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WINTERVILLE GAZETTE

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Mayor's Corner

Oh my—it's October! Another incredible year in the City of Marigolds is flying by because living here is so much fun! I hope you are all well as we head into the holiday season. As always, I am grateful for your trust in me, and I am honored to serve each one of you and all those who visit our charming little town.

As we head into this fall season, our country has some big decisions to make, and we are all a part of making those decisions. I take public service seriously and try to represent our city with humility, integrity, and grace for the benefit of all citizens. In fact, those words are part of a prayer I say almost every day at Post 32 in the very center of our city. I ask for the strength and wisdom to lead this great town with humility, integrity, and grace. I also try to lead in that way as an example



for other cities and leaders throughout this area and the country.

I believe in the words that make up the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, especially the words, "One Nation under God,

Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." My wish is for our county to once again be the Land of Hope and Dreams. That is who we are regardless of party or politics. Our democracy is the envy of the world because of our diversity. This great melting pot of a country is made up of ingredients from all over the world. We are all part of the recipe, and each of us brings our own family heritage from different parts of the world to make this great melting pot of a country successful.

My wish is that we all remember that and build each other up. That's what I want for Christmas! Until then, be well, VOTE, and I'll see you in the streets.

Sincerely,
Dodd I. Ferrelle, Mayor



2025 Budget

City Council will hold public hearings in October and November to hear comments regarding the 2025 Budget for the City of Winterville. City Council will consider adopting the budget at the regular meeting in November. Please visit the city's website to see the proposed budget or stop by City Hall and ask for a copy of the draft budget. It's your money!

Intersection Improvements

As a reminder, we postponed the intersection improvements at Parkview so we could bundle two projects and address a pressing safety concern at Robert Hardeman and Main St. Those two projects are now out for bid, and we hope to choose a contractor by the end of October. The work will begin soon thereafter, and we hope to have the work completed by March or April. Please visit the city's website for more information.

Blacksmith Shop Update

This exciting project is currently out for bid, and we hope to select a contractor very soon. The Blacksmith Shop renovation is fully funded by a USDA Community Development Block Grant with no matching funds needed by the city. We did, however, fund approximately \$30,000 of initial architectural fees as a show of good faith. We hope to have the Marigold Collective moved into the newly renovated building by the end of March 2025!

Liquor by the Drink

City Council will consider allowing liquor by the drink in our restaurants to allow for a little more growth in our Commercial District. This has been a deliberate process that started years ago with allowing beer and wine in Winterville. Public hearings will be held in October and November to address the Mayor and City Council with any concerns you may have, and you will also be able to vote in 2025 if Council

does amend the city's charter to trigger a referendum.

Playground Update

Councilperson Melissa Metzger is putting the finishing touches on a large grant opportunity as we continue to seek help funding a full overhaul of our playground at Pittard Park. This remains a priority for the city, and we will keep you posted throughout the process.

Main Street Stormwater

The ACC TSPLOST Project to address flooding on Main Street is on track and in the design phase. We still anticipate a 2025/early 2026 completion of this important project

Thanks Deirdre and New Librarian Sam

Thank you, Deirdre! Our community was so blessed to have you as our Winterville Librarian for so many years. We hope you enjoy your retirement, and please don't be a stranger. Welcome Sam! We look forward to many years of partnership with you as our new librarian of the beloved Winterville Library.



CIVIC CALENDAR

Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise stated.

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

Tuesday, October 1	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 7	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 10	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Monday, October 14	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
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Monday, November 4	Planning & Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5	Election Day, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (Winterville Cultural Center)
Monday, November 11	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Thursday, November 14	Winterville Tree Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Pittard Park)
Monday, November 18	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Location TBD)
Tuesday, November 19	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 28	Friends of the Winterville Firefly Trail, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving Day, City Hall Closed
Friday, November 29	Buddy Christian Run, Morning (Pittard Park)
Friday, November 29	Black Friday, City Hall Closed
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Monday, December 2	Planning and Zoning, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3	Council Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 9	Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 12	Winterville Arts Council, 6:00 p.m. (Community Center)
Saturday, December 14	Holiday in Winterville, 10:00 a.m. (Pittard Park)
Monday, December 16	Community Garden Committee, 6:00 p.m. (Depot)
Tuesday, December 17	Historic Preservation Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve (Observed), City Hall Closed
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Day, City Hall Closed
Monday, December 30 – Tuesday, December 31	City Hall Closed for Holidays

“Tech Support Scams” are Targeting the Elderly

It used to take some hard work and planning for a criminal to be successful at his trade of robbing someone of their hard-earned money. Unfortunately, criminals have now found an easier way to rob victims without all the hard work. Today, all they need is a computer.

According to the FBI, in just the state of Georgia, during this past year, **92.4 million dollars** has been taken from victims in computer scams. The FBI said most of that money is gone and never recovered, lost to criminals overseas. The most widely reported type of computer scams last year in which the elderly were targeted were “tech support scams.”

What is a “tech support scam?” One of the more common “tech support scams” involves a window popping up on your computer telling you that your computer is infected with a virus and providing you with a phone number to call. When you call the phone number, the person on the other end of the phone will try to convince you they want to help you fix your computer, and they may even offer to help you for free. They will send you a link to click on, or download. This will allow the person on the phone to have access to your computer. They will be able to obtain your bank account information, credit card numbers, and passwords. Within a matter of minutes, they will be able to transfer money out of your bank accounts, place charges on your credit cards, and have access to all your personal information on your computer.

This type of scam is targeting elderly residents at an alarming rate, not only throughout Georgia, but also right here in Winterville.

Earlier this year, Hollywood released a movie entitled “**Beekeeper**” starring Jason Statham. The movie begins with an elderly person falling victim to a “tech support scam” on her computer. Even though the movie is fiction, it does a very realistic job depicting how “tech support scams” work. **As a disclaimer, this**

movie is not appropriate for all audiences; it primarily depicts the main character violently avenging the scam. However, the beginning of the movie illustrates how the scam works, so viewers can learn to recognize and avoid becoming a victim of a “tech support scam.” If it were possible to use this part of the movie as a public service announcement, and show it to every elderly resident in Winterville, we could put a stop to this type of crime occurring in our city. Once someone understands how this type of scam works, they will be far less likely to become a victim.

To avoid becoming a victim of a “tech support scam,” never respond to unsolicited calls, emails, or texts that claim there’s a problem with your computer. If you think you have been scammed, you can report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**. You can also contact your bank or credit card issuer to request that they stop any transactions.

Please reach out to me, or any of my officers, if we can assist you in anyway. We are your police department, and we are here to serve you.

- Chief Bill Charles

WINTERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



It has been a busy few months at the fire department. We have responded to numerous calls, as well as keeping up with our training requirements. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to run a

volunteer department, and lots of paperwork is involved to make everything run smoothly. In addition, each firefighter must complete 40 hours of training per year, run calls at a moment's notice, and attend special events during the year, all while maintaining a home life. With that said, we all enjoy serving our great community.

As we prepare for Fire Safety Month in October, just a reminder to everyone to be mindful of your surroundings at home. Most importantly, make sure you have working smoke detectors placed strategically throughout your home. That alone can save a life in the event of a fire. Also, make sure doors and windows are free from obstructions and can be easily opened as an emergency exit. Once outside, have a safe meeting place for the entire family to gather while emergency responders are en route. When fire personnel arrive, make sure to let them know that everyone is safe and accounted for. If you have any questions about home fire safety tips, please reach out to us for further assistance.

We meet every other Monday night at 7:00 p.m., so stop by and say hello!

- Chief Gabriel

CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Fall Events

The Clarke County Sheriff's Office invites you to attend our 3rd Annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 25 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at our Training Center at 2900 County Farm Road. Free parking and shuttle service are available at Satterfield Park and the Oconee Street Park

& Ride lot. This free, family-friendly event features a hayride, hot dog dinner (while supplies last), trapeze performances, trick-or-treating, and a haunted house. For more information, follow us on Facebook at Clarke Co Sheriff.

The Haunted House will also be open on Saturday, October 26 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

WINTERVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Tree Give-Away!

Back by popular demand, Winterville residents can once again sign up for free trees! You can sign up beginning on Friday, November 15, 2024, or attend the Plant-a-Tree workshop on Thursday, November 14, 2024, with our City Arborist Susan Russell and get the chance to pre-order trees. The workshop is free and pre-registration is not required, but sign-up in advance is appreciated so that we

will have enough supplies for all attendees. Tree sign-up ends on December 15, and trees will be distributed in January 2025. For more information, see the Winterville Tree Commission web site (<https://www.cityofwinterville.com/tree-commission>) or email us at wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com. We are grateful to the City of Winterville, the Georgia Tree Council, and the Georgia Forestry Commission for supporting this program.

MARIGOLD



MARKET

Marigold Farmers Market

Mondays

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Year-Round

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
April 6 - December

100 North Church Street in Pittard Park
(right across from City Hall)

Passport for Produce Program

On Friday, August 30, Blake, of Athens Orchard (Athens), Lori of LavenderBlu Farms (Winterville), and our Executive Director Sarah—also of 40 Thistle Farms (Winterville) visited first graders at Winterville Elementary School for the first of four classroom field trips in our Passport For Produce program. Students were able to see, touch, and taste pawpaws and seedless muscadines (both native to GA), jujubes and figs grown just 5 miles away, learn what it takes to grow them, and “shop”- for free in our Marigold Mobile Mini Farmers Market, which was stocked with farm fresh fruits from Athens Orchard, plus cherry tomatoes, sweet peppers, okra, eggplants and watermelons from our farmers, and popsicles made with fresh fruit and honey.

Passport for Produce is designed to enhance classroom lessons on nutrition, agriculture and budgeting, while nurturing lifelong healthy eating habits and an appreciation for our regional food system. A giant thank you to the incredible first grade teachers and staff at Winterville Elementary and the Winterville Family Staff Partnership for working with us over the past several months to put this awesome program together, and to Wholesome Wave Georgia for the \$2,500 Innovation Grant that made it possible!



Lori Ros, Winterville Elementary Assistant Principal Kala Jordan, and Sarah Hovater help second graders “shop” for fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers.

Introducing Lowly the Worm

Let's give a warm Winterville welcome to our newest resident, Lowly the Worm. Lowly traveled all the way from North Georgia in his shiny red Applecar with a cargo of Apples. Stop by our Saturday and Monday Farmers Markets to say hi and go for a spin! Thank you to our awesome board and community members for sharing your energy and resources to help bring Lowly home.



New Tandem Bicycle

Thanks to many hours of volunteer restoration work by one of our board members, a 1970s vintage yellow tandem bicycle will cruise the city of Marigolds once more. Keep an eye out for others over the next few months, and if you are interested in helping to restore them, or remember them from previous Marigold Festivals, please reach out.



