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Mayor's Corner

Dear Wintervillians,

Happy New Year! I hope you are doing well after what I hope was another peaceful holiday season for you in Winterville, Georgia. The heart of the city seems to change with each season, and the strength of this community shines through it all in the different events, festivities, and opportunities to help those in need. I find a different warmth and glow to each of these seasons as I begin my 9th year in office.

The joy of the holiday season is still ringing in my ears as we settle in for the winter and look forward to the first hint of spring. But work in the city continues as we have new council members sworn in and ready to serve. Our first meeting this week was a very productive beginning to 2024, and I look forward to



serving my last term with these wonderful and dedicated public servants on your behalf.

We do have a lot to look forward to this year: the opening of the renovated 2nd floor of the Cultural Center

as an Art Gallery and Heritage Museum, new and inclusive playground equipment at Pittard Park, a crosswalk on Parkview at Pittard Park, a possible CDBG grant reward to renovate the Blacksmith Shop, the ACC TSPLOST Stormwater project along Main Street, and the usual excitement of our beloved Marigold Festival and a new season of the increasingly popular Marigold Market.

As always, look for opportunities to volunteer and serve and urge others to be engaged in this wonderful community. It's yours, and I am honored to serve you. I'll see you on the streets.

Sincerely,
Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor

We are a small city with a big heart, and we are glad that you are here. Wintervillians take pride in our community traditions, festivals, parks and trails, and our people. Whether you are a long-term resident, a new neighbor, or a visitor, there is room for you here. We welcome and value the beauty of diversity and strive for equality and inclusivity in all we do.

New and Returning Council Members

Please welcome Tina Mills and Jonathan Mosley to the Winterville City Council. We look forward to their energy and expertise as they serve their community. Jonathan won the four year term of the open seat in November and Tine won the 2 year term of the vacated seat. WELCOME BACK, Melissa Metzger! Councilperson Metzger has proven to be a force on this city council and we appreciate the great work she has already done and look forward to more of the same. Thank you all for your service.

Cultural Center 2nd Floor Renovation

The elevator is in place and The Cultural Center 2nd floor renovation is getting close completion! We are extremely excited to show this new jewel of the city off to each of you and many others for years to come so listen out for grand opening dates coming this year. This has been a partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts and the \$75,000 grant we were awarded by them.

New Playground Equipment in Pittard Park

A fun and exciting project has created a lot of engagement in the city. Young and old have weighed in and chosen new playground equipment to replace the well loved and well worn equipment that is nearing the end of it's life. Koons Environmental worked hand in hand with City Council to find equipment that is fun, safe, inclusive and visually more natural to fit into the aesthetic of the existing footprint in our beautiful park. Three choices have been presented to the public and one was the overwhelming favorite. We will now work to finalize costs and scheduling, but we hope to have the new equipment in place soon.

Crosswalk at Parkview and Pittard Park

We will be procuring bids this month to move forward this Spring with another crosswalk at Pittard Park on Parkview. These crosswalks are becoming more and more popular as they provide increased safety for pedestrians while calming traffic in and around the city. This crosswalk will be funded by the City of Winterville's TSPLOST dollars! Thanks TSPLOST!

ACC TSPLOST Stormwater Project Along Main Street

More TSPLOST dollars will be spent in the city on a major project along Main Street. This time Athens Clarke County will use their TPLOST funds to help remedy the flooding along Main Street that we have all lived with for many years. This is a very important infrastructure project for the city and we are thankful to all who have worked so hard to get it done. The plans address critical needs while being as unobtrusive as possible. The timeline puts completion out into the Fall of 2025, but it is underway and a priority for us and the county. We hope that construction will not be too disruptive, but please be patient once the work begins.

Thank You, Councilperson Amanda Mooney!

On behalf of the City of Winterville, we send a heartfelt thanks to Councilperson Mooney for her service to this community. She took office just as COVID hit and was instrumental in keeping the city going under extremely difficult conditions. From health, well-being and a focus on inclusivity and equity, Amanda possesses all of the intangible qualities of what is best in public servants and their service. Thanks for a game-changing four years and we wish you well!

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Just A Reminder to All Winterville Residents:

If you plan to add/build any storage structures on your property that are larger than a child's playhouse or make any modifications to your home, please contact City Hall for the appropriate permits. If your home is in the Winterville Historic District, you will need to apply to the HPC Committee for their approval before applying to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Rental of Winterville City Facilities

Family reunions, baby showers and birthday parties will be here soon! If you plan to rent any of the facilities in the City, contact City Hall for more information for cost and availability. These spaces fill up fast.

