

CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | July 16, 2018

City Hall Closing: Hogansville City Hall will be closed from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 so employees may attend the funeral services for Willie C. "Buster" Ringer, a 10-year veteran Public Works employee for the City of Hogansville. Staff attached a wreath to the grapple truck that "Buster" operated nearly daily serving the Hogansville community he loved so much. We appreciate your patience and care as we go through this difficult time with the loss of our fellow colleague and friend.

Police Body Cams: The Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, has notified the City it has met all special conditions and we can now proceed with implementation of the DOJ Body-Worn Camera Implementation Grant. The Hogansville Police Department is swiftly moving forward with the purchase of the new equipment.

Church Street Erosion: Crawford Grading has agreed to have crews on site to address the Church Street erosion issue in the next two weeks. Crawford Grading plans to haul in material to fill the washout and build up the shoulder to the original grade. The raised shoulders will direct storm water to the drop inlets. During the emergency road repairs, the road shoulder may not have been restored to original grade, allowing storm water to leave the roadway and cause the erosion issue. We have requested Crawford Grading notify the City in advance of remobilizing and to coordinate their schedule with the City's public works staff.

Project Update: The Public Restroom Company has begun construction of the restrooms that will be placed later this year at the Hogansville Amphitheatre (next to the Tower Trail and tennis court adjacent to Hogansville Elementary School) and Lake Jimmy Jackson (off Blue Creek Road). The state-of-the-art, prefabricated public restrooms are fully ADA compliant and will each feature three restroom stalls and a water fountain. The restrooms are expected to be delivered in November 2018 and once here, experienced Public Restroom Company field staff will install the buildings turnkey. The restrooms are being paid for with SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) dollars. City staff is working with contractors to finalize bid documents for the rest of the work that will occur at each site, including extending Tower Trail to the restrooms at the Amphitheatre and site improvements to Lake Jimmy Jackson. The goal is to open Lake Jimmy Jackson for fishing, complete with a beach and boat ramp.

Building Permits: New home construction is happening in Hogansville, with the first of several dozen new single-family homes to be built in the Villages of Huntcliff subdivision along Hogansville Road/U.S. 29. The same developer has already sought and had approved another platted subdivision along East Main Street/Hwy 54 that will eventually bring 100+ new homes to the City of Hogansville.

Business Happenings:

- The former Marathon Food Mart turned Valero at 309 S. US 29 Hwy got a quick facelift last week and didn't skip a beat. Valero is a Top TierTM Detergent Gasoline provider, the premier standard for gasoline performance, endorsed by seven of the world's top automakers. Stop by the intersection of US 29/West Boyd Road and fill er up!
- The building at 102 E. Main Street in historic downtown adjacent to the rail depot -- former home to the Hogansville Cafe & Diner -- is turning back the clock. The new owners have demolished the building's non-historic front porch addition, reviving the building's historic look and expanding the Main Street view -- eastward and westward. The owners will soon return to the Historic Preservation Commission

- with proposed plans for the exposed patio area and building exterior. Can't wait to see what they have in store for the City of Hogansville!
- Congratulations to Hogansville's newest business -- Heavenly Café -- located in the former Piggly
 Wiggly shopping center next to First Franklin and Ginger's. Elected and appointed city officials joined
 owner Chandra Dorsey for today's Grand Opening Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Thanks to all who
 participated! And come on out and enjoy some scrumptious southern food! Video: https://goo.gl/suiedd/
 Photos: https://goo.gl/SUiRT4
- You're Invited! Join the Mayor and Hogansville City Council along with the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce for a Ribbon-Cutting Re-Grand Opening Celebration at 11 am on Tuesday, July 17th @ Roger's B-B-Q

Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel/Meetings

- July 17: Rogers BBQ Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ 11 am
- July 18: Willie C. "Buster" Ringer Funeral @ 11 am Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- July 19: Hogansville Planning & Zoning Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- July 23: Weekly Public Works Supervisors/Administration Staff Meetings
- July 24: Hogansville Downtown Development Authority @ 6:30 pm
- July 30: Weekly Public Works Supervisors/Administration Staff Meetings
- August 1: Crawford & Long to begin 2017 CDBG Project/Waste Water Infrastructure Upgrades
- August 6: Weekly Public Works Supervisors/Administration Staff Meetings

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