HELP FARMERS MARKETS LEARN

Your input is important!
Customers can participate in this multi-state SARE grant by completing a survey



This Research
The purpose of this grant is to investigate sound and sustainable agronomic practices, and also to develop and build connectivity of farmers, farmers markets and consumers to identify potential value-added products, consumer preferences, and communication tools. We would greatly appreciate your input. We have tried to make the surveys as brief as we can while still capturing the valuable information that we need. Thank you!

Have questions?
Contact Laura Ney, lney@uga.edu if you have any questions about this research and how your responses will be used!




Hands-on Produce Safety Training

Thursday, Sept 26, 9-4
Clarke County Extension Office

Registration is \$15
Lunch will be provided



Overview:

This workshop is designed for beginning farmers. It will be a combination of classroom learning and hands-on activities. Topics covered include -

- How to clean and sanitize food contact surfaces
- Managing land usage around the farm
- Employee training
- How and when to conduct a water test

Featuring:



Laurel Dunn
UGA Assistant Professor and Extension Coordinator



Erin Getzelman
UGA Extension Ag and Natural Resources Agent

University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Veteran, Disability Institution. If you need a reasonable accommodation or language access services, contact the Athens-Clarke County Extension office at 706-613-3640 or ag1ecpp@uga.edu, at least three weeks prior to the program date.

To register, contact Laura Ney, lney@uga.edu

Blood Drive

We are teaming up again with the City of Winterville and the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Monday, October 21 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Train Depot. Everybody who donates will receive a \$10 voucher to shop at our Monday Marigold Farmers Market and a \$10 Amazon.com gift card (by mail), plus automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card. Please go to redcrossblood.org to register for your appointment slot.



American Red Cross logo at the top. The main text reads: "Don't be scared! Carve out time to help save lives. Give blood." Below this is a row of six jack-o'-lantern faces. The title "City of Winterville Blood Drive" is in large bold letters. The date and time are "Monday, October 21st 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM". The location is "Train Depot - Event Room, 101 Marigold Lane, Winterville, GA 30683". A note says "\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card". A QR code is in the center. At the bottom, it says "For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org" and "1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App".

Link Marigold Collective to Your Kroger Plus Card

Just a reminder that the Marigold Collective is now one of the non-profits in Kroger's database that you can select to link to your shopper's card and earn community rewards donations. Please visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> and link your Kroger Plus card. Every little bit helps. You can search "Marigold Collective" or our code is QH245.

Game Day CSA



"GAME DAY CSA" in large red letters. Below it, it lists: "6 READY-TO-GRILL ALL BEEF PATTIES FROM NATURE'S HARVEST MEAT CO. (CRAWFORD, GA)", "6 FRESHLY BAKED BUNS FROM GREEN TABLE BAKERY (HULL, GA)", and "FARM FRESH FIXIN'S GROWN BY OUR MARKET FARMERS!". It says "SERVES 6!". There are two price tags: "ONLY \$50" and "\$25 SNAP/EBT". At the bottom, it says "AVAILABLE FOR ALL 2024 GEORGIA FOOTBALL GAMES: 9/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/29. PICK UP BETWEEN 9AM-1PM AT MARIGOLD FARMERS MARKET IN PITTARD PARK. MARIGOLD FARMERS MARKET!".

Saturday is pick-up day for our Game Day CSA, a Farm-To-Tailgate subscription box. TWO easy and delicious ways to support your local farmers and producers while rooting for your favorite team.

You can order for as many games as you like, or just one, but you need to order by the Thursday before your Saturday pickup.

For SNAP/EBT customers, please email us at marigoldmarketwinterville@gmail.com to place your order!

WE DOUBLE SNAP/EBT!

SAVE MONEY AND BRING HOME MORE FRESH GROCERIES!

USE YOUR SNAP/EBT CARD AT MARIGOLD FARMERS MARKET! IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

- 1 VISIT!**
the Marigold Farmers Market welcome table- look for our cool yellow bike!
- 2 SWIPE!**
your EBT card for any amount to receive WHITE SNAP/EBT tokens. For every token you receive, you will get an additional GREEN Fresh For Less token- for FREE!
- 3 SHOP!**
with your WHITE tokens to purchase SNAP-eligible items from any of our vendors! Use your GREEN Fresh For Less tokens to get locally grown fruits and vegetables - for FREE! Tokens never expire! Bring them with you next time and tell your friends!

MARIGOLD FARMERS MARKET
SATURDAYS 9AM-1PM MONDAYS 10AM-3PM
PITTARD PARK, WINTERVILLE
IG @MARIGOLDFARMERSMARKET FB @MARIGOLDMARKETWINTERVILLE
MARIGOLDCOLLECTIVEWINTERVILLE.COM



Need help with your benefits? Call Wholesome Wave Georgia's SNAP Connection 678-631-7101 Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm for FREE screening, application and renewal assistance!

Festive Fall Flavors, Flowers, and Family Fun at Marigold Farmers Market



Fall bouquets from Sungate Farm (Danielsville)

Chestnuts, apples, eggplants, hibiscus, okra, radishes, peppers, garlic, greens, mushrooms, and more at a Monday Marigold Farmers Market in early fall. Our Monday Markets are held from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. outside the historic Bank building and offer a wide selection of locally and regionally grown produce, agricultural products and prepared foods, and double SPAP/EBT, just like our Saturday markets.



