



## My Fellow Lake City Citizens:

It is my honor to serve as your Mayor. I would like for you to know something about my family and me. My wife, Katherine Stanley Dodson and I have lived in Lake City for over 40 years. We have raised two sons, Brent and Blake, who are now adults. I am a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Forest Park, where I serve as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher.

My past public service includes a Lake City Councilman, a Clayton County Commissioner and a five-term State Representative of this district. I have also served on numerous Boards in the County, State and Nation.

I would like for the citizens to be involved in the affairs of the City, when possible, and attend the monthly Council meetings. We will provide a sign-in sheet for anyone who wishes to speak before the Council and it is my hope you will use this opportunity to bring any matter concerning the City before the Council. Lake City is your city; let us all work to make it the best it can be!

Ron Dodson  
Mayor



## Our Newest Councilmember Christopher (Chris) Craven

Thank you for entrusting me to represent you as a City Councilmember. I am a life-long resident of Lake City and a graduate of Forest Park High School. I have four grandchildren: Treylin, Kayne, Trenity and Abile, with that being said, it is my goal to continue to grow Lake City into a place we are proud to raise our families. I look forward to meeting each of you and urge you to become active in our community.

Chris Craven  
Councilmember



Congratulations to our newly elected officials, Mayor Ron Dodson and Councilmember Chris Craven. I would also like to

thank Lake City residents Alan Fincher and Chyna Kyles for their outstanding campaigns and willingness to seek a leadership role in our city. You are all winners!

I want to recognize the retirement of our Police Chief, David Colwell. Effective June 30, 2018 he will be officially retired. He served as Lake City's Police Chief for over fifteen years and is to be commended for his outstanding career.

If you are not aware, Lake City is connecting with our communities through the re-establishment of the neighborhood watch program. This resurgence is a result of several incidences of vehicles being entered and items stolen in the same neighborhood. Two residents, Chyna Kyles and Pam Price contacted the City with their concerns and from those initial conversations it was decided to have a neighborhood meeting hosted by the Lake City Police Department. The initial meeting last fall had twenty residents in attendance. We want to increase this number so that every neighborhood in the City is being represented. They meet every second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Department's training room. Several classes have been conducted for the neighborhood watch including firearms safety, protective measures and Georgia State Criminal Law update. This program will only be as strong as the residents who participate.

Enjoy your summer and if I can ever be of service please don't hesitate to contact me. [cleighty@lakecityga.net](mailto:cleighty@lakecityga.net) or telephone 404-366-8080. Please be safe.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch meets the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Department training room at City Hall. Lt. Terry Brannon is the moderator and brings valuable information to our citizens regarding safety. For information regarding the July meeting contact City Hall 404-366-8080.



## Welcome Jacqueline Tumbling

Jackie is one of our newest employees working in the Police Department in administration/records. She is a native of Florida and resides in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Jackie's experience includes: DeKalb County Municipal Courts as a clerk for ten years, a lecturer to drug addicted offenders at the DeKalb County Sheriff Department and a volunteer with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) with abused and neglected children.

## STORMS and RECOVERY

### OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

On June 6, 2018 Lake City sponsored the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) training at the Lake City Community Center. LTAP stimulates active, progressive and cost-effective transfer of highway technology and technical assistance to rural and local governments. All workshops are available to GDOT employees, local and state agencies, contractors and consultants.

The City Public Works Department employees Sam Pate, Josh Morton and Eddie Robinson attended the Storms and Recovery workshop. Information was provided on how to prepare for storms and the damage that occurs after these events. The workshop also gave information on State and Federal sources that are available to the City, if needed.





## Overgrown Weeds and Grass Can Stir City to Take Action

City ordinance requires property owners to keep grass and weeds cut to less than ten inches in height. Anything taller than that is prohibited and, if left unabated, can be mowed by the city at the owner's expense. It's not just about aesthetics — with legally allowed lengths up to ten inches, there's plenty of room for shaggy or short-cut lawns. Taller weeds can provide a breeding ground for all manner of varmints, from mosquitoes, chiggers and ticks to mice and snakes. Many of these pests can carry diseases that can affect humans and pets. Property owners ultimately are responsible for lawn maintenance.

**How are violations handled?** When a complaint is made the Code Enforcement Officer verifies the complaint is valid, then action may be taken and could include but not limited to a warning, citation and/or abating violation by having Public Works cutting the grass. The bill is then charged to the property owner and can be collected as a lien placed on the property.

Code Enforcement officers will only give locations in violation two (2) warning notices during a cutting season.

**After this ONLY COURT CITATIONS will be issued.**

**Bulk Pickup** There is a charge for this service. The cost depends on the type and number of items to be picked up. For additional information call 404-366-8080.

**Yard Debris:** Friday is the City's regular pick-up of yard debris. Grass clipping and/or small twigs must be bagged or placed in a container for pick-up. Service is limited to no more than five bags/cans per week. Each container/bag cannot weigh more than 40lbs. Should the bags or containers weigh more than the weight limit it will not be pick-up.

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## Community Calendar of Events

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### 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

### JULY 2018:

- 4<sup>th</sup>** **Municipal Offices Closed**
- 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
- 26<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 a.m. Council Work Session

### AUGUST 2018:

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

## REYNOLDS NATURE PRESERVE ATLANTA AUDUBON HIKES

On the second Wednesday of every month, the Atlanta Audubon Society sponsors Audubon hikes at 8:00 a.m. in Reynolds Nature Preserve located at 5665 Reynolds Rd. Morrow, Ga 30260.

Bird Focus: We will look for resident birds such as:

- Pileated Woodpeckers
- Warblers
- Thrushes
- Barred Owls

The trail is wide, flat, and is less than two miles round trip. Trail passes through mature deciduous forest and several ponds. Restrooms are available. \*No registration is required. The group will meet in the preserve parking lot. Contact leader: Anne McCallum @ 678-642-7148 on the morning of walk: