

# LAKE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## IN TRIBUTE TO MAYOR WILLIE OSWALT 1940 - 2018

State Representatives Valencia Stovall, Rhonda Burnough, and Sandra Scott presented to Lawanda Oswalt, her daughter Tamara and son Carlton, a Resolution from the State Delegation pertaining to the long-time service of Mayor Willie Oswalt.

Mayor Oswalt was born in Columbus, Mississippi in 1940. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor Degree in 1965. He received his Master of Education Degree from Mississippi State University in 1970 and his Specialist Degree in Education from Atlanta University in 1981.

Mayor Oswalt began his Political Career in 1974 when he was elected as a City Councilmember. He served in that capacity until 1987 when he was

elected Mayor. He would serve as Mayor until his passing.

Governor Roy Barnes named Mayor Oswalt as an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Aide De Camp to the Governor in 1999. He was a husband, father, grandfather and a mentor to many.

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### Message from the City Manager

Lake City, within a span of thirty days, lost Mayor Willie Oswalt, who served the City for over forty years and Councilman Bobby Williams, who served for over thirty years. This loss has been devastating to all who knew and loved them. Through loss comes opportunity and opportunity offers change. We will never forget the service of these two men who chose to serve this community for so long. However, change will happen and is happening. As challenging as the past two months have been I could not be prouder of the leadership of our current Mayor Pro-Tem Hoover, Councilmembers Sowell and McDuffie as well as the dedicated employees of the city. We will always remember the contributions of the past while moving our city forward. We are dedicated to providing outstanding service to our citizens, businesses and visitors. I encourage our community to participate in the neighborhood watch program as well as attending the city council meetings. Together we can continue to keep Lake City the wonderful place that it is. "The City of Friendly People"

## 2018 Progress in City of Lake City



### SPLOST AT WORK

#### Upgrading of the Lake City Community Park (Phillips Dr.)

The Community Park project has kicked off. The first phase was the removal of large pine trees from around the pavilion. These trees were becoming a safety hazard and were causing damage to the pavilion. The City is working with a design team on the new design of the park to make it a more family friendly location for the residents of Lake City. Citizens are encouraged to give us ideas for what you would like to see done in the park. You may contact the City through the web site: lakecityga.net.

#### Generator for Municipal Center

As an upgrade to City Hall, we are in the process of installing a 100KW Generac Standby Generator. This will generate electrical power to City Hall in the event of a loss of power due to storms or standard power failures.

#### Making City Hall and Lake City Green

The City is in the process of changing out all florescent lights at City Hall to LED fixtures and bulbs. This project will save both energy and money.



The City is also working with Georgia Power to begin changing all existing street lights to LED lighting fixtures.

#### John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle

A John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle was purchased for the Public Works Department. This vehicle will be used for street right of way and park trail maintenance.

#### The Spring Clean Up Day

Our Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 14th from 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. at the Lake City Public Works building, 5535 North Parkway. Residents of Lake City can bring, at no charge, items such as yard debris, metal, old cooking oils and old paint to be dispose. **\*\* NO TIRES\*\***

A-1 Shredding will be on site from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. You will be able to shred old bills, tax papers and other paper documents free of charge. Please bring picture ID to prove residency.



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## CITY ELECTION

Lake City will hold a **Special Election, Tuesday, May 22, 2018** to fill the vacated Mayor and Council seats. On **Election Day** the polls open at **7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.** Advanced voting begins Monday, April 30, 2018 and ends Friday, May 18, 2018. Advanced voting is Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The location for the City's advanced voting and Election Day will be the Lake City Community Center, 5471 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, GA 30260.

Qualifying ran from Monday, March 19, 2018 and ended Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Ron Dodson was the only person to qualify for the Mayor's seat and will run unopposed. Chris Craven, D. Alan Fincher and Chyna Kyles qualified for the Council seat. We encourage everyone to get out and vote for your local elected official.

**Keep in mind that May 22, 2018 is also a Primary election day and there may be County, State or Federal elections as well. You will have to go to the polling place on your voter registration card to vote in these elections.**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The City is in the process of organizing a Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in including your neighborhood or being a representative for your neighborhood, join us the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



## Community Calendar of Events

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

### APRIL 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter**
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Lake City Neighborhood Watch**  
**6:00 p.m. Council Work Shop**  
**7:00 p.m. Council Meeting**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. ó 4:30 p.m. Spring Clean-Up Day**
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Council Work Session**
- 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Advance Voting Begins**

### MAY 2018:

- 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Lake City Neighborhood Watch**  
**6:00 p.m. Council Work Shop**  
**7:00 p.m. Council Meeting**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Advance Voting Ends**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Election Day – Special Election**
- 23<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Council Work Session**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – Offices Closed**

### JUNE 2018:

- 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Lake City Neighborhood Watch**  
**6:00 p.m. Council Work Shop**  
**7:00 p.m. Council Meeting**
- 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Council Work Session**



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