Beautiful morning light making our Farmer Co-Op Tent glow at our Saturday Market.



Pumpkins and gourds from Wild Acres Farm (Danielsville)



Fun and games in the kid's zone. We love Pittard Park!

New Book Clubs at the Library!

The library has two new book clubs, bringing our total to four clubs, which means there's something for everyone!

Daytime Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and reads a wide range of books including classics such as *David Copperfield* and *Pride and Prejudice*, as well as popular new reads like *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese.

Evening Book Club meets on the last Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and also reads a variety of novels suggested by group members.

Our Baby-Friendly Book Club meets on the first Thursday of every month from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and we encourage parents of babies aged 0-2 to bring their little ones along for some engaging literary discussion and open play!

Finally, The Naturalist Book Club meets on the Third Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and reads books pertaining to the natural world!

All our book clubs have something for everyone, so feel free to try one out. Also, feel free just to join a meeting about a particular book; no pressure for long-term attendance. Come by the library to see what each club is reading each month!

Thank You, Ms. Deirdre!

The library said a fond farewell to Deirdre Murray as she retired from the Branch Manager position at the end of August after six years of serving the Winterville Library community. Deirdre's time at the library was celebrated with a lovely farewell night during which many of our regular patrons came by to wish her well and thank her. Deirdre also had the well-deserved honor of receiving a key to the city from Mayor Dodd. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her the best of luck and happiness in her next adventure!

Front Room Art Gallery

We've been enjoying beautiful artwork in our front room gallery. Norma Patterson displayed her acrylic paintings through July and August, and we're currently showing watercolor paintings by artist Leslie Guo through October. Leslie's show "Colors of Water," explores the fluid beauty and endless possibilities of water as both subject and medium. The reception for this show will be held on October 1st. We're also looking forward to our next display by Vicky Tavernier and Jenifer Borg, which will run from November through December, and are currently accepting applications from artists to display their work next year!

Upcoming Events

We're excited to have Mayor Dodd join us for a musical story time on October 12th at 11:00 a.m.! We're also putting on our first general knowledge Trivia Night on September 24th hosted by Eddie Whitlock. This will be a repeating program with themed trivia questions, snacks, and the chance to win prizes!



FRONT PORCH BOOKSTORE

The Front Porch Bookstore has a busy fall lineup, so come by to shop, listen, or volunteer!

October

Spending an autumn evening at one of our FREE Concerts is truly one of Winterville's great pleasures, so come out and enjoy fine music with friends and family. Concerts start at 6:00 p.m., and the remainder of this year's season includes:

- October 5 The Hobohemians
- October 12 Borderhop Trio
- October 19 Klezmer Local 42

The Front Porch Bookstore and Friends of Winterville Library will also be participating in "Treats on the Trail" on October 31st, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Put on your costumes and join the fun!

November

November is a time to give thanks, and FOWL would like to thank all our volunteers, shoppers, and donors. Your patronage, donated hours, and books have helped to support our library, a great community resource and point of pride.



December

December brings the Christmas holidays and we want to remind everyone that BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

Come out and take advantage of our great deals. Remember, Cash & Checks only and \$10 bag sales every Saturday.

The Front Porch Bookstore is a 501(c)3 charity run by Friends of the Winterville Library (FOWL). All books are donated and all proceeds support the Winterville Library.



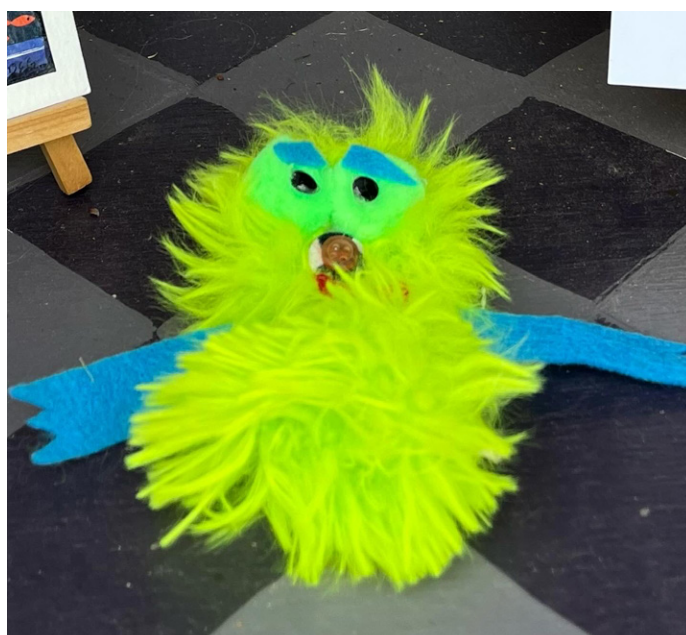
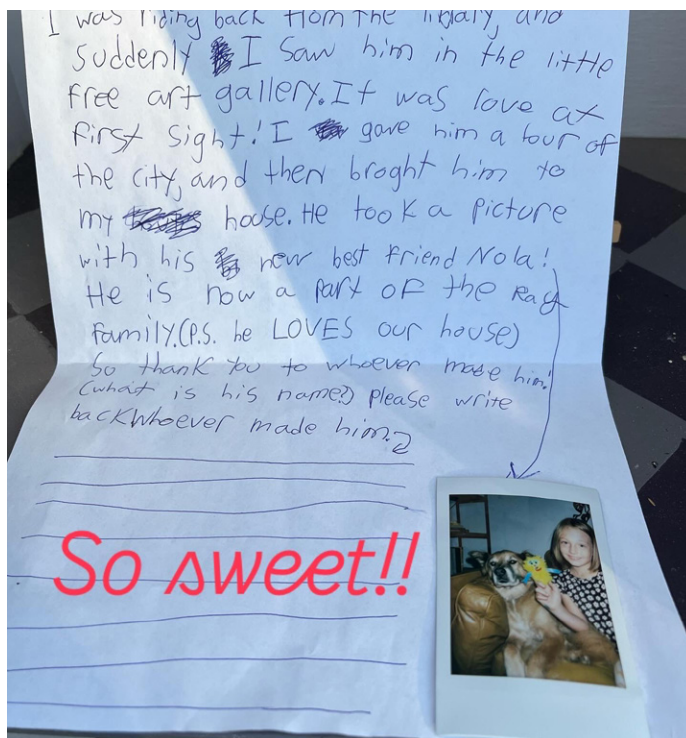
Vino and Van Gogh

Vino and Van Gogh returned by popular demand September 27, and it was a huge success! Award-winning artist Laura Floyd was the evening's instructor, and participants painted Van Gogh's "Sunflowers." We were delighted that the event SOLD OUT! If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our paint and sip evenings, keep an eye out for our announcement either on our Instagram page @wintervilleartscouncil or on the @wintervillecenter Instagram page for the date of our next paint and sip evening in **February**.



Free Little Art Gallery (FLAG)

You may have noticed that our FLAG (Free Little Art Gallery) is now open at all times. WAC appreciates the numerous supporters who create art for our little gallery, but we'd love to have more art! Over the summer, WAC members spent two of our meeting dates painting tiny canvases and creating relief prints for the FLAG. We recently received the sweetest letter from one of our young patrons who was



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beyond excited to find a little monster finger puppet in our wee gallery! Many thanks to local puppeteer Claire Ritzler for donating her tiny creation to our FLAG.

If you'd like to donate something to our gallery, you can either mail your art (FLAG c/o Winterville City Hall, 125 N. Church St., Winterville GA 30683) or drop it in our drop box on the back of the FLAG. Follow us on Instagram @freeandweewinterville to see all of the awesome art we receive because #artisgoodinwinterville

Kids and Art at the Marigold Market

Did you know that the Winterville Arts Council offers a Kids and Art at the Marigold Market activity the first Saturday of every month? The activities are always free and always fun! A big thank you to Kim Barnes for planning such amazingly artsy activities each month. Join us from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. during the market season.

If you love art and are interested in joining WAC, we meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Winterville Cultural Center. All are welcome. No fees to join!

Treats on the Trail

Looking for a safe, family-friendly place to trick or treat with your kids on Halloween? Join us for "Treats on the Trail" on Thursday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Several Winterville churches and community groups will be giving out candy on the Firefly Trail beginning from Winterville First Baptist Church up to Winterville United Methodist Church. No registration necessary! Parking is available at the Winterville First Baptist Church.

*If you are a Winterville business or part of a Winterville organization and would like to join in, please contact Sherre at sgwatwood@gmail.com. We would be happy to save you a spot on the trail!



WINTERVILLE CULTURAL CENTER GALLERY

Current Exhibits—On Display Until October 30th

The Gallery is now hosting two exhibits that you need to see! In Gallery One you'll find entries for our First Annual Juried Exhibition with 71 works of art by 66 artists. In Gallery Two the W.O.W. group (Wonders of Watercolor, an Athens-based watercolor group), is exhibiting 50+ paintings.

There's a lot of talent on display with these two exhibits, and you'll love what you see.

November and December Exhibits

Just in time for the holidays, we'll be hosting a *Small Works* exhibit in Gallery One. These works will be 13" x 13" or smaller and be priced at \$250 or less. What a great opportunity to purchase and give original art to your gift recipients or for your own walls! If you make a purchase, you can pick up the art on December 14th to give you time to ship and/or wrap for holiday giving.

Gallery Two will offer the exhibit *Of Wood and Water* opening on Tuesday, November 12. This is a duo exhibit by artists Barbara Odil and Laura Floyd.

The opening reception, on Saturday, November 16th from 5:00-7:00 p.m., will have food, beverages, and live music by the Comer String Collective.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in working 2-hour or 4-hour shifts at the Gallery, just email wintervilleccgallery@gmail.com to sign up.

Artists, the Gallery now sponsors an Artist Volunteer Co-op program. If you volunteer 4 hours a month, you can display your art (1-2 pieces) at no charge in the lower hallway of the Cultural Center. Artwork is already on display by volunteers, so next time you're visiting be sure to tour the hallway display to view the work of our volunteers.

We're Looking for FRIENDS

Help support the arts in Winterville by becoming a FRIEND of the Gallery. Membership prices are very affordable, and with each membership you'll receive a \$10 gift coupon to use for artwork or classes.

Go to Wintervilleccgallery.com to learn more!

WINTERVILLE CULTURAL CENTER

Jack Eisenman Retires as Director of Cultural Center

Jack Eisenman has been an essential and integral part of the Winterville Cultural Center from the first day it re-opened in 2015 through his retirement, effective August 31, 2024. He always did whatever needed to be done; he showed up early and left late. This commitment is reflected in the growing number of citizens participating in events, classes, and performances at both the Center and the Marigold Auditorium. The community certainly owes Jack a debt of gratitude, and the

packed rooms at his retirement party reflect how beloved he is. Because of Jack's exemplary leadership, the Cultural Center and the Marigold Auditorium continue to prosper, to enhance the lives of Wintervillians, and to draw others to events in our community.

