

LAKE CITY NEWSLETTER BRIEFING

March 2013



News from your MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL:



Gun Safety Work Shop.

The Lake City Police Department will be holding a seminar on gun safety, laws and alternative weapons usage at a free seminar on March 28, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Lake City Community Center.

This education program will cover the proper use and safety of owning and handling a firearm and discuss alternative defense weapons like stun guns and pepper sprays. *Please do not bring firearms or weapons to the seminar.*

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP no later than March 25, 2013 by contacting Sandy Annis at 404.366.8035. Space is limited.

For further information call Captain Harold Simmons or Sgt. Toby Phillips at the above number or their email addresses which are:

hsimmons@lakecityga.net or
tphillips@lakecityga.net.

OTHER NEWS

- The Spring Clean Up 4/20/13 – at Public Works Bldg. 8:00 AM to 4:30PM . Bring household trash for disposal and paper products for shredding.
- A community outreach initiative is being arranged between our Police Department and Clayton State University whereby students in the school of criminal justice will hear lectures from our police personnel on a variety of law enforcement subjects.
- We are stepping up an enforcement regime to correct

some of the many blighted properties in the city.

- There is an array of activities being finalized which are directed toward the economic redevelopment of our city together with a newly formed strategic alliance with Forest Park and Morrow as a Tri City synergistic approach in igniting common interest advantages in this regard.

If you are interested in participating in this subject, please contact our City Manager for details.

- The City recently recovered \$89,000 from the Clayton County Court System for back payments on abandoned automobiles and we also just received \$186,192. from Georgia Power for this year's franchise fee.
- As of February 7, 2013 the City has booked 30 reservations for weddings and family reunions at its New Community Center.
- The Trailer Park on Jonesboro Road was recently purchased from the FDIC as foreclosed property and we will be enforcing our ordinances as a means to clear the blighted abandoned trailers in the very near future.
- Mayor Oswalt has had productive meetings with Jeff Turner, newly elected Chairman of the Clayton County Commission which promises to have positive results

in creating a bilateral working relationship with the County.

- Our City Manager has created the same positive working relationship with the County Department of Economic Development and recently arranged for a presentation to a very large bottling company interested in a location in our area.
- This year will be dedicated to the establishment of meaningful economic development in the City such as upgrading our zoning ordinance, documenting a Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of applying for certain grants and subsidies, together with the formulation of a Down Town Development Authority and Opportunity Zones. You will be reading much more about this in the future.
- In the near future we will be asking for participants in a newly established Merchants Committee. If you are interested, please contact one of your Council Members or the City Manager for more details.

Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the City Hall and Work Shop Sessions are held on the fourth Thursday of each month.