

LAKE CITY NEWSLETTER BRIEFING

JULY 2012



MAYOR WILLIE OSWALT REPORTS:



Since the last newsletter in April here are the highlights.

- A comprehensive purchasing policy has been adopted.
- The annual audit for 2011 was completed with satisfactory results
- An Ad Hoc Redevelopment Committee was established which formed a synergistic alliance with the City's of Morrow and Forest Park for the purpose of attracting selected corporations to this Tri City Region. Corporate executives have addressed the Committee with wonderful ideas on how to advance this initiative.

We also have partnered with Clayton State University's Center for Logistics and Supply Chain Management and the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce in this regard.

- Formal City Resolutions have been passed which adopted the rules and procedures for the use of the Oswalt Nature Park and the new Community Center which will open toward the end of July of this year.
- The International Farmers Market has opened.
- Doosan Logistics has purchased Bob Cat and has occupied the building located at 1637 Forest Parkway.
- Communications have begun with the owners of abandoned commercial property and we are happy to report that we are moving in a positive direction to cure these vacancies.
- The large Green shopping center across from City Hall has been purchased subject to certain contingencies being satisfied by the buyers.

City Administration:

Joel Lanken	City Manager
Tonya Tripp	City Treasurer
E. Robinson	Public Works
Erick Beckman	City Clerk
David Colwell	Police Chief
Vu Van	Court Clerk



- The unsightly mobile home park Royal Court located at 5500 Jonesboro Road is in the process of having the abandoned trailers removed.
- Our web site is under active research by the **CSU Intern, Tim Hoyle** and will be ready for recommendation by July 2012
- A Grant writing initiative has begun with the prospect of securing needed state and federal revenue for a variety of activities.
- The City has established a central filing system for all ordinances, resolutions, and official meeting minutes which had not existed previously together with its codifying all ordinances for the first time since 1994 thanks to the efforts of newly appointed **City Clerk, Eric Beckman.**

Front Window of City Hall

Little is known about the front window at City Hall. Stroke counts were kept by during the first quarter of 2012 to measure the activity at this location. Here are the results:

- 1,130 phone calls received and processed
- 570 people showed up with inquires or payments
- 269 pieces of mail sorted and distributed
- 994 emails received
- 391 emails processed or answered

- 623 business license applications processed
- 172 business contact points were updated
- 369 other transactions
- **4,518 Transactions**

This amounts to 75 transactions each business day or 9.4 transactions every hour recorded by the City Clerk. This does not include additional transactions recorded by substitute personnel at the window when the City Clerk is not on duty.

Captain Harold Simmons

Police Captain Simmons has recently graduated from St. Leo University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. This compliments his 3,000 hours of POST Training .He also graduated from the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College and graduated from the FBI National Academy. We congratulate Captain Simmons for this achievement.

Police Presence Reduces Crime

- a) Clayton County has 363 officers and handles 4,266 burglaries per year. That is 11.7 burglaries per officer.
- b) College Park has 129 officers and handles 592 burglaries. That is 4.59 burglaries per officer.
- c) Riverdale has 60 officers to handle 338 burglaries or 5.63 burglaries per officer.
- d) Forest Park has 85 officers and handles 247 burglaries or 2.9 burglaries per officer.
- e) Lake City has 17 officers to handle 23 burglaries or 1.75 burglaries per officer. **..OUR RECORD IS THE BEST!**