When Jack first retired and left the Center in the hands of Joanne Snow, he didn't know that the community would need him again. However, when the call came, he answered unequivocally and took up the baton, leading the Center through the next phase of growth, adding wonderful organizations and programming such as Little Characters and Vino

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and Van Gogh. Most recently, he oversaw the renovation of the top floor of the Center, the addition of the elevator, and the establishment of the Winterville Art Gallery, which opened in June with an event that drew 450 attendees.



New Director

Winterville Cultural Center has a new director, Tina Mills. Tina moved to Winterville in 2021 from East Hampton, N.Y. with her husband, Mathew Posnick, and their many dogs. Mathew settled in and established himself as a talented dog trainer and Tina signed up for a lot of hours of work around town. She has served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Tree Council, City Council and as an assistant director of the Cultural Arts Center, so she is well versed in all things Winterville.

What Tina likes most about living in Winterville is that “it is a sweet community. People care about each other and there is a lot of civic engagement.” She has certainly been a leader in civic engagement and Winterville Cultural Center is so glad to have her as the Director. Stop by The Center, introduce yourself, and let Tina tell you about all the classes, performances, and gallery shows coming up.

Call (706) 742-0823
or visit
wintervillecenter.com
for more information

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Winterville Cultural Center
MARIGOLD AUDITORIUM

\$35

SONIC ALCHEMY SOUND EXPERIENCE

Tuesday October 15
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Call to register:
(706) 742-0823

visit our website
www.wintervillecenter.com

Sonic alchemy is the utilization of specific instruments to modify external and internal frequencies and allows the receiver to experience a shift from a state of interference to a state of harmony within the body, mind, and spirit.

WINTERVILLE CULTURAL CENTER



MARIGOLD AUDITORIUM SCHEDULE

SAT
October

5

**SHAUNA & THE
JAYWALKERS**

TUE
October

8

THE EAST COASTERS*
*UPSTAIRS AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

FRI & SAT
October

11-12

**WINTERVILLE PLAYERS
PERFORM: *MOUSETRAP***

SAT
October

19

MAGIC HUNKS

SAT
November

2

**SOUNDS OF SIMON &
GARFUNKEL**

SAT
November

30

**VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE:
STREET CHOIR**

MON
December

16

GOOD GRIEF TRIO

SAT
December

28

RANDALL BRAMBLETT

WINTERVILLE PLAYERS

The Winterville Players are planning a busy Fall Season! Come out to both shows and support local community theater!

The Mousetrap

Agatha Christie's long-running murder mystery comes to Winterville on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. You'll want to come for the very twisty ending! Directed by Kelly Flanders, the cast includes:

Giles Ralston	James West
Mollie Ralston	Hannah Orsag
Christopher Wren	Anna Ray
Major Metcalf	Tom Bouknecht
Mrs. Boyle	Jessica Parker
Miss Casewell	Megan Sullivan
Mr. Paravicini	James Cook
Detective Sgt. Trotter	Jamie Mendenhall-Turner

Best Christmas Pageant Ever

We will be presenting last year's hit show again this year as a new Christmas tradition for our community on Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Auditions are Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m., Winterville United Methodist Church.

Adult Parts

Mrs. Bradley (mother)
Narrator (adult Beth Bradley)
Bob Bradley (father)
Mrs. Armstrong
Mrs. McCarthy
Mrs. Slocum
Mrs. Clark
Mrs. Clausing
Rev. Hopkins
Firemen (2)

Child Parts

Beth (12)
Charlie (10)
Imogene Herdmen (12)
Ralph Herdmen (11-12)
Leroy Herdmen (13)
Claude Herdmen (9)
Ollie Herdmen (8-9)
Gladys Herdman (8-9)
Alice Wendlekin (13-14)
Elmer Hopkins (13-14)
Maxine, Shirley, Juanita, Hobie,
David, Beverly (various ages)

WINTERVILLE PLAYERS
Present
AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
The Mousetrap
October 11 & 12
7pm
Marigold Auditorium
373 N. Church St.
Winterville
Tix \$15
QR code



HOLIDAY



IN WINTERVILLE

Dec 14th

10 AM

FARMERS MARKET @ PITTARD PARK

PICS WITH SANTA

12-3PM @ THE DEPOT

115 Parkview

FIREFLY TRAIL

Hurricane Helene may have briefly ground Firefly Trail usage to a halt, but the numbers were strong all summer and will likely increase significantly during the pleasant fall months. With twelve miles of the trail now complete and enjoyed by many, anticipation for additional miles is growing. Happily, by late next fall, Athens-Clarke County should see completion of another trail segment.

On September 3, the ACC Mayor and Commission voted to award Backbone Infrastructure, LLC, a contract to construct **another 2.6 miles of the Firefly Trail**, from where it currently ends at Spring Valley Road and Hancock Road all the way to approximately 0.7 miles short of Five Points in Winterville. Land acquisition efforts are still ongoing for the final 0.7-mile portion of the trail, but the 2.65-mile stretch to be undertaken by Backbone Infrastructure, LLC is projected for a Fall 2025 completion.

