



## Lake City News Letter - June 2015

**Special Election.....Congratulations to Lorraine Hoover who was elected to the City Council on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015. Lorraine will be sworn into office during the July 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**



### **Mayor & City Council**

Mayor Oswald, J.B. Sowell, Dwight Ginn, Bobby Williams

### **“Attention Seniors”**

The Mayor and City Council are introducing new programs to be administered by the Police Department. Citizen participation is requested by calling the Police Department if they are interested

**The Lake City Police Department** is looking to provide several programs that will benefit our senior citizens. These programs include; a welfare check program, an inclement or severe weather program, and a medical alert program. These programs will be free of charge.

### **Welfare Check Program**

We will check on you a predetermined number of times during the day or week to ensure that you are well and do not require any type of assistance.

### **Inclement or Severe Weather Program**

This program allows us to identify senior citizens that may use medical equipment requiring power. In the event of prolonged inclement weather or severe weather, we will be able to check on you and have information on your medical equipment.

### **Medical Alert Program**

This program allows first responders to be aware of any medical conditions that you may have and any medications that you are currently taking. This information is invaluable in case you are unresponsive or unconscious.

If you are interested in any or all of these programs please contact the Lake City Police Department at 404-366-8035.

We will get some contact information from you at that time and a meeting will be scheduled for a later date to provide you much more information concerning these programs.

**Lake City Moves Forward with an application for an Opportunity Zone on behalf of its business owners.**

The jurisdictions of Lake City, Forest Park and Morrow banded together approximately two years ago in an unprecedented way to arrest economic decline, and formed what is known as the “Tri City Initiative” with the adoption of an Urban Redevelopment Plan.

“Lake City, Forest Park and Morrow created this consortium because of our common borders, our common demographics and our common desire to align our development objectives and planning goals as one,” said Mayor Oswalt.

Mayor Oswalt, Mayor David Lockhart of Forest Park and Mayor J.B. Burke of Morrow have been enthusiastic supporters of this Tri City Initiative from the beginning. Jeff Turner, Chairman of the Clayton County Commission and State Representative Mike Glanton have also endorsed this effort from its inception.

“Lake City will be presenting its application to the Department of Community Affairs in July for its Opportunity Zone Tax Credit Initiative; upon approval by the DCA our business community can participate in this program,” said City Manager, Joel Lanken.

Mayor Oswalt stated “This effort includes the ongoing collaboration between our City Manager, Joel Lanken with the two neighboring City Managers (Frank Brandon, Forest Park and Sylvia Redic, Morrow) so as to perpetuate the objectives of common ground approaches to advertising, marketing and public relations in securing new enterprises and retaining existing businesses in the community”.

**Mayor Oswalt** appeared before a packed house at the Lake City Elementary school consisting of students, their parents and faculty staff. He made ten kids stand up and then had 6 of them sit down indicating that those now seated represented the number that would not graduate from high school. He told the gathering that Clayton County Public Schools is graduating students on time at a rate far below the state average.

The Georgia Department of Education released the state’s 2013 graduation rates at 71.5. However, the average rate in Clayton County remains far below those averages at 55.8 percent for 2013. Mayor Oswalt emphasized the need for the students to remain in school with the parents insisting that become the case or face the aspect of working a lifetime on poverty wages as a member of the permanent underclass in our society.

The following employees will celebrate their tenure with the City between January and June of this year.

<b>Lt. Sherman Triplett</b>	25 years
<b>Lt. Eddie Robinson</b>	25 years
<b>Corporal Winfred Johnson</b>	20 years
<b>Sgt. Toby Phillips</b>	10 years
<b>Sam Pate</b>	10 years
<b>Corporal Chris Swindell</b>	10 years

**Eleanor Gilbert** with her outstanding background in human resources administration has been hired by the City as an Administrative Assistant and has been appointed to the Urban Redevelopment Agency as a Board Member together with **Ralph McDuffie** and **Carol Rhodenizer** and **Steve Meissen**.