Welcome New City Hall Employee Amaru "Ben" Ona

Help us welcome our newest employee, Amaru "Ben" Ona. Ben is a 10-year Winterville resident and the newest employee at City Hall. He will be assisting Clerk Wendy Bond with daily duties and getting involved with many aspects of the city. Stop in and meet Ben and bring your 4-legged little friends; we always have dog treats on hand for our little visitors.

- Wendy L. Bond, Municipal Clerk



WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Bring One for the Chipper: Saturday, January 6th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Drop off your undecorated Christmas trees for recycling at the recycling bins and receive a free tree seedling and seed packets. Susan Russell, Winterville's City Arborist, will be on hand to answer questions about tree planting, pruning, and maintenance.

Tree Give-Away

Sign-ups for free trees are now closed, but if you signed up last November/ December, you can pick up your trees at the Community Garden on Saturday, January 13 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or Saturday, January 20 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Susan Russell, the City Arborist, and other knowledgeable Tree Commission members will be on hand to offer planting advice and answer your tree-related questions.

Stop by to say hi and get advice, even if you didn't order a tree!

Winterville Arbor Day Celebration – February 20th

Put it on your calendar! Details to come.



City Arborist

Did you know that Winterville has a City Arborist who is on-call to answer your tree-related questions? Susan Russell can be contacted at 706-291-7893 or arborvitals@bellsouth.net.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

Times, Dates, and Meeting Places are subject to change without notice.

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| Monday, January 1 | City Hall Closed |
| Wednesday, January 3 | Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m. |
| Monday, January 8 | Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, January 9 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 11 | Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center) |
| Thursday, January 11 | Winterville Tree Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Pittard Park) |
| Monday, January 15 | Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion) |
| Monday, January 15 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Hall Closed |
| Tuesday, January 16 | Historic Preservation Committee, Time and Location TBD |
| Thursday, January 25 | Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom) |

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| Friday, February 2 | Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 5 | Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 6 | Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 8 | Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center) |
| Monday, February 12 | Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 13 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 19 | Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion) |
| Monday, February 19 | President's Day, City Hall Closed |
| Tuesday, February 20 | Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 20 | Winterville Arbor Day, All Day |

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| Monday, March 4 | Planning and Zoning, 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 5 | Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday, March 11 | Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 12 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 14 | Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center) |
| Thursday, March 14 | Winterville Tree Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Pittard Park) |
| Monday, March 18 | Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion) |
| Tuesday, March 19 | Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m. |

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Western Judicial Circuit ADA Apprentices: Invaluable Courtroom Team Members

Looking back on 2023, I am proud to report on how far we have come as an office, a community partner, and a law-enforcement collaborator, continuing our commitment to public safety and protecting the victims and witnesses of Clarke and Oconee counties.

One of the ways we deliver on our promise to create a better, safer, more just, and equitable future for the residents of the community is by ensuring that our courtroom teams consist of highly trained assistant district attorneys and professionals who work alongside law enforcement counterparts to provide valuable insight about what is needed for a case to succeed in court. Our courtroom teams include experienced prosecutors, investigators, victim-witness advocates, and apprentices participating in our ADA Apprenticeship Program.

The Western Judicial Circuit's ADA Apprenticeship Program is a structured training program that prepares apprentices for a smooth transition into practice. The program pairs an apprentice with an experienced mentor-prosecutor. Western Judicial Circuit ADA Apprentices are sworn-in legal professionals who have obtained their Juris Doctor degree and are waiting to pass the bar. Because they have not yet passed the bar, an apprentice is never the sole prosecutor in the courtroom. A senior ADA is always present. However, although they cannot act as the lead prosecutor on a case, ADA Apprentices are essential to our office.

