

# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## HAVE YOU DRIVEN AROUND THE COUNTY LATELY???



RON CROSS  
Commission Chairman

That question really triggers the obvious answer: I would really like to drive around the county, but the traffic is so dang bad that I cannot get out of my neighborhood. Yes, it is bad. County personnel and work crews are not immune to the inconvenience. Lane closures on Washington Road and I-20 have certainly not helped. Hopefully, things will be better by late summer.

Since we all have difficulty driving around for fun, we thought a little picture tour of commercial developments around the county would be informative. Below are several projects that are either under way or have approval to begin shortly.

Let's begin our journey at the Gateway at I-20 and Lewiston Road, Exit 190:

There is heavy traffic on both sides of the road, but construction projects on both sides of the interstate: Chick-fil-A well under construction across Lewiston Rd. from Wal-Mart and a new Aldi located in the same development. Future projects right down the road from Chick-fil-A include a free standing Starbucks and McAlisters Deli. ▼



On the North side of I-20, a new Dairy Queen is already in service near the new Kroger and McDonalds.

We lost the race to a turtle on William Few Parkway, but finally arrived in Riverwood. The new Security Federal Bank is located in front of Publix and has a ribbon cut set for April 27th. On the other side of Publix, several additional spaces for stores are well under construction. ▼



Let's do a snail pace drive down Washington Road. In Evans, construction is underway for our first Chicken Salad Chick and Aspen Dental on the previous site of the Evans Diner. ▶



Chicken Salad Chick and Aspen Dental

Beyond the government complex we come upon The Plaza. The construction office trailer is in place, and the official groundbreaking is set for April 18th. Across the road beside the dog park is a new parking lot under construction. ▼



We crawl our way down the road to see the slab has been poured for the new Belk's Department store in Phase II of Mullins Crossing. A few hours later we arrive in Martinez and view the site of the new Jim Hudson Lexus dealership. ▼



After a short return trip we head down Evans to Locks Road without much delay and see the new Salon 285, and after a right turn on Furrys Ferry Road, we come upon new offices of Savannah River Dermatology and Myers Family Dental. ▼



We keep rolling and attempt to move faster on I-20 and run into lane closures, but we manage to arrive at the Wheeler Road exit and see the newly opened Hyatt Place Hotel across from the fairly new Farmhaus Burgers.



Well, you will hopefully read this in a couple minutes but it took a couple days to get the pictures. But everywhere you go in our county something is new. Maybe we saved you some time and fuel. Columbia County continues to grow and prosper, and we thank all of you for your support and patience.



## #EnvironmentMatters

When rain hits hard surfaces like driveways or roads it can pick up pollutants on its journey towards storm drains which lead to rivers. Your landscape grass and plantings can help reduce pollutants from entering our vital natural waters by slowing down water runoff and acting as a filter.

Please pack a lunch and join us for informal workshops:

**March - October** (the fourth Wednesday of the month)  
**Evans Library Café area, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The first four sessions will focus on mastering your lawn and landscape. The last four sessions will focus on interior and exterior plants.

Brought to you by your County Agent, Tripp Williams in partnership with your Environmental Georgia Master Naturalist, Margarete Alligood. Seating is limited. **Call Evans Library 706.863.1946 to register.**

## REED CREEK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

For More Info call 706-210-4027 or email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov)



### All About Frogs

Join us for this indoor and outdoor program to learn about our local frogs and how we are studying them through a calling survey at Reed Creek. We'll go outdoors to listen for frogs using the calling survey protocol. For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required:

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

**Sat., May 13th 8 pm – 9 pm**



### Pond Exploration

With dip nets in hand, children will explore and learn about the critters that live in our pond. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Pre-registration is required:

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

**Sat., May 20th 10 am – 11 am**



### Mom & Me: Story and Craft time for 3-5 year olds

(younger siblings are welcome!) Bring your curious child to the park for a story and craft. When weather permits we will read our story outdoors and collect natural elements for our craft time. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required:

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

**Mon., March 24th 10 am–10:45 am**

**Mon., May 15th 10 am–10:45 am**



### Snake Identification

Special guest speaker Nate Hobbs will teach you how to properly identify snakes in our area and answer questions about these misunderstood animals. You'll get a chance to test your knowledge as we explore the park in search of snakes. For ages 8+.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required:

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

**Sat., April 29th 10 am – 11 am**

**Sat., May 27th 10 am – 11 am**



# COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER

## EXPLORE POST

### Are you a high school student considering a career in law enforcement?



Then *the Columbia County Sheriff's Explorer Post* may be just what you're looking for. This program is designed for students 14-20 years of age who have completed the 8th grade. As a Post member you will experience many aspects of law enforcement, to include training in the following divisions:

- Patrol
- Special Operations
- Investigations
- Detention Center

Once trained, Explorers will have an opportunity to meet and test their skills against other Explorers at various competitions throughout the state.

Explorers will also have the opportunity to participate in numerous community service projects such as the annual Day with a Deputy, Oliver Hardy Festival, fairground parking, Christmas parade float, various Special Olympics of Georgia events, and many others.

For additional information or to apply, please contact Columbia County Sheriff's Office Community Services at 706-541-2856.

## SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT

A stormwater credit is a reduction in the monthly stormwater utility service fee. The overall goal of the County is to give a credit to property owners that are reducing the impact of stormwater generated by their property.

By reducing the peak discharge of stormwater from their property, through either a retention or detention facility such as a pond, property owners are helping the County protect properties downstream. By complying with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, property owners are helping the County improve water quality.

Columbia County is offering two types of credits for this assistance:

Peak Flow Reduction Credit (also known as a pond credit) and NPDES Water Quality

Credit. The maximum amount of credit available is 50% of the total stormwater utility monthly service fee. For more information about the service charge credits, go to [www.columbiacountyga.gov](http://www.columbiacountyga.gov) Stormwater department, billing and SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT INFORMATION.

REMINDER: Please remember that previously applied credits expire June 1. Please submit proper inspection documentation to prevent a discontinuation of any credits. If you have any questions, please contact 706.855.7246.