The fall issue of *Rails to Trails Magazine*, published by the Rails-to-Trail Conservancy, will include a feature story on the Firefly Trail! The piece, entitled *Georgia's Firefly Trail Shines Brightly* and graced by three photos from Winterville, is already available on RTC's website and may be accessed here:

<https://www.railstotrails.org/trailblog/2024/september/06/georgias-firefly-trail-shines-brightly/>

Fright on the Firefly

Fright on the Firefly this year takes place on October 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m., in Dudley Park. The second-annual Fright on the Firefly is presented by ACC Leisure Services and open to the public. Last year's event was a tremendous success in Winterville, with several hundred children and parents attending. Leisure Services made the decision to hold the event in Dudley Park this year as part of their ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the facility and its Firefly Trail and Greenway connections.

Year-End Giving Campaign

Firefly Trail, Inc. is preparing to kick off its Year-End Giving Campaign, which will

aim to raise at least \$50,000 for the non-profit organization. Over the years FTI has provided more than \$350,000 to Firefly Trail communities to assist them with required matches for major grants. This support has been essential to completing the twelve miles of trail now in use, and future progress will depend on significantly more financial assistance. For those interested in contributing, please use this link: <https://www.fireflytrail.com/year-end-fundraiser.html>.

2025 Firefly Trail Race Series

Runners and walkers from the entire region and beyond are looking forward to next January, when the 2025 Firefly Trail Race Series kicks off with Winterville Civitan Snowflake 10K on January 11, 2025, followed by the second annual Classic City Marathon two weeks later. For 2025, the Race Series is expanding to six events, three in each half of the year. Participants will have the option of registering for either three-event grouping or the full year-long series of six events. Details can be found at <https://www.fireflytrail.com/2024-2025-race-series.html>.

Classic City Marathon

The inaugural Classic City Marathon (plus half-marathon and marathon relay) was a big hit last January, drawing participants from thirty-eight states and throughout Georgia. Fittingly, the marathon course used several miles of the Firefly Trail, as well as the Greenway. A group of FTI board members and supporters enjoyed staffing the fluid station at the Hancock Road turn-around, the halfway point of the marathon. Numerous volunteer opportunities will be available for the event this coming January, so keep it in mind! (The Classic City Marathon Association presented FTI with a \$2,500 donation last spring, for which we are extremely grateful.)



Upcoming Trips

Athens Haunted History Tour with Jeff Clarke

From Colonial Georgia to the Civil War to Prohibition Era, to The Great Depression, there are many tales of hauntings in and around the Athens area. Join us as we share the history and haunts of the Classic City. This tour lasts approximately 2 hours, and participants should be able to complete a moderately strenuous 1.8-mile route on foot.

Thursday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Meet us there! Tour starts at The Graduate Hotel (295 E Dougherty St.).

Parking is available on Dougherty St. or across from Lay Park Community Center on Hoyt St.

\$30 for CAL members; \$35 for non-members (gratuity included)

Athens Brewery Hop

Explore some of Athens's best craft breweries with convenient hop-on, hop-off service, hosted by ACCA's Center for Active Living and Athens Trolley Tours! Make your way around in style on an air-conditioned trolley bus with a vintage-style interior. Stops include Normaltown Brewing Company, Terrapin Brewing Company, and Authentic Brewing Company, where you'll also enjoy pizza from Fully Loaded Pizza Kitchen. We'll wrap up the evening at Creature Comforts Brewing Company. At each stop, sample a specialty brew, sip on a pint of your favorite IPA, or take the opportunity to learn from the staff about the craft beer world.

Thursday, November 7th

Depart from CAL at 3:00 p.m., return approx. 8:00 p.m.

\$65/person (cost includes Athens Trolley Tour transportation and pizza)

Trip to Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC

Join ACCA's Center for Active Living for a 3-day, 2-night trip to beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, nestled among the Blue Ridge Mountains! We'll enjoy a full day at the spectacular Biltmore Estate house and gardens and Antler Village and Winery, which connects the estate's present and past, providing a relaxing place for dining, shopping, historical exhibits, and new ways to experience Biltmore's hospitality. We'll also visit the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site, enjoy a Guided Tour of Asheville, and see the magnificent St. Lawrence Basilica. Trip costs include deluxe motorcoach transportation, 2-nights lodging in the Asheville area, two breakfasts and two dinners, and bus driver and tour guide gratuities. Travel protection is available.

Tuesday, April 8 - Thursday, April 10, 2025

\$475/double occupancy, \$585/single occupancy. \$75 deposit due at registration. Full payment due by February 3rd. Travel protection is available for \$38 (double), \$48 (single).

* Registration will remain open until March 3rd and will require full payment at registration after February 3rd. No refunds after March 3rd.

Ongoing Classes

Qigong for Vitality with Anna

Qigong cultivates the body's vital energy, or qi, through gentle and flowing movements that can improve balance, coordination, flexibility and the mind-body connection. Led by yoga and meditation instructor Anna DiBella, PhD, this class incorporates standing and seated movements accessible for all levels.