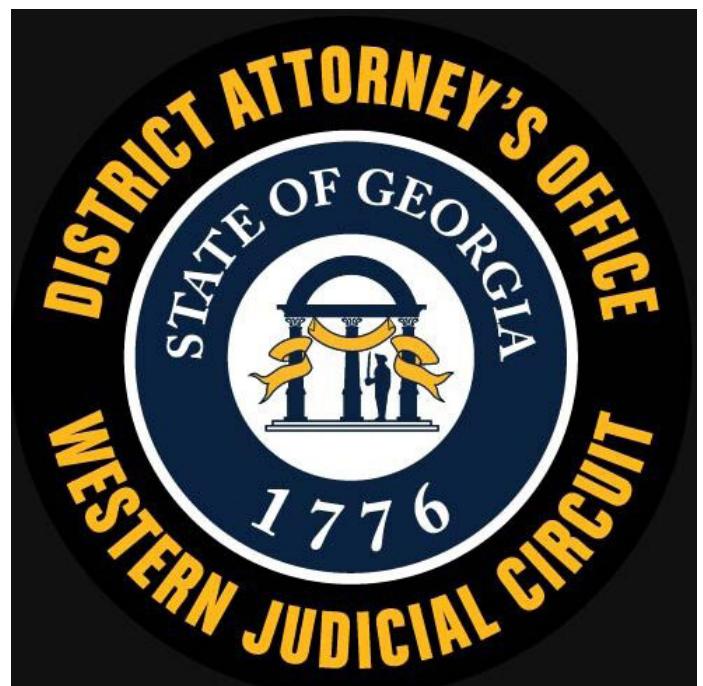
Our circuit covers four Superior Court courtrooms plus Juvenile Court. We have an ADA Apprentice in each courtroom assisting the lead ADA. Apprentices' duties include reviewing courtroom calendars, preparing case summaries, and coordinating probation revocation procedures; additionally, they act as liaisons between the lead ADA and probation officer, collect case intake documentation, do

case research, and assist with trial preparation. ADA Apprentices engage in these duties under their assigned lead ADA's supervision while keeping the office's goals in mind.

The Western Judicial Circuit D.A.'s office is also fortunate to have one of the top law schools in the country in our backyard. This proximity allows us to employ innovative recruiting efforts to hire and retain the most talented prospects. Our Legal Intern Coordinator regularly participates in UGA Internship Fairs to recruit participants for our Legal Intern Program. Participation in our Legal Intern Program is in high demand, and we consistently get positive feedback from our interns.

I am excited and optimistic about 2024 and moving forward with our dedicated and talented team. I look forward to continued success and collaboration with our community and law enforcement partners. As we focus on seeking justice, safety, and accountability, our office will continue to fight so that the voiceless have a voice and our citizens live safely and with dignity.

– District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez



Marigold Collective Nourishes Winterville with Fresh Food and Community All Year Long

As we move through Winter and into Spring, the Marigold Collective is keeping busy. Our fields and orchards are turning green, and local farmers are excited to see new lambs, kids, calves, kits, chicks and ducklings, not to mention bees! We are roasting coffee, baking bread and sweet treats, milking goats, weaving baskets, carving spoons, making cheese and soap, creating ceramics and jewelry, developing new recipes and skills, and working together behind the scenes to make 2024 our most delicious and fun Market season yet.



Monday Marigold Market (and Café) Offers Fresh Produce and Seasonal Soup Specials Year-Round

We are over the moon to share that our Monday Marigold Market and Café was such a hit last year that we are keeping it going year-round. Every Monday (except federal holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Historic Pittard Bank building at 100 North Church Street, we offer a different soup made with fresh produce from our farmers, along with snacks, juices, and prepared foods to enjoy on the spot or bring home. Shop a selection of fruits and vegetables, meat, mushrooms, prepared foods, cheese, eggs, coffee, honey, mushrooms, home goods, cards, plants, books and gifts, all grown and made by your friends and neighbors. What began as an experiment has quickly become a beloved gathering spot, as well as a convenient pickup location for pre-orders from our vendors. Keep an eye on our website for an up-to-date list of items available at Monday Market and information on pre-ordering, and please reach out if you are interested in volunteering or selling with us.

Opening Day of Our 2024 Saturday Marigold Market Season

Save the date for Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the opening day of our 2024 Saturday Marigold Market season. Join us for a family-friendly Springtime celebration of food, farms, friends, and fun in beautiful Pittard Park, right off the Firefly Trail. Throughout the season, our Saturday markets bring the community together with live music, kid's activities, hot food and craft vendors, and of course, beautiful fresh and local produce, cheese, eggs and meat, coffee, artisan bread, and baked goods. We are often joined by our friends from Winterville Arts Council, Winterville Library, Athens Area Master Gardeners, and other local organizations who offer garden advice, host children's story time, crafts, group workouts, and other fun activities. Interested in joining us as a vendor, musician, or community group? Our online vendor applications open in January, and you can email marigoldmarketwinterville@gmail.com with questions.

We Are Now A 501(c)(3)!

After much paperwork, The Marigold Collective (comprised of our Market, Food Hub, and Commercial Kitchen) is finally an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This designation will allow us to increase our impact as we continue our mission of "connecting the Winterville and East Athens communities with fresh, affordable food, information on nutrition, support for local food producers, and an opportunity to distribute food abundance to the community." All donations are tax-deductible, and we are actively seeking advertising sponsors to help us expand our outreach.

Marvelous Marigold Food Hub and Commercial Kitchen

After each Saturday Market, the Marigold Food Hub purchases unsold produce directly from our farmers to distribute throughout our community and prepare healthy delicious

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meals (like vegetable soups) in our licensed Marigold Commercial Kitchen. We are assisted in our zero-waste mission by our charming mascots—the Wonderful Worms of Winterville—who transform kitchen scraps into compost. Available for rent, The Marigold Commercial Kitchen also provides a legally compliant space for those beginning or growing a food business to prepare their products. TC and Samanthi from Ceylon Snack Hut use it to prepare their incredible Sri Lankan treats and beverages; Sonia from Tastenini makes her popular pestos and sauces in the kitchen; and Christy and Steve of Daisyfish Farm are using it to develop their signature hot sauce (coming soon!) We strive to nurture connections between the farmers, chefs and small businesses within our community—please reach out if you are interested in using the Marigold Commercial Kitchen or sourcing ingredients from our vendors.

Double the SNAP Benefits, Double the Fruits and Veggies

A win for Families and Farmers—We are proud to accept SNAP/EBT for all eligible purchases and are excited to partner with Wholesome Wave Georgia to double the produce purchasing power. When SNAP recipients spend \$10, they automatically get \$10—for free—to spend on fresh, local fruits and vegetables from our farmers! This means that families pay less for high-quality, nutrient-dense fresh and local food, and we are helping to keep money recirculating within our community— a win-win-win!

To stay up to date on all things Marigold Market and Collective, visit our website: marigoldmarketwinterville.com, subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on Instagram and facebook @marigoldmarketwinterville.

MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

The Winterville Marigold Festival wishes you a Happy New Year. We are excited for 2024!

The Winterville Marigold Festival will take over Pittard Park on Saturday, May 11th. Come join us, volunteer, and have fun with your neighbors hosting the BEST festival around.

Local vendors can submit applications for the juried selection process beginning December 30th. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, beginning March 1. We reserve the right to limit the number of vendors with similar offerings.

We would love to see the community showcased in this year's parade. Participation is free; just fill out an application by May 3rd.

The Festival Board remains forever grateful to our local sponsors, who make it possible to host this wonderful community event each year. Any individual or organization interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the Board. To be featured in printed publications,

sponsorship packets and artwork must be submitted by March 15th.

For more information and all festival applications, visit www.marigoldfestival.com

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for updates and information @marigoldfestival



Membership Drive

The Winterville Civitan Club is part of Civitan International, a global organization created to promote good citizenship and help local communities where there is a need. Our Civitan Club gives aid to the mentally and physically disabled, supports our local government, gives our members a broader knowledge of public affairs, and helps solve issues on a local basis. Currently our local Winterville Civitan Club is looking for local citizens with a desire to join us in reaching out to members of our community who need help and support.

The Winterville Civitan Club has done too many good deeds for our community to list them all, but a few examples are described here. We have

- constructed many ramps to homes for individuals who needed assistance with mobility.
- donated a van to a disabled person who needed transportation.
- purchased a trailer for our local Winterville Boy Scouts.
- provided financial assistance to many individuals and organizations.

Winterville Civitan also awards two \$3,000 scholarships to local graduating seniors who plan to attend college or technical college.

Membership participation has been excellent since the club's inception, which has enabled

Winterville Civitan to serve the community in several ways. During the Pandemic, however, we were unable to meet for several months, and when the meetings were resumed, attendance had diminished. Civitan really wants to continue serving our local community; if you also have an interest in serving our community in Winterville, come to a few of our meetings and see if Winterville Civitan Club may be right for you.

The Winterville Civitan club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Depot at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Civitan Creed. There is a meal served to all in attendance. After the meal, an occasional speaker will speak followed by discussion of our business affairs and then adjournment.

Visit Civitan International to learn more or visit our Winterville Civitan Club website at wintervillecivitan.com or call Lee Sanders at 706.338.9691.

Civitan Snowflake 10K Race

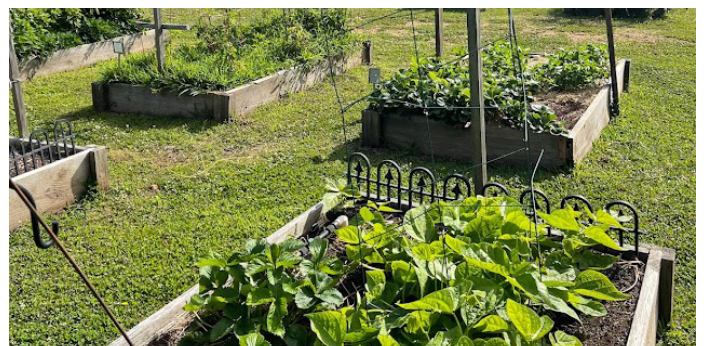
The Winterville Civitan Club will host the 10th annual Snowflake 10K race in Winterville on January 13, 2024. The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will block Main St. and Smithonia Rd. for a brief period.

Proceeds from the race go toward the various charitable causes Civitan supports. Information about the race and about the organization can be found here: <http://wintervillecivitan.com/snowflake-10k-2024>.

WINTERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Spring Registration

Spring registration for returning gardeners and interested new members will be held in the depot on February 19th at 6:00 p.m. For more information about the Winterville Community Garden, please visit <https://www.cityofwinterville.com/community-garden> or email us at wintervillecommunitygarden@gmail.com.



Firefly Trail Opens in Greene County Thanks to Grit, Determination, and Community Spirit

The big news for Firefly Trail is big news, indeed: The trail is now open all the way from Union Point north to the Oglethorpe County line, a total of 6.5 miles of wide, paved, off-road trail perfect for walking, running, and biking.

The new segment, which connects to 0.7 miles of existing trail in Union Point, extends 5.8 miles from Union Point Elementary School to a new trail parking lot at Ga. 77 and Heard Cook Road approximately a mile north of Woodville. The completed project also includes a bridge over North Rhoads Street in Union Point plus a connector from the bridge to Carlton Street.

The trail segment—the longest continuous stretch to date—was built using a \$2.1 million Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant awarded to Greene County. Partners contributing local matching funds, expertise, and other support included the cities of Union Point, Woodville and Maxeys; Firefly Trail, Inc. (FTI); PATH Foundation; and Riverview Foundation.

“We did it, and we ended up with 6.5 miles of concrete trail that the people of Greene County and surrounding counties can enjoy for many years to come,” said Greene County Manager Byron Lombard at the November 3 ribbon-cutting ceremony. “It’s a legacy to a lot of people; it was everybody, it certainly was no one person. And it was a great project.”

“This project has been a labor of love,” said Georgia House Rep. Trey Rhodes. “And it’s what hard work, grit, determination, and our local governments working together for one goal can do, and I’m proud of all of them.”

When completed, the Firefly Trail will stretch some 39 miles from Athens through Winterville and on to Union Point. The FTI is partnering with the cities of Maxeys and Crawford to build the next sections of trail.

“The support of thousands of donors, especially the Riverview Foundation, made this progress possible,” said FTI President Mary Cook. “We have a lot more work to do, but we can get it done with the continued support of contributors large and small. We thank everyone for their ongoing support. Together, we are making the dream a reality.”

Learn more and contribute to the future of the trail at www.FireflyTrail.com.



Union Point Mayor Lanier Rhodes and Firefly Trail Inc. Board Member Lisa Baynes cut the ribbon to open the Greene County section of the trail, including a new bridge in Union Point and more than 2.5 miles of trail in Woodville.

Book Clubs

Did you know that Winterville Library offers not one, but two, Book Clubs for avid readers? Our Daytime Book Club is now one year old! This small (so far!) group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the library at 12:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This club is very active and convenient for people working during the day. We have fun, stimulating discussions, and enjoy great fellowship. It is not unusual to have 15 people in attendance.

The book selections for Daytime Club, January through March of 2024, are as follows:

- January 10 *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens
- February 14 *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- March 13 *How Lucky* by Will Leitch

The book selections for Evening Club, January through March of 2024, are as follows:

- February 1 *Now is Not the Time to Panic* by Kevin Wilson
- February 29 *When We Were Birds* by Ayanna Lloyd Banwo
- March 28 *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Rocking Chair Donation

On Christmas eve, Winterville Library received the gift of a beautiful Amish made rocking chair, a true heirloom. The Prescotts retired to Winterville from Virginia where Mrs. Prescott, a UGA Veterinary School grad, had her own practice. And, Mr. Prescott? He was an RN in the neonatal ward of the hospital! And, he had many stories to share about rocking chairs and babies! We are thrilled, honored, and grateful for a treasure that patrons will enjoy for years to come.



Chess Program

Winterville Library is very happy to offer regular free chess lessons from a local member of the Winterville community, Dr. JP Caillault. Dr. Caillault is retired from the University of Georgia, where he taught physics and astronomy for 32 years.

His interests are nineteenth century baseball, baseball records, and statistics. He is the editor of *The Complete New York Clipper Baseball Biographies: More Than 800 Sketches of Players, Managers, Owners, Umpires, Reporters and Others, 1859-1903* (McFarland; 2009). He also received the *USA Today Sports Weekly Award* for his poster presentation "The Best vs. the Best: W-L Records of Hall of Fame Pitchers Against Each Other" at SABR40 in Atlanta (2010). Dr. Caillault has proved to be a wonderful instructor as he works easily with every level of player, from beginners to the very experienced player.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our chess program began with lessons for youth aged 8 to 12 years old every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Soon, adults began to express interest! As a result, we have changed the schedule to accommodate all ages. Now the weekly lessons will alternate between the first and third Tuesday of the month for ages 8 to 12, and the second and fourth Tuesday of the month is reserved for adults.

Merry Sunshine Band

Save the date! On February 14 at 11:15 a.m., immediately following Storytime with Miss Sam, we are thrilled to present the Merry Sunshine Band! This group of talented Winterville and Eastside ladies sing and play guitar, ukuleles, and the cello. Little ones

and caretakers can dance and sing along to their sweet and timeless music. Many of the members are already great friends and patrons of Winterville Library.

Library Repairs

In January, the library will undergo construction to repair an area of rotted flooring. We will close for approximately two weeks starting on Thursday, January 11 and reopen on Friday, January 26 for regular hours. During the closure, no Storytime will be offered. Books can be returned to any of the ARLS libraries including Athens, Oconee, Bogart, Madison County, and Oglethorpe County. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience!

HERITAGE CENTER

If you've taken a stroll through downtown Winterville recently, you may have seen a cordoned-off area at the intersection of Parkview and Church marked "Archaeology in Progress". No, we aren't looking for arrowheads or dinosaur bones (not that we would scoff at either), but rather remnants of Winterville's



inhabited past. The site in question—marked with stakes, strings, and dozens of marker flags—is the original location of Dr. Warren Carter's (and later Dr. Frank Coile's) office building.

Today you know that small white structure as the Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum on the other side of the Winterville green, but until 1984 the building stood on the small lot across from both the Pittard Bank Building and Winterville United Methodist Church.

From 1874-1941, the simple building here functioned as a physician's office, with Wintervillians coming and going regularly. Sixty-seven years of this activity undoubtedly left evidence behind, so for the next few

months, the area will be transformed into an excavation site. Using modern methodology and industry-standard techniques, we're reaching into the past to see what evidence our predecessors left behind. We've already uncovered coal (likely for heating), nailed lumber, and bits of broken glass with wax paper attached (which strongly suggest bottles of medicine). And that's just the start.

You'll probably see us out there digging in the dirt on days with clear (and relatively warm) weather. If you do, swing by, say hello, and maybe discover a few artifacts with us!

Your friendly Cultural Heritage Director,
Jonathan Scott



Digital Skills Ready@50+

ACCA is partnering with Senior Planet from AARP to help people over 50 learn new online skills. When you sign up for the Digital Skills Ready@50+ program, you'll gain the essential skills you need to navigate an increasingly digital world. Whether you're looking for a job or hoping to stay connected with family and friends, Digital Skills Ready@50+ classes and workshops offer trainings on a wide range of technologies, from video conferencing to online job search tools to office productivity software. Lectures provide a general overview of the topic; workshops offer hands-on practice with provided laptops.

Wednesday, January 24th @ 11:00 a.m.
Lecture: *Telemedicine*

Wednesday, February 21st @ 11:00 a.m.
Workshop: *Exploring and Downloading Apps*

Wednesday, March 20th @ 11:00 a.m.
Workshop: *Getting Started with Lyft*

Wednesday, April 17th @ 11:00 a.m.
Workshop: *Getting Started with YouTube*

Wednesday, May 15th @ 11:00 a.m.
Workshop: *Getting to Know Your Smartphone*
(iPhone & Android friendly!)

Where: ACCA (135 Hoyt Street, Athens)
Cost: Free for CAL members;
\$5.00 for non-members

Laughter Yoga

Want more fun in your life? Laughing yoga is a popular movement and breathing exercise that aims to cultivate joy, bring out your inner child, and help you let go of daily life stressors. Led by instructor Elizabeth Alder, this Laughter Yoga class is heart healthy, and just in time for Heart Health Month in February. Laughter increases endorphins, the feel-good chemicals in your brain, which can help alleviate

depression and pain relief. You are sure to leave this class with a smile!

When: Thursday, February 8th and 22nd
11:00-11:45 a.m.

Where: ACCA Center for Active Living
(135 Hoyt Street, Athens)

Cost: \$5.00/class for CAL members;
\$8.00/class for non-members

Trip to the Music City: Nashville, TN

Join us for an exciting 3-day, 2-night trip to Nashville, TN, to take in the sights and sounds of the "Music City." Experience a celebration of country music past and present with songs from many of the great artists in country music. Enjoy not one, but two, dinner shows, including a memorable evening at the Grand Ole Opry! By day we'll take a guided tour of the city, with highlights such as Music Square, the Parthenon, Ryman Auditorium, a photo op of The East Bank, Bicentennial Park, Veteran Memorials, American Pickers, and more. You'll also have free time to explore the "Honky Tonk Highway," Nashville's famous street playing live music 365 days a year, and a visit to the city's urban Farmer's Market. This year-round market is held under two open-air-sheds and boasts a 27,000-square-foot garden center, international food hall and vendor stalls. The trip includes 2 nights' accommodation, 2 dinner shows, 2 hotel breakfasts, 2 catered evening receptions at the hotel, transportation by deluxe motor coach, and all taxes, meal gratuities, and baggage handling.

When: May 13-15th, 2024

Cost: \$675 double occupancy,
\$835 single occupancy
(travel protection is available for \$79
for double occupancy, \$92 for single.)

\$100 deposit due at registration.
Final payments due by March 15th.
See CAL office for refund policy.

WINTERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

After a Fall full of events, be on the lookout for many ways to be a part of and experience art in our community in 2024. Follow the Winterville Arts Council on Instagram (@wintervilleartscouncil) to know more about upcoming events, exhibits, and ways to be involved.

Spring 2024 Upcoming Events

February 22nd and 29th

The WAC will host Art Sampler Classes at the Winterville Cultural Center taught by local artists. Sign-ups will begin in January.

Later Spring

The new Winterville Cultural Center Gallery, located upstairs at the Winterville Cultural Center, will be opening. This newly renovated space will allow us to enjoy permanent collections and seasonal art shows in a dedicated space.

End of January

We will host another *Vino and Van Gogh* event, a guided painting class led by one of our local artists, complete with beverages.

End of January through March

Our local elementary school art students from Winterville Elementary school will display their work at the Winterville Library.

March

The Winterville Players will hold auditions for a spring play.

Experience Artmaking Alongside Local Artisans

Have you ever been interested in making art with different media, but felt overwhelmed by the start-up cost or by trying to figure out something new on your own? If this describes you, then the Winterville Arts Council has a solution! On the evenings of February 22nd and 29th, we will host Sampler Classes at the Winterville Cultural Center. These one-night-only classes for adults will be taught by local artists, many of whom are members of the WAC.

The classes for Thursday, February 22nd are the following:

Gel Printing with Miranda Bellah

Folk Art Painting with Sherre Watwood

Oil Painting with Dortha Jacobson

The classes for Thursday, February 29th are the following:

Relief printmaking with Emma Torrence

Watercolor Painting with Miranda Bellah

Acrylic Painting with Laura Floyd

Each participant will choose one class on each of the evenings to experience two different media. The instructor will provide all supplies and will guide participants through the basics of their specific medium. Class members will leave with a finished piece and the newfound knowledge of how to enhance their personal artmaking.

Space will be limited; sign-ups will open in January. Watch the Winterville Arts Council Instagram page (@wintervilleartscouncil) on when and how to sign up.

Join the Arts Council

If you are an artist of any variety or appreciate the arts, consider joining the Winterville Arts Council. Our new meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of every month from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at the Winterville Cultural Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

WINTERVILLE PLAYERS

The Winterville Players Are Just Getting Started...

The Winterville Players production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, by Barbara Robinson, seemed to come together effortlessly when the Marigold Auditorium filled just shy of a full house on the opening night of its first production. The play was met with laughs



and a storm of applause from an enthusiastic audience. “We would like to make it an annual production,” explained Anita Turlington in reflection on the success of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Turlington brought the idea to other interested thespians back in September when the group met to discuss organizing a local theater group. She hoped to “encourage folks who are interested in participating, be

it actors, set design, backstage help, or even ticket sales”. “There are a lot of different roles people can take on and get involved in even if they’re not interested in being on stage,” according to Turlington.

With one successful production behind them, the Winterville Players are tentatively planning to stage three productions per year: Spring, Fall, and the Christmas show. “We plan to choose productions that are family-friendly, perhaps some plays that local high schools can get involved with.” As an educator herself, Turlington appreciates developing a relationship with local schools and colleges, as well. “I see us doing classics like *The Mousetrap* and would love to work with existing children’s theater groups on joint productions.” Wintervillians and surrounding area residents can expect to see another production in the works starting in March when auditions will be announced. “The next production will likely be in May, but we’ll start auditioning sometime in March,” said Turlington.

As the first production ticket sales were such a success, Turlington suggested that some funding for the group to begin creating its resources is available. “Now we have some funding to build sets, gather costumes, and have props for future productions,” she explained. For now, interested Winterville citizens should watch social media and the sign by the depot for the dates of Spring auditions.



Winterville Cultural Center Art Gallery is First Class

There's a good reason why the opening of the Winterville Cultural Center's new art gallery has been in the works for nearly a year. According to Judy Hammond, the vision of the additional space is nothing short of a dream. "Like Mozart, artists are always anxious to display their work," said Hammond. Hammond is working to facilitate exposure for artists who, according to her, will contribute to a rich experience of different types of artwork and artists for surrounding residents to enjoy. Hammond, who recently became the gallery director, is already working to recruit local artists, as well as artists around the state of Georgia. "One of the first exhibits will be an artist from Atlanta," said Hammond. "My goal is always to have local work and the work of artists in the surrounding areas displayed on our walls," explained Hammond.

In the meantime, Hammond has been working diligently to display local artists and spotlight artists in and out of the gallery. "The Plein Air group is currently on display, but we're also utilizing social media to spotlight other artists," said Hammond. Hammond encourages everyone to connect with the artists and their artwork using Instagram. "The Instagram artists highlights are from artists who have

already displayed their work in our downstairs gallery area," explained Hammond. According to her, the new space will be more expansive and will open in the Spring of 2024. "There will be a combination of two galleries, a hallway space, and a foyer available to display artists' works."

The Winterville Cultural Center will introduce the new space by holding a gala for the first show. "It will likely be held on a Saturday afternoon sometime in Spring," according to Hammond. Winterville citizens should watch social media for more specific announcements about dates closer to the time of the opening. The new elevator is also an important part of making the gallery inclusive to surrounding community members. "The new gallery space is going to be first class," said Hammond. Until the much-awaited opening, artists and art enthusiasts should continue to follow featured artists and future plans on the Winterville Cultural Center's Instagram.

What: Winterville Cultural Center Art Gallery
Where: Winterville Cultural Center
When: Spring 2024

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Web site: wintervilleccgallery.com

Spring Schedule

Ongoing Events

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| Mondays | 9:10-10:10 a.m. | Chair Yoga, yoga for everybody |
| | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Botanical Sketchbook, no experience necessary |
| | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Upcycle Workshop, bring new life to old clothes |
| Wednesdays | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Oil Painting, beginners welcome |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Zumba |

Upcoming Special Events

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| February 22 | 6:00-8:30 p.m. | Art Sampler Class (see page 13 article for more details) |
| February 29 | 6:00-8:30 p.m. | Art Sampler Class (see page 13 article for more details) |



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