# MARCH

Date	Time	Program	Description	Branch
Mondays through April 17	10:00 AM	AARP Tax Preparation	AARP volunteers provide free assistance with your taxes on a first-come, first-served basis.	Euchee Ck
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Each week we will read stories and do crafts geared to help children fall in love with reading.	Harlem
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	This special class is designed especially for babies under two.	Euchee Ck
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	ESL	This class is free and open to adults whose first language is not English. Come and practice your conversational English with us!	Evans
Tuesdays	4:15 PM	Child Enrichment	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Tues., Thur., & Sat. through April 15	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	AARP Tax Preparation	AARP volunteers provide free assistance with your taxes on a first-come, first-served basis.	Evans Café
Wednesdays	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Sun., April 2, 2017	2:30 PM	Local Author Group Therapy	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
Mon., April 3, 2017	4:00 PM	Young Makers Program	This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.	Evans
Mon., April 3, 2017	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
Tues., April 4, 2017	10:30 AM	Fort Gordon Wildlife	Join us to learn about and see local wildlife up close!	Euchee Ck
Tues., April 4, 2017	11:00 AM	Teddy Bear Picnic	Bring your teddy and join us for a picnic on library grounds!	Evans
Tues., April 4, 2017	3:00 PM	Evans Closes at 3:00 pm	The Evans will close at 3:00 pm. Book drops will be locked to prevent over filling.	Evans
Wed., April 5, 2017	11:00 AM	Fort Gordon Wildlife	Join us to learn about and see local wildlife up close!	Evans
Wed., April 5, 2017	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
Thur., April 6, 2017	2:00 PM	Art Buffet	Get creative with a buffet of art supplies!	Evans
Thur., April 6, 2017	3:30-5:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Teens can play board games and video games. No registration is required.	Evans
Fri., April 7, 2017	11:00 AM	Sensory Class	A highly interactive and inclusive literacy focused class designed to help strengthen motor, social, and cognitive skills in children of all ages and abilities. Offered to special needs groups as well. Registration required.	Evans
Fri., April 7, 2017	11:00 AM	Identity Theft	The goal of this class is to educate consumers on how to protect their identity. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Sat., April 8, 2017	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.	Euchee Ck
Mon., April 10, 2017	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!	Evans
Mon., April 10, 2017	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Family movie and family fun for everyone. Light refreshments served, no registration is required.	Euchee Ck
Mon., April 10, 2017	6:30 PM	Retirement U	Learn the ins and outs of social security and retirement planning. Call 706-863-1943 ext 4 to register.	Evans
Mon., April 10, 2017	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction	This laid-back book club meets at Pizza Central in Evans. The April selection is <i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman.	Pizza Central, Evans
Tues., April 11, 2017	10:30 AM	Baby Explorers	Bring your little explorers to this sensory playtime for babies and toddlers! No registration required.	Evans
Tues., April 11, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Class	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
Wed.s, April 12 & 19, 2017	10:00 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp: Parts 1 & 2	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
Thur., April 13, 2017	1:00 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.	Euchee Ck
Sun., April 16, 2017	All Day	Libraries Closed for Easter	All Columbia County Libraries are closed for Easter.	All Branches
Mon., April 17, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Teens 13-18 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
Mon., April 17, 2017	6:30 PM	Mon. Night Book Discussion	The April selection is <i>The Last Painting of Sara de Vos</i> by Dominic Smith.	Evans
Tues., April 18, 2017	5:30 PM	Microsoft Word 101	Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. Registration is required.	Evans
Thur., April 20, 2017	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	Intro to Quilling- an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Thur., April 20, 2017	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	The April selection is <i>Commonwealth</i> by Ann Patchett.	Evans
Thur., April 20, 2017	4:30 PM	Earth Day Party	Join us to celebrate Earth Day!	Evans
Thur., April 20, 2017	5:30 PM	Microsoft Powerpoint 101	Learn the basics of Microsoft Powerpoint. Registration is required.	Evans
Fri., April 21, 2017	10:00 AM	Genealogy: Immigration & Naturalization	Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for details and registration.	Evans
Fri., April 21, 2017	11:00 AM	Community Resources	The goal of this class is to educate consumers about the different resources out in the community that can be utilized for services. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Fri., April 21, 2017	1:00 PM	Gadget Help with Alex	Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.	Evans

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For a complete list of library programs, please visit [www.gchrl.org](http://www.gchrl.org)

