

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

THE CHOICE IS OURS!!!



RON CROSS
Commission Chairman

We have devoted much of the recent newsletters to the results of the "Vision 2035" study in which our citizens told us what they would like to see in Columbia County for the future. Much was made of leisure activities, better building standards, and transportation. The commission has responded with stronger building and development standards and also has most main corridors in the county funded for construction or placed in the design stage. While the completion of these two items remains a ways off, they are at least, underway. The leisure activity desires, or the "Quality of Life" issues present the biggest problem. None of the present funding sources for transportation, such as the T-SPLOST or the new gasoline excise tax can be applied to leisure activities. When and how will these additions be funded?

The Commission and county staff have spent numerous hours trying to determine a possible funding mechanism. We will not arbitrarily raise property taxes, we have no SPLOST possibilities until 2021, and the tax digest and the sales tax revenues have not increased enough to be much assistance. So after many discussions we determined that if the public wanted these improvements; greenways, parks, cultural center and museum, public safety equipment, youth and adult athletic facilities, etc., let's let the public decide.

The Commission voted in our last meeting to place the option of a sixty million dollar bond issue question on the ballot in the November election. These monies would fund the projects determined by the public in the Vision 2035 study and in a series of public listening sessions. A list of possible improvements was included in the last newsletter as well as the cost to the public.

This is the kind of "want list" that should be placed before the entire county and not just the governing authority.

What will happen if this passes? We will have these desired improvements ten to fifteen years ahead of current funding possibilities. What will happen if this fails? We will continue to have a great county but without a lot of the amenities that our residents, present and future, desire. The choice is ours!

Below is the schedule for the public meetings: The public is welcome at any and all meetings.

- Tuesday, August 2nd, 3:00 pm, Evans Auditorium, Commissioner's work session, open to the public.
- Thursday, August 11th, 6:00 pm, Evans Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans.
- Monday, August 22nd, 6:00 pm, Baird Library, Augusta Preparatory Day School, 285 Flowing Wells Road, Martinez.
- Thursday, August 25th, 6:00 pm, Patriot's Park Meeting Room, 5445 Columbia Road, Grovetown.
- Monday, September 12th, 6:00 pm, Exhibition Center Meeting Room, 212 Partnership Drive, Grovetown.

Please make an attempt to attend at least one of the public meetings and let us know your feelings. Is this the type of improvements you would support, which items do you prefer, and is it worth the cost?

ATTENTION CIVIC MINDED GROUPS

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WATERSHED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY!

Who: We are looking for a group of 10 to 15 adults or youth with parent or guardian participating and present at all times.

What: To help with a 2016 Columbia County Stormwater Environmental Public Education Outreach project. This project will be educating a designated area in Columbia County, via handout flyers, on simple ways Citizens can prevent pollution from entering our area's storm drains. This in turn will help protect our water resources and aquatic life.

Why: The Columbia County Stormwater Environmental Team encourages public partnership & involvement in helping our area foster a greater awareness on how to protect our precious water resources quality, our health and safety.

Total Time Involved: 3 hours total which includes an informational training session to be held at a location in the Columbia County area. This can be done in either one or two meetings to be decided by both your group's input & our schedule availability.

If your group is interested in helping Columbia County be Eco-Educated please email Margarete Alligood, Georgia Master Naturalist of Columbia County at: malligood@columbiacountyga.gov



Clean Water... PRICELESS



COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2016

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesdays, August 2nd and 16th, 6:00pm
Tuesdays, September 6th and 20th, 6:00pm

Board of Commissioners Committee Meetings

Management & Internal Services and Development & Engineering Services
Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, August 9th, 8:30am

Public Works Services and Community and Emergency Services

Appling Courthouse, Appling, GA
Tuesday, August 23rd, 8:30am

Management & Internal Services and Development & Engineering Services

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, September 13th, 8:30am

Public Works Services and Community and Emergency Services

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, September 27th, 8:30am

Columbia County Planning Commission Meetings

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Thursdays, August 4th and 18th, 6:00pm
Thursdays, September 1st and 15th, 6:00pm

