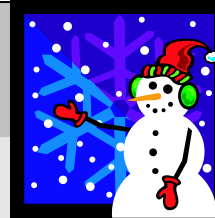


The Community News

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A Newsletter for the Citizens of Jonesboro, Georgia



Dec. 2014–Jan. 2015

Joy B. Day Mayor jday@jonesboroga.com

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NEW JONESBORO WEBSITE ONLINE NOW! City Unveils Christmas Gift to Citizens

The City of Jonesboro, in an endeavor to increase transparency in government and to expand efforts to connect with residents, announces release of its newly revamped website, www.jonesboroga.com, unveiled at the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on November 21, 2014. The website boasts a fresh, new look and feel, improved navigation, a functional mobile design, to enhance the quality and availability of information and resources. With the mission to better serve our citizens, the new City website delivers online government services conveniently and efficiently, streamlines business, and serves as a trusted source of information about the City. Staff will be able to update the webpage, saving time and promoting efficiency. The site also features more photos and videos; navigational options featured on the new home page were selected based on hit and search data as well as topic timeliness. Mayor Day commented, "This is just one of many efforts we are embarking upon as a City to broaden transparency. We hope that residents enjoy the ease of simple navigation." For additional information, contact Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Clerk, at (770) 478-3800.

Jonesboro Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014

Vendors on Main Street : 12:00 pm Parade begins at 4:30 pm

A portion of Main Street will be blocked at 9:00 am

Questions? Call Robin at City Hall, or

email rcave@jonesboroga.com

Jack Bruce, Chairperson

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, December 9: 10:00 am

Firehouse Museum— West Mill Street

→ RSVP: (770) 478-3800 or (770) 471-0036



CITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

The party was held on October 30, 2014 at the Firehouse Museum. Approximately 100 citizens came together to fellowship, enjoy games, a costume contest, hotdogs, candy, music, and fun. Adult costume contest winners are pictured above: 1st place, Cindy Day; 2nd place, Mike Smith; 3rd place, Kini Burrell. *Special thanks to Robin Cave and Katherine Smith for chairing this special event.*

Street Paving Set for 2014

Lee Street, Red Briar Way, and Raymond Street are scheduled for milling and paving. City costs will be approximately \$185,223 for milling and materials. Clayton County will supply labor and equipment at an estimated cost of \$56,144, as provided by the Service Delivery Agreement, with total costs of \$237,367. Under the State of GA LMIG Program, the City will recoup approximately \$38,244. Jonesboro paved five streets during 2013.

CITYWIDE GARBAGE PICKUP TO BEGIN

JANUARY 1, 2015

City Council voted in October to institute citywide garbage and leaf/limb pickup. A fee of \$180.00 per year includes a furnished garbage container, weekly garbage pickup, leaf gathering, limb pickup, street cleaning, and general maintenance of streets and sidewalks. Pickup of larger items such as furniture and appliances is available on a fee basis; call City Hall. Garbage fees will appear on residents' yearly tax statements and are due by January 5, 2015.

CITY MILLAGE RATE REMAINS AT 1.5 mills

Mayor's Message...Dear Citizens

This has been a great year in Jonesboro...as we move into the Holiday Season, let's try to spread a little **Holiday Cheer**, especially to those less fortunate, or to those with whom we have had conflict in the past. The older I get, the more I realize how blessed we are to be American citizens and to live in a clean, safe place like Jonesboro. May each of you have a blessed holiday and the most prosperous of New Years in 2015. Please call on me if I can be of assistance to you: jday@jonesboroga.com or drop by City Hall. Let's continue to work together for our community...it is only as good as **YOU** want it to be. Thanks to our councilmembers and employees for their efforts this year on behalf of our City...they have made all the difference in my ability to perform my duties. Lastly, thank you citizens, for honoring me to serve as your Mayor.

Joy Day





Thank you, **Citizens**, for serving the City of Jonesboro.

We appreciate you!



City Blotter 2014



Neighborhood Watch

Larry Boak
Nancy Carr
B.J. Burrell
Billy Powell
Beverly Lester
Staff: Chief Allen

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Arlene Charles
Karol Osborn
Harry Osborn
Cathy Roark
Donya Sartor-Constantine
Ruth (Betsy) Wester
Staff: Derry Walker

CERT Team

Blake Alford
Larry Boak
Carol Cannon
Nancy Carr
Susan Cutler
Suzanne Iglar
Beverly Lester
Bobby Lester
Robert Samples
Linda Wenz

Lee Street Park Committee

Annette Alexander
Susan Cutler
Carl Helton
Beverly Lester
Anthony Watkins
Staff:
Joe Nettleton Pat Sebo
Derry Walker Randy Segner

OFFENSE	SEPT	OCT
Citations	587	560
Warnings	263	191
Accidents	26	34
Arrests	66	88
DUI		
Property Checks	3145	2379
Warrants	433	428
Probation	691	668
Criminal Investigations	42	57

City Receives Grant from Georgia Municipal Association

The City of Jonesboro has been awarded a 2014 GMA Health Promotion Grant in the amount of \$3,000. As a condition of the grant, the City will work directly with Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS). Grant and fitness among employees. LGRMS works to educate and encourage employees to become more proactive in making healthier lifestyles choices so they may enjoy longer, healthier, and more productive lives. Ricky Clark, City Clerk, completed the grant application on behalf of the City of Jonesboro.



Third Monday
Every Month
6:30 pm

Jonesboro Police Department
170 South Main

December 15, 2014*

*Meeting will be held at Firehouse Museum on West Mill Street, due to holidays.

CITY CLOSE-UP 24 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE

ERIC ANTHONY "AMP" TRAVIS

Anthony Travis is a valued member of the Jonesboro Public Works Department. Amp performs any/all duties in Public Works and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, but has lived in Jonesboro for 48 years. He is the custodial father of two teenage boys: Eric, 17 and Rico, 16. When he is not working, Amp likes to relax and hang out with his friends. Congratulations and thanks to Eric "Amp" Travis!



CITY PURCHASES XTRMEME VAC

to Assist Citizens with Leaf Gathering

Citizens in the City of Jonesboro no longer need to bag leaves!

Starting now, place your leaves along the curb (*NOT in the street*), and we will vacuum them up. The **XTREME VAC** also mulches leaves, and free mulch is always available to citizens through Public Works. With a 31HP diesel engine, the VAC is a trailer device which will provide for easy dumping. The **XTREME VAC** is a 2014 budget item.



Pictured: Mike Boatfield & Joe Nettleton

New Basketball, Tennis Courts
Slated for
Lee Street Park

Construction is underway on the tennis courts and basketball courts at Lee St. Park, corner of Lee St. and Spring St. The work is designed and funded by Clayton County Schools *at no cost to the City*. The courts feature state-of-the-art surfacing; a new water fountain and a wide sidewalk are being added to the area. After construction is completed, the City of Jonesboro will govern and maintain the area as the new owners.



The Front Porch Players

PRESENT

"NUNcrakers"

December 5, 6, 7, and 12, 13, & 14

All performances are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, 1842 Jodeco Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Like our Facebook Page
Call us: (770) 897-1404

www.thefrontporchplayers.com

Email: TheFrontPorchPlayers@yahoo.com

Our 2015 Series

"Winnie the Pooh" (Feb-Mar)
Gershwin Showcase (May)
"Dearly Departed" (Sept)
"Papa's Angels" (Dec)

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Community Calendar

- DEC 1 Work Session, 6 pm
DEC 2 Hill Family Band, 6 pm FM
DEC 6 Christmas Parade, 4:30 pm
DEC 8 City Court, 8 & 11:30 am, 1:30 pm PD
DEC 8 Council Meeting, 7 pm
DEC 9 Coffee with a Cop, 10 am, FM
DEC 11 Covered Dish Supper, 6 pm, FM
DEC 15 Neighborhood Watch Meeting
& Party, 6:30 pm, FM
DEC 22 City Court, 8 & 11:30 am, 1:30 pm PD
DEC 24 City offices close at 12:00 pm
DEC 25-26 City Offices closed
JAN 1 City offices closed
JAN 5 Work Session, 6 pm
JAN 6 Hill Family Band, 6 pm, FM
JAN 12 City Court, 8 & 11:30 am, 1:30 pm PD
JAN 12 Council Meeting, 7 pm
JAN 15 Covered Dish Supper, 6 pm, FM
JAN 19 MLK Day, City Offices closed
JAN 19 MLK Parade, Time TBA
JAN 26 City Court, 8 & 11:30 am, 1:30 pm PD



Firehouse Museum Activities

Tuesdays: Movie Night: 6 pm
Thursdays: Bingo, 6 pm
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar above)

www.jonesboroga.com

Facebook: *Jonesboro City Government*

CITY ARCHIVES
Red Cross Program—1956



L to R: Katherine Turner, Reba Huie, Edie Mae Matthews,
Dottie Morgan, Carolyn Barnett, Jack Stephens,
Mrs. Kilpatrick, Joe Moody.