Mondays from 11:00 a.m.-Noon

ACCA Harris Room

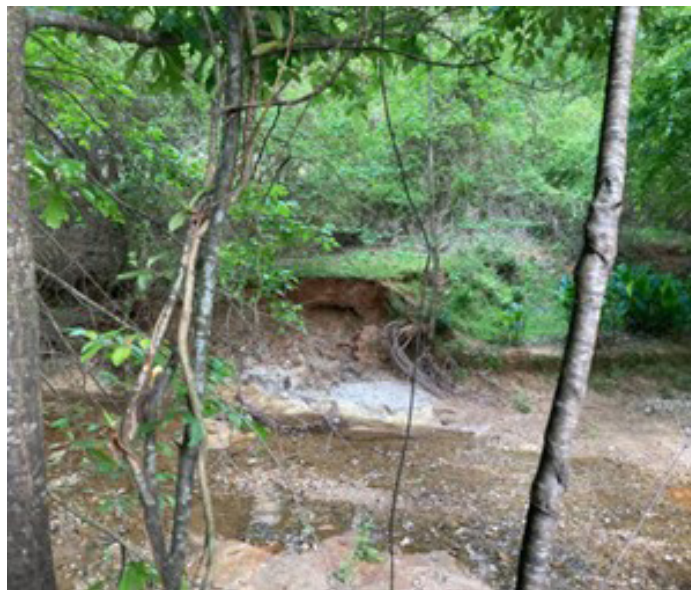
\$16/month for members, \$20/month for non-members

Addressing Erosion: Free Rock Program for Eligible Athens-Clarke County Residents

Erosion is a common challenge for many property owners in Athens-Clarke County, particularly those living on slopes or near creeks. During heavy rains, stormwater runoff can wash away soil, exposing tree roots, destabilizing structures, and leading to further drainage issues. In some cases, erosion can also contribute to sediment buildup in local waterways, which harms water quality and aquatic life.

To help property owners combat this problem, Athens-Clarke County Stormwater, partnering with Streets and Drainage, offers a Rock Program that provides **Type-3 riprap rock** to county residents at no cost. Riprap is a durable stone commonly used to stabilize banks, prevent soil erosion, and control runoff. When placed along slopes, culverts, or drainage areas, it acts as a barrier to slow water flow and hold soil in place, significantly reducing erosion. If you've noticed erosion problems on your property or near a waterway, you may be eligible for this program. An Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Inspector will assess your site's erosion issues and determine if riprap is an appropriate solution for your property.

To learn more or apply, visit the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater website, or contact our office at (706) 613-3440. Take advantage of this opportunity to protect your land while contributing to a cleaner environment.



Example of a completed project



WINTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fall and Christmas Festivities

We invite all interested members of our Winterville community to join us for these Fall and Christmas festivities:

BINGO!

Free fun with prizes! Play Bingo every 4th Friday night, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Winterville UMC Fellowship Hall (October 25, November 22, and December 27). Bring the kids, too!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6th, at 4:00 p.m.

Join us on the Winterville front lawn. Bring your pets to be blessed.

Silver Hair Club

Thursday, October 10th at 12:00 Noon in the Church Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome! Please bring a covered dish.

Trunk-r-Treat/Fall Festival (as part of the Treats on the Trail)

Thursday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bring the kids in their costumes for trick-or-treating our decorated car trunks. Enjoy free

popcorn, homemade pretzels, and a hayride. See the Winterville fire truck and a clown on stilts!

Live Nativity

Friday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m.
Winterville UMC front lawn

The Nativity Story Through Art Audiovisual Presentations

Friday-Tuesday, December 20th-24th

Spend time in the outdoor worship space on the Winterville front lawn. Sit and meditate on Christ's birth (repeats every 30 minutes).

Longest Night Worship Experience

Saturday, December 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

Do the holidays get you down, making you a little blue? Come nestle down into the love and grace of God during this stressful, busy, bustling season. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion

Tuesday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Christ's birth with carols, candlelight, and Communion. All of God's children are invited.

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Western Judicial Circuit DA Office Appreciates Georgia Crisis Response Team Efforts

Our office is always looking for opportunities to continue learning and growing. Earlier this year, our Director of Victim Services, Lynn Bradberry, was invited by the Prosecuting Attorney Council of Georgia (PAC) to participate in workgroup discussions to formalize a Georgia Prosecution-based Crisis Response Team (GPCRT). Lynn belongs to a specialized team of Victim Witness Advocates certified and trained on trauma and tragedies and how communities respond to disasters.

The overarching goal of the GPCRT was to establish a network of volunteer, state-wide trained crisis responders to be ready and in a position to assist our neighboring counties in the event of a mass crisis if or when there was a need. The need became evident when tragedy struck our neighbors in Barrow County with the mass shooting crisis at Apalachee High School on September 4th.

The week following the shooting tragedy, the GPCRT was called to assist and support victims, witnesses, affected students, teachers, faculty, parents, and community members with questions, resources, and counseling.

The GPCRT was part of the Family Assistance Center (FAC) Crisis Response Team, coordinated by Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS).

The FAC Crisis Response Team began operations on Monday, September 9. It was pivotal in serving the Barrow County community by providing the victims crucial financial assistance, crisis intervention, psychological first aid, and other resources. Furthermore, various community, national, and faith-based organizations, teachers, staff, first responders, law enforcement, and other community members on site were instrumental in providing additional support and meeting the community's needs. All the individuals who served provided structure and support to the PAC team, led by Rita Davis-Cannon.

We want to thank the FAC Team, GEMA, the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), a host of community, national, and faith-based organizations, teachers, staff, first responders, law enforcement, and other community members on site who were instrumental in providing additional support and meeting the community's needs.

Our team is honored to have been invited to work alongside the incredible team members who serve in these organizations.





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Saturday, October 19
6:00pm
\$10
Spots are limited!



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