

Lake City Newsletter Briefing September 2013



NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

THE LAKE CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL
HOLD A

ZONING HEARING TO CONSIDER THE
FOLLOWING:

Appeal of the denied Certificate of Zoning / Ordinance Compliance Request for a Mobile Home Park located at 5500 Jonesboro Road which is zoned (G 1) GATEWAY DISTRICT with the City of Lake City.

Request was received from Applicant Stan Sugarman representing SL Royal Oak Court LLC on July 24, 2013

**The meeting is scheduled for 6:45 PM on
Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the City Hall.**

5455 Jonesboro Road
Lake City, GA 30260
Phone 404 366 8080

A first time Code Enforcement Appeal Board has been appointed to accommodate appeals flowing from our code enforcement activities with citations on dilapidated and unsafe structures which are being administered by Lake City's Code Enforcement Officer, Jack Kirksey.

The members are:

- **Martha Tracy**, Code Enforcement Officer of Morrow,
- **David New**, Code Enforcement Officer of Forest Park and
- **Daniel Gallardo**, Code Enforcement Officer of Forest Park.

In addition, for the first time in the City's history a Merchants Committee has been assembled which will provide a "bottoms up" initiative for bringing new and different ideas from the business community to the policy makers of the City.

The new Merchant Committee members are:

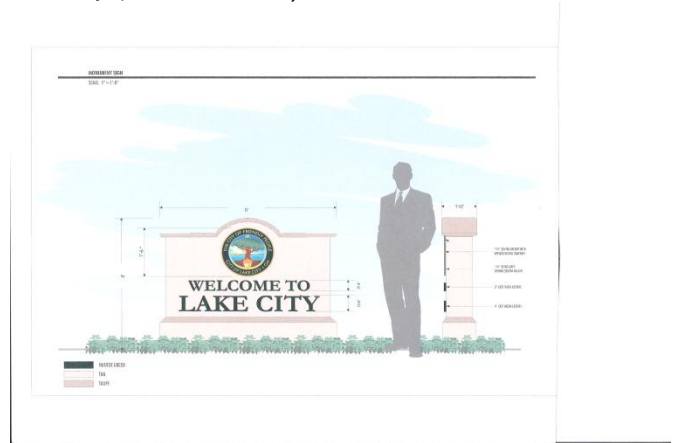
- **Hal McGinnis**, HIM Investments;
- **Mary Wildy**, Walgreens;
- **Steve Meissen**, Reynolds Warren Equipment;
- **David Tran**, Lake City Market Place;
- **Ruth Goodman**, Pro Trim Landscaping;
- **Rob Ellis and Al Gaynes** of Gaynes Realty.
- **Nadir Surani**, BP Station

This committee together with the ongoing TRI CITY project of producing tax credits for Forest Park, Lake City and Morrow will enhance the development of strategies to grow our small business sector.

Here are additional projects that the City is working on:

- Website completion
- Police Department Outreach Program to Clayton State University and Lake City Elementary School
- Opportunity Zone Tax Credits for the small business sector.

Pictured below is the new City Limits Sign which are going to be placed in the following locations: Jonesboro Rd. (North & South) & Forest Parkway (East & West)



The City's annual audit revealed satisfactory results which were followed by our midyear financial report with excellent results as well.

The highlights are: Overall revenues are up 1.63% this year. This is due in part to LOST revenue trending upwards and prior year's property taxes being made current. The new sanitation tax program is delivering revenue at a faster pace.

Overall, expenses are down 1.77% at midyear due to more prudent purchasing procedures, re-negotiation of certain vendor contracts and better quality controls. We are anticipating an overall positive result at the end of this fiscal year.

We had a first time financial modeling project completed which produced a futuristic view of our capital and operational needs.

This allows the City to be proactive in its financial management with a strategic deployment of needs during the next five years and beyond.

This and That

Did you know that?

- **Chief Colwell** has the second longest tenure as a Police Chief within Clayton County with tenure of 18 years, second only to Chief Hobbs in Forest Park.
- **Eddie Robinson**, Director of Community Services has been with the City for 23 years.
- **Sherman Triplett**, Chief Detective has 23 years.
- **Tonya Tripp**, City Treasurer has been here 16 years.
- **Eric Beckman**, City Clerk is here 19 years.
- **Sandy Annis** has served this City for 19 years. She recently transferred from the police department to city hall.
- **James Aster** has 19 years in the Public Works Department.
- The average tenure of all police personnel is 11 years.
- **City Councilman Bobby Williams** has been married 61 years to his **wonderful wife Mollie**.
- Unlike neighboring cities Lake City will not be increasing its property taxes for the year.

Pictured below is the new (temporary) brand of some of the Lake City Police Department. Pay attention to the whiskers.

“Who Dat Squad”.



ANNUAL CLEAN UP & COOK OUT

Will be on Saturday November 2 from 8:00AM till 4:30 PM .There will be hot dogs and hamburgers from 12:00 Noon till 2:00 PM.

**Location: Public Works Building
5535 North Parkway.**

Residents are allowed to bring trash (tires, paint, wood, metal, and appliances). The Shred Doctor. will be there from 11:00 AM till 1: 00 PM to shred important paper items (old bills, tax records, etc.) There is no charge for this service.

Mark your Calendars

The Saturday before Thanksgiving on November 23rd the tenth **Annual Lighting of the City's Christmas Tree** will take place in front of City Hall – 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This 55 foot tree has 15,000 lights and will be the setting for choir music, refreshments and of course a visit from Santa.

Next newsletter will be in December