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October's the month
When the smallest breeze
Gives us a shower
Of autumn leaves.
Bonfires and pumpkins,
Leaves sailing down -
October is red
And golden and brown."
- Can Teach Songs

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- OCT 3** Work Session, 6 pm, PD
- OCT 4** Hill Family Band, 6 pm, FM
- OCT 10** City Court, 8 am, PD
- OCT 10** Council Meeting, 6 pm, PD
- OCT 13** Covered Dish Supper, 6 pm, FM
- OCT 14** City Scarecrow Contest begins
- OCT 17** Neighborhood Watch, 6:30 pm, PD
- OCT 20** Citizens Firearm Class, 6 pm, PD
- OCT 24** City Court, 8 am, PD
- OCT 27** Citizens Self-Defense Class, 6 pm, PD
- OCT 29** City Fall Festival, 1-6 pm, LSP

Firehouse Museum Activities

Tuesdays - Movie, 6 pm Thursdays - Bingo, 6 pm
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar)
NOTE: Movie Night & Bingo - Ages 10 & older

PD = Police Dept FM = Firehouse Museum
LSP = Lee Street Park

City Archives

Mildred Reed
(1998)



PETS OF THE MONTH

Bosco & Chico
Dunagan

Owners:
Curtis & Jennifer
Dunagan



The Community News

Vol. 20, Issue 10

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Jonesboro, Georgia

October 2016

Joy B. Day, Mayor - jday@jonesboroga.com

Councilmembers: Larry Boak Jack Bruce Billy Powell Pat Sebo Ed Wise, Mayor Pro Tem
Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Administrator Joe Nettleton, Public Works Director Franklin Allen, Police Chief Sandra Meyers, Finance
Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Steve Fincher, City Attorney Keith Wood, Municipal Judge Jerry Patrick, City Solicitor
City Hall (770) 478-3800 Jonesboro PD (770) 478-7407 **NON-Emergency # (770) 477-3550**

★☆☆ SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8 ★☆☆

One Council Seat will be filled. Remember that voting will be held at your regular precinct in the City, NOT the Firehouse Museum.

Qualified Candidates: ARLENE CHARLES ALFRED DIXON BOBBY LESTER KEITH NORRINGTON

FREE Citizen Classes

Jonesboro Police Dept.

Firearm Safety:

October 20, 6 pm

Self-Defense Class:

October 27, 6 pm

Call (770) 478-7407 or email

pperry@jonesboroga.com

Location: Firehouse Museum
West Mill Street

CITY SCARECROW CONTEST

October 14 - November 1

Businesses, civic groups, and other local organizations are invited to enter our Jonesboro Scarecrow Contest! We are looking for non-traditional and traditional scarecrows. Creativity counts! The Scarecrows will be displayed in the downtown area as a part of our Fall celebration. Trophies will be awarded. We look forward to seeing your group's scarecrow! Call Maria at (770) 478-3800 or drop by City Hall for an entry form. *Let the games begin!*

LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE MOVES FORWARD

The City of Jonesboro has officially kicked off its Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) update process, entitled "Blueprint Jonesboro." *Blueprint Jonesboro* is about creating a vision for the future of downtown Jonesboro – a vision that will grow our economy, leverage Lee Street Park, encourage appropriate development, make walking and biking easier and revitalize the Main Street Corridor. It will include a short-term *Action Plan* that will serve as a revitalization guide. To ensure input from our local stakeholders, a Core Team was formed. The Core Team is comprised of local residents, property owners, city officials and community stakeholders. This team is serving as a sounding board for ideas and draft plans. Those on the Core Team include

Cathy Roark, Donya Sartor, Franklin Allen, Harry Osborne, Heather Middleton, Joe Nettleton, Joel Aviles, Karen Sullivan, Terrance Madden & Wes Agnew. The Core Team had their initial meeting on September 12, 2016. In addition to the Core Team meeting, over 30 interviews have been conducted, thus far. The input of local citizens is *crucial* to ensure the success of *Blueprint Jonesboro*. For this reason, a number of community meetings have been scheduled to solicit public input. The first of these, a Public Kickoff Meeting, will be held on October 5th at 168 North McDonough Street (The W) and will include an overview of the planning

process and an interactive public exercise. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. To learn more about the planning process and to join the *Blueprint Jonesboro* email list, please visit www.blueprintjonesboro.com.



City Council Approves Downtown Development Authority

On September 12, 2016 the Jonesboro City Council approved the organization of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). For Jonesboro, the DDA will be tied closely to economic revitalization efforts in the city. One of the first projects the Jonesboro DDA will consider is the issuance of tax exempt bonds in order to facilitate a \$25 million renovation/rehab for Keystone Apartments by the Hampstead Company. The DDA nor the City will be under any financial obligation as a result of the issuance of the bonds. Directors of the Jonesboro DDA are citizens Joel Aviles, Helen Meadows, Harry Osborne, Allen Roark, Donya Sartor, Jule Segner, and Mayor Joy Day.

Want some great food and fellowship and to meet new friends and neighbors?

Try attending our COVERED DISH SUPPER held monthly at the Firehouse Museum, on Thursdays at 6 pm, the same week as council meeting. (October 13). *Bring one of your own special recipes, or pick up something at the grocery store on the way. All are invited and welcome to attend.*

SHOP JONESBORO

New Column Features
Local Businesses

Beginning in this issue of *The Community News*, we will feature local businesses and the services they provide.

Let's help boost Jonesboro's economy by shopping locally when at all possible.

You will find some great goods and services right here in the City that meet your needs, so please **SHOP LOCALLY!**

GET TO KNOW...

Sergeant Chris Cato

Sgt. Chris Cato has worked for the Jonesboro Police Department since April 2013; he began his service as a patrol officer. Presently Sgt. Cato is Night Shift supervisor. He was born at Grady Hospital, but raised in Henry County and graduated from Henry County High School. Prior to Jonesboro, Sgt. Cato was employed by the Butts County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Cato has two daughters, Kayla, 20 and Bella, 8. He and his fiancé, Rebecca, have plans to marry in October 2017. In his spare time, Sgt. Cato enjoys planning vacations and traveling, especially to Colorado, his destination of choice. Sgt. Cato related that he enjoys the beautiful scenery and the clean air in Colorado. Thank you Sgt. Chris Cato, for your service to our City!



Historical Jonesboro/ Clayton County, Inc.

Tombstone Tales will take place September 30 and October 1. Tickets may be purchased at Stately Oaks or on the day of the tours, which take place every 20 minutes. A special van will drive you to the cemetery according to the time printed on your ticket. While you are waiting, music, storytellers, and concessions will be available. Call (770) 473-0197. **Stately Vintage Dancers** are open to all who want to join. You do not have to be a professional dancer or know how to perform the social dances of the Victorian Period. We will teach you! If you have an interest, please email Ashleigh at statelyvintagedancers@gmail.com



Volunteers are needed for house tours...meet people from all over the world! We also need volunteers for the following: *Blalock Garden *Scraping & Painting *Roof & Porch Work Get a volunteer application on the web page or call (770) 473-0197.

→ UPCOMING EVENTS

- City Fall Festival**
Lee Street Park
Saturday, October 29, 1-6 pm
- VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**
Lee Street Park
Friday, November 11
- Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting**
Saturday, December 3, 5-8 pm
Main Street & Lee Street Park
- Holiday Gathering**
Thursday, 12/1/2016, 2-5 pm
Obiorah Fields, LLC
157 S. McDonough Street

VETERANS DAY FLAGS

Honor a deceased veteran permanently today! Complete a form at City Hall and we will honor your veteran with a personalized cross and flag each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. No cost is required, but a one time donation of \$10 is requested to help to cover the initial cost and refurbishment as time passes. Call Pat or Maria at (770) 478-3800.