# APRIL

Date	Time	Program	Description	Branch
Sat., April 22, 2017	11:30 AM	Homeschool STEM Class: Mission Possible	This interactive session presents basic cryptanalytic concepts and focuses on problem-solving techniques with a lot of teamwork. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Sun., April 23, 2017	3:30 PM	Estate Planning & Elder Care Planning	Learn to plan for care in your older years and end of life considerations. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
Mon., April 24, 2017	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Join us for games for the whole family!	Euchee Ck
Tues., April 25, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.	Evans
Tues., April 25, 2017	5:30 PM	Microsoft Excel 101	Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Registration is required.	Evans
Wed., April 26, 2017	11:30 AM	Environment Matters Lunch and Learn	Bring your lunch and learn with the Eco-Lady about how you can impact our area.	Evans
Thur., April 27, 2017	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	The April selection is <i>A Stolen Life</i> by Jaycee Dugard.	Euchee Ck
Thur., April 27, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Teens 13-18 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
Mon., May 1, 2017	4:00 PM	Young Makers Program	This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.	Evans
Mon., May 1, 2017	4:30 PM	Super Novas Club	Practice science and engineering concepts by making robotic hands.	Euchee Ck
Mon., May 1, 2017	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
Wed., May 3, 2017	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans
Thurs., May 4 & 11, 2017	10:00 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp: Parts 1 & 2	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans
Thur., May 4, 2017	3:30-5:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Teens can play board games and video games. No registration is required.	Evans
Fri., May 5, 2017	11:00 AM	Personal Growth & Development	Personal growth or self-improvement refers to self-guided improvement-economically, intellectually, or emotionally- most frequently with a substantial psychological and or spiritual basis.	Euchee Ck
Mon., May 8, 2017	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!	Evans
Mon., May 8, 2017	5:30 PM	Movie Night	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.	Euchee Ck
Mon., May 8, 2017	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction	This laid-back book club meets at Pizza Central in Evans. The May selection is <i>Orange is the New Black</i> by Piper Kerman.	Pizza Central, Evans
Tues., May 9, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Class	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
Thur., May 11, 2017	1:00 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.	Euchee Ck
Thur., May 11, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Advisory Board		Evans
Thur., May 11, 2017	6:00 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.	Evans
Fri., May 12, 2017	12:30 PM	Winning Games: Luck or Logic	This presentation introduces students to some of the basic concepts of game theory.	Euchee Ck
Sat., May 13, 2017	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.	Euchee Ck
Sun., May 14, 2017	2:00 PM	Gadget Help with Alex	Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.	Evans
Mon., May 15, 2017	11:00 AM	Stories & Crafts with Morris Museum	Our friends from the Morris Museum will lead us through stories, songs, and crafts!	Evans
Mon., May 15, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Teens 13-18 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
Mon., May 15, 2017	6:30 PM	Mon. Night Book Discussion	The May selection is <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> by Khaled Hosseini.	Evans
Thur., May 18, 2017	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	Beginner Acrylic Painting Class with Nicolette DeRamus. Registration required.	Euchee Ck
Thur., May 18, 2017	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	The May selection is <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i> by Rachel Joyce.	Evans
Fri., May 19, 2017	10:00 AM	Google School	Get an introduction to Google services in this class. Call 706-863-1946 to register.	Evans
Fri., May 19, 2017	1:30 PM	Social Media	Not sure where to start with social media? This is the class for you. Call 706-863-1946 to register.	Evans
Mon., May 22, 2017	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Join us for games for the whole family!	Euchee Ck
Tues., May 23, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.	Teen Guitar Club
Wed., May 24, 2017	11:30 AM	Environment Matters Lunch	Bring your lunch and learn with the Eco-Lady about how you can impact our area.	Evans Café
Thur., May 25, 2017	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	The May selection is <i>The Nature of the Beast</i> by Louise Penny.	Euchee Ck
Thur., May 25, 2017	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Teens 13-18 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
Sat., May 27-Mon., May 29, 2017	All Day	All Columbia County Libraries Closed for Memorial Day	All Columbia County Libraries are closed for Memorial Day. Book drops will be locked to prevent over filling.	All Branches
Wed., May 31, 2017	2:30-4:30 PM	Summer Makerspace	Teens 13-18 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

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE**

satursday, april 15  
 evans towne center park  
 admission FREE with donation of NEW children's underwear or socks benefiting Columbia County Schools

**with special guest: THE EASTER BUNNY**

10AM ages 1-4  
 11AM ages 5+  
 bring your own baskets!

7016 EVANS TOWNE CENTER BLVD  
 MORE INFORMATION AT  
 HOLIDAYSATTHEPARK.COM &  
 FACEBOOK @COLUMBIACOUNTYEVENTS

prizes, games, food, music & more!







**Blues Brews BBQ**

\$5 Admission  
 \$5 BBQ

Friday nights at the  
 Columbia County Amphitheater

Friday, April 7 6-9PM  
 Craft beer, mouthwatering BBQ &  
 music by Rae & The Royal Peacocks

Friday, April 21 6-9PM  
 Craft beer, mouthwatering BBQ &  
 music by Speakeasy

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Get your tickets @  
 bluesbrewsbbq.cc  
 & at the ETCF Box office





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THE ULTIMATE MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND  
 FRIDAY | MAY 12, 2017

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SUMMER BEACH BLAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 3  
 EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK  
 5PM-11PM

LIVE MUSIC, ISLAND FOOD,  
 TROPICAL DRINKS & A SANDY SHORE.  
 RIGHT HERE AT LADY A!

PIRATE FLAG 6-8PM  
 A TRIBUTE TO KENNY CHESNEY

A1A 8:30-10:30PM  
 THE OFFICIAL AND ORIGINAL  
 JIMMY BUFFETT TRIBUTE SHOW  
 ADVANCED TICKETS \$15 DAY OF \$20

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