erisman
Police

Robert Patterson
Fire

David Sargenski
Fire

10 Years

Matthew Dunn
Police

Kathleen O'Connor
Community Development

Tiffani Wingfield
Police

15 Years

Jeff Armstrong
Parks & Recreation

Ronald Hughes
Police

Joseph LeCour
Police
Marybeth Stockdale
Parks & Recreation

Brian Stockton
Economic Development

20 Years

Daniel Allen
Fire

Faye Doss
Fire

Shane Tetterton
Fire

Congratulations to all recognized and thank you for all you do!

DISCOVERING PADDLEBOARDING

Want to get out on the water? Paddleboarding is the way to do it! In Discovering Paddleboarding you will learn water safety, paddleboarding basics and spend some time on the water of Lake Allatoona with Michael Murphy and his staff from Murph's Surf. This is fun for the whole family and a cool way to enjoy the Great Outdoors in the heat of the summer. The program will be approximately 2 hours. Make the day last and turn Discovering Paddleboarding into a day long paddleboard rental for a small fee at Murph's Surf!

Minimum age is 13 years of age with a consenting adult.

When: Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 9 am

Where: Murph's Surf 6983 Bells Ferry Rd, Canton, GA 30114

Cost: \$79.00 per person

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Register here: <https://bit.ly/3cqRBIf>

DISCOVERING DISC GOLF

Looking to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise? Discovering Disc Golf may be for you! Participants will learn a basic level of the sport of disc golf so that they may walk away from the class and be able to play a fun round at the Dupree Park Prodigy Par 2 Course. Every Discovering Disc Golf will take a moment to cover the basics, and, in addition, June's session will focus on basic technique and strategy. Equipment for the class is provided. In addition to learning equipment necessary, stance, throwing and scoring, Professional Disc Golf Association Official Rules of Disc Golf will be discussed.

When: Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 2 pm

Where: Dupree Park Prodigy Par 2 Course at 513 Neese Road

Cost: Free

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3tUNdkg>

Farmers Market

The Woodstock Farm Fresh Market runs every Saturday from now until December beginning at 8:30 a.m. and closing at noon. Upcoming events include live music with Levi Ransom (6/19), Watermelon Day (7/10), and Preserving Day (8/14).

BUSINESSES CELEBRATE MILESTONES IN THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK



On June 7th, IN WDSTK held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Wags & Wiggles Pet Boutique in Downtown Woodstock.



On June 4th, IN WDSTK held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new location for Black Airplane in Downtown Woodstock.



On June 3rd, IN WDSTK held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Harry Norman, Realtors Woodstock on Fowler Street in Downtown Woodstock.



On May 27th, IN WDSTK held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Aria Music Studios, Inc. new location in Woodstock.

We're Hiring!

The City of Woodstock is currently seeking a Process Planner in Community Development, a Part-time Seasonal Recreation Aide in Parks and Rec, Firefighter EMT1/EMTA/EMTP, and Streets Maintenance Workers. Learn more and apply online at woodstockga.gov/jobs.

BUSINESSES CELEBRATE MILESTONES IN THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK



On May 13th, IN WDSK held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Holbrook Woodstock. Not your average adult community, Holbrook exists to inspire wonder in their residents and the world around them.



On May 10th, IN WDSK held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Culver's of Woodstock on the corner of Hwy 92 and Neese Rd.



IN WDSK held a ribbon cutting for Snowmies Shaved Ice and Sweet Treats to celebrate their 1 year anniversary. Snowmies is a family-owned business located right off the walking path in Downtown Woodstock, just down the hill from the new Reeves House.



IN WDSK held a ground breaking ceremony April 15th for Rootstock to celebrate their business expansion! We are so excited for Rootstock as they are growing and adding to their existing location right in the heart of Downtown Woodstock at 8558 Main St.



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