AUGUST 2016

Date	Time	Program	Age	Description	Branch
August 1, 2016	4:00-5:30 PM	Young Makers Program	Ages 8-12	This Maker Space program is especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.	Evans
August 1, 2016	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour: Adult Coloring	Adults	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
August 2 & 9, 2016	5:30-7:30 PM	Intro to Chess I & II	All ages	Have you ever wanted to learn chess? Join us for instruction and hone your skills!	Evans
August 3, 2016	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour: Adult Coloring	Adults	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
August 4, 2016	4:00 PM	Family Movie	All ages	Call for 706-556-9795 for details and the movie selection	Harlem
August 7, 2016	2:30-4:30 PM	Local Author Group Therapy	Adults	Are you a current or aspiring author? Do you need tips, tricks, or just venting about your work? Join us for this fun and supportive group.	Evans
August 8, 2016	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Adults	Join us to learn the basics of finding your roots. Registration required by calling 706-863-1946 ext 4.	Evans
August 8, 2016	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction Book Club	Adults	Join us for a new kind of book club at Pizza Central in Evans. The August selection is <i>What Alice Forgot</i> by Liane Moriarty.	Pizza Central, Evans
August 9, 2016	4:00 PM	Beginner's Guitar Class	Teens	Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required.	Evans
August 11, 2016	4:00 PM	Factionless Fun Teen Book Club	Teens	The August selection is <i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by Katherine Applegate.	Harlem
August 11, 2016	6:00 PM	Investment Basics	Adults	Join us to learn about investment basics. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for registration.	Evans
August 12, 2016	11:30 AM	Senior Studies 101 Lunch and Learn	Adults	Join us for a different senior studies topic each month. Call 706-863-1946 ext. 4 for registration.	Evans
August 15, 2016	4:00 PM	Maker Space (ages 13-18)	Teens	Teens will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans
August 15, 2016	6:30 PM	Monday Night Book Discussion	Adults	The August selection is <i>The Secret Place</i> by Tana French.	Evans
August 18, 2016	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Adults	The August selection is <i>A Sudden Light</i> by Garth Stein.	Evans
August 18, 2016	4:00 PM	Harlem Book Club	Adults	The August selection is <i>Real Murders</i> by Charlaiane Harris.	Harlem
August 18, 2016	5:30 PM	Intro to Microsoft Excel	Adults	Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for registration.	Evans
August 19, 2016	1:30 PM	Medicare 101	Adults	Do you have questions about Medicare? We have answers.	Evans
August 22 & 29, 2016	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Computer Boot Camp Parts I & II	Adults	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
August 22, 2016	4:00-8:00 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Adults	We'll supply the sewing machines and the space, you bring the supplies and the creativity!	Evans
August 23, 2016	4:00 PM	Guitar Club	Teens	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.	Evans
August 25, 2016	4:00 PM	Maker Space (ages 13-18)	Teens	Teens will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans
August 25, 2016	4:00 PM	Cookbook Club	Adults	Bring your favorite summer recipe to share!	Harlem
August 25, 2016	6:00 PM	Long Term Care & Estate Planning	Adults	Learn the basics of long-term care and estate planning. Call 706-863-1946 ext for details and registration.	Evans
August 26, 2016	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Adults	We'll supply the sewing machines and the space, you bring the supplies and the creativity!	Evans
August 26, 2016	2:30 PM	Medicare 101	Adults	Do you have questions about Medicare? We have answers.	Evans
August 29, 2016	5:30 PM	Adult Crafts- Cup Koozies	Adults	Make your own cup koozie. Registration is required. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4.	Evans
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning September 7	10:15 AM	Two-dollers Class	Children	Toddler Time is for children 2-3 years old. No registration required.	Evans
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning September 7	11:00 AM	Preschool Time	Children	Preschool Time is for children 3-5 years old. No registration required.	Evans
Tuesdays beginning September 6	10:15 & 11:00 AM	Baby & Me	Children	Calling all babies! Bring your littlest ones to this class made just for them!	Evans
Tuesdays beginning September 13	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	Children	Baby & Me Class is for children under 2 years old. No registration required.	Eucler Creek
Tuesdays	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	ESL Classes	Adults	Free English Language classes are now offered at the Evans Branch.	Evans

SEPTEMBER 2016

For a complete list of library programs, please visit gchrl.org

Date	Time	Program	Age	Description	Branch
Tuesdays	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	ESL Classes	Adults	Free English Language classes are now offered at the Evans Branch.	Evans
Tuesdays beginning September 13	4:30 PM	Child Enrichment	Children	Join us for stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. No registration required.	Euchee Creek
Wednesdays beginning September 14	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Children	Join us for stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. No registration required.	Euchee Creek
Thursdays beginning September 8	4:30 PM	Afternoon Adventures	Children	Afternoon adventures is for all ages of children. Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. No registration required.	Evans
September 10, 2016	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Adults	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.	Euchee Creek
September 11, 2016	1:00 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Adults	Whether you're just starting out or you're an expert on your family tree, this is the club for you!	Evans
September 12, 2016	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Adults	Join us to learn the basics of finding your roots.	Evans
September 12, 2016	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	All ages	Family movie and family fun for the whole family, light refreshments served.	Euchee Creek
September 12, 2016	6:00 PM	Fancy Nancy Tea Party	Children	Dress up & join us for all things Fancy Nancy! Ages 4+.	Evans
September 12, 2016	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction Book Club	Adults	Join us for a new kind of book club at Pizza Central in Evans. The September selection is <i>False Impressions</i> by Thomas Hoving.	Evans
September 13, 2016	4:00 PM	Beginner's Guitar Class	Teens	Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required.	Evans
September 15, 2016	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Adults	The September selection is <i>Blood Drenched Beard</i> by Daniel Galera.	Evans
September 16, 2016	10:00 AM	Genealogy 101	Adults	If you're just starting to find your roots, or you're looking to get back to basics, this is the class for you. Registration is required by calling 706-863-1946 ext 4.	Evans
September 17, 2016	12:00 PM	Saturday Chess Club	All ages	All chess players are welcome to practice their skills.	Euchee Creek
September 18, 2016	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	Adults	Learn to make vine wreaths and decorate your home.	Euchee Creek
September 18, 2016	12:00 PM	Adult Coloring Book Class	Adults	Come join the stress relieving coloring book class.	Euchee Creek
September 18, 2016	2:30-4:30 PM	Writer's Class Taught by C. Hope Clark	Adults	Author and freelance expert C. Hope Clark will discuss what it takes to be a successful writer and give an introduction to developing plot.	Evans
September 19, 2016	4:00 PM	Maker Space (ages 13-18)	Teens	Teens will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans
September 19, 2016	5:30 PM	Starry Night Pajama Story Time	Children	Pajama time fun for all kids. Come join the fun in your pajamas.	Euchee Creek
September 19, 2016	6:30 PM	Monday Night Book Discussion	Adults	Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for the September selection.	Evans
September 21 & 28, 2016	10:00 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp Parts I & II	Adults	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
September 22, 2016	4:00 PM	Maker Space (ages 13-18)	Teens	Teens will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans
September 22, 2016	6:00 PM	Long Term Care & Estate Planning	Adults	Learn the basics of long-term care and estate planning. Call 706-863-1946 ext for details and registration.	Evans
September 25, 2016	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	Adults	The September selection is <i>Bosnia Mosaic</i> by Barbara Degler (who is an Euchee Creek Library Patron).	Euchee Creek
September 25, 2016	2:30-4:30 PM	Writer's Class Taught by C. Hope Clark	Adults	Author and freelance expert C. Hope Clark will discuss character development.	Evans
September 26, 2016	10:00 AM	Intro to Microsoft Word	Adults	Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for registration.	Evans
September 26, 2016	1:30 PM	Intro to Microsoft Excel	Adults	Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for registration.	Evans
September 26, 2016	4:00 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Adults	We'll supply the sewing machines and the space, you bring the supplies and the creativity!	Evans
September 26, 2016	5:30 PM	YA Game Night	Teens	Join us for games and fun. Call 706-556-9795 for registration.	Euchee Creek
September 27, 2016	4:00 PM	Guitar Club	Teens	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.	Evans
September 28, 2016	2:00 PM	Art Buffet	Children	Choose from our art "buffet" and experiment with a variety of everyday items to create your own artwork! Have fun as we build up our motor skills and creativity. Dress for a mess!	Evans
September 29, 2016	5:30 PM	Google School	Adults	Get an intro to all things Google. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
September 30, 2016	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Adults	We'll supply the sewing machines and the space, you bring the supplies and the creativity!	Evans

All programs are subject to change. Call your local branch for details. Evans: 706-863-1946 Euchee Creek: 706-556-0594 Harlem: 706-556-9795



COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 9th, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is presenting "National Night Out" for Columbia County Neighborhood Watch Associations. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 9th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Columbia County Government Center Auditorium (Building "A") off of Ronald Reagan Drive.

If your neighborhood is not involved in our Neighborhood Watch Program and you are interested, we invite you to join us.



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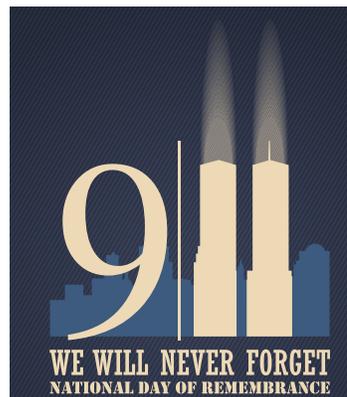
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BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT OUR EVENTS! CONTACT US AT 706.868.3484 FOR MORE INFORMATION



9/11

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Friday,
September 9, 2016

8:30am

At Columbia
County's Military
Memorial Wall

Never Forget!



Public Awareness

PREPARE & AWARE DAY
Saturday, September 17, 2016

10am to 2pm

Free to attend

Largest Public Safety Event in the Area!

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International guitar duo
**LOREN
and
MARK**

"Fresh and Exciting...
these guys ROCK!!" -
Tommy Emmanuel

Friday
September 23, 2016
7:30 pm



Elton Billy
JOHN JOEL
face 2 face
TRIBUTE SHOW

Friday, October 21, 2016 – 7:00 pm



TWO PERFORMANCES!

*The ART
of the
LOVE SONG*

ANNIEMOSESBAND
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016
3:30 PM MATINEE @ 7:30 PM EVENING



A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS

Two shows!
Thursday, December 1, 2016
3:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Lightwire



Get In The Christmas
Spirit With The Hits Of
The Carpenters!

Thursday
December 8, 2016
7:30 pm

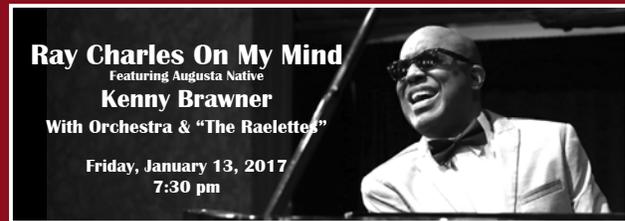
Merry Christmas
Darling
Carpenters' Christmas

Starring
Michelle Berting Brett



Ray Charles On My Mind
Featuring Augusta Native
Kenny Brawner
With Orchestra & "The Raelettes"

Friday, January 13, 2017
7:30 pm



SQUIRM BURPEE

Squirm Burpee
Special Show For All Ages!
Friday, January 27, 2017
7:30 pm



The Pam Tillis Trio

Saturday, February 11, 2017
7:30 pm



Ol' Blue Eyes
featuring
Mark Randisi

"I thought I was listening
to a Frank Sinatra recording."
- Andrea Bocelli

Saturday, March 4, 2017 – 7:30 pm



**CELTIC
TENORS**

Tuesday
March 14, 2017
7:30 pm



What's Going On
The Marvin Gaye Experience
featuring
Brian Owens

Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 7:30 pm



**The Four
Freshmen**

Friday
April 21, 2017
7:30 pm



The Return Of The
**Malpass
Brothers**

Saturday
May 13, 2017
7:30 pm



The World Famous
Glenn Miller Orchestra
Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 7:30 pm



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