

# CITY OF HOGANSVILLE

## CITY MANAGER'S **REPORT**

DATE JULY 30, 2021

#### LETTER TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

"WHEN WE LISTEN AND CELEBRATE WHAT IS BOTH COMMON AND DIFFERENT, WE BECOME WISER, MORE INCLUSIVE, AND BETTER AS AN ORGANIZATION."

-PAT WADORS

Greetings Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

*I am honored to present a summary of the City of Hogansville's monthly administrative activities.* 

We are excited to be making progress on the Amphitheater project, held a successful Town Hall meeting on July 22nd, and have been thrilled to be a part of the grand opening's of the Grand Hotel, Georgia Wholesale, and