CITY BLOTTER



OFFENSE	AUGUST
Citations	620
Warnings	509
Accidents	41
Arrests	62
DUI	8
Property checks	332
Warrants (active)	298
Probation	705
Criminal Invest. (active)	50
Training Hours	377

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Nails 138
1287 GA-138, Ste. 3
A great place for manicures and pedicures! (770) 603-1999

PARAGON Systems, Inc.
7869 Old Morrow Rd.
Offers great LOCAL monitoring of your property and responsive service. (770) 478-1513

Willprint, 108 Broad Street
For all your printing needs. 46 years experience. Expert service, free consultation. (770) 603-3318

Twelve-The Beau Monde Boutique, 108 N. Main St.
Ladies apparel & accessories. (770) 604-7824

Royal Candy Lady Boutique
248 N. Main St.
Avon products, bath & beauty, skin care, fragrances, makeup, accessories and much more! (678) 665-3953

Millar & Mixon, LLC
108 Williamson Mill Road
Personal Injury Attorneys
Next door to City Hall
(404) 620-4431

By the Book Auto Brokers
251 South Main St., Ste. C
(770) 477-0774

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



JAMROCK JERK CENTER SOUTH LLC
265 Jonesboro Road
Demar & Jasmine
Bromfield

Yard of The Month



Videne Lindsey
115 Elaine Terrace
Mrs. Lindsey has lived in Jonesboro for over 50 years.

ARTS CLAYTON

Photography 101 for kids
Saturday October 8, 2016 @ 1pm
\$7 Each Participant
Prepaid Registration Required
770-473-5826



2016 JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION RECEPTION: October 14, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
ARTS CLAYTON GALLERY presented in conjunction with **acp**

Upcoming at Arts Clayton Ornament Workshops

"Go to the Movies"
Nov. 5, 12, 21, 22
11am-1 pm
Cost: \$10 each
Registration Required
(770) 473-5836



Jonesboro Salvation Army News

130 Spring Street, (770) 603-6258
Lt. and Mrs. David Birks are the officers at the Jonesboro location. They have many ongoing ministries. If you know someone in need, please access the website or give them a call. The **Angel Tree Project** runs from October-December and provides Christmas needs for less fortunate children and families. If you would like to adopt an Angel, contact the Salvation Army. **Volunteers** are also needed on December 16, 9 am-12 pm, to distribute the Angel gifts at the Salvation Army location in Jonesboro. **Kettle Kick-off** begins in October. Plan to volunteer some of your time this year to ring for the needy, or sponsor a ringer for a day (\$75). The Salvation Army is also looking for new people on their **Advisory Council**. If you have a heart for others and time to devote, give them a call today. Regular worship services are held weekly at the Jonesboro Salvation Army. Need more information? **Email:** David.Birks@uss.salvationarmy.org
Website: <http://www.salvationarmyatlanta.org/jonesboro>

Congratulations

to Julie Segner and the late Councilman Randy Segner on the birth of their grandson



Randolph (Randy) Louis Kepes
August 10, 2016
7 lb. 13 oz.
Parents: Jessica & Dylan Kepes

CSS HEALTHCARE

11th Annual Disability Awareness Festival
Saturday, October 15, 11 am-3 pm
8896 Tara Boulevard
Activity Program
FREE food and drinks, Games & prizes, Goody bags, Live Music Door Prize drawings, Basketball games, Face painting, Karaoke, Halloween pumpkin design
Wellness Program
FREE Health Screenings Educational Programs
www.csshealthcare.com
(770) 302-1383

New Businesses

- Nails 138** (new management) 1287 Hwy. 138, Ste 3
- Smurti Corporation** 9151 Tara Boulevard
- Derksen Portable Buildings** 8859 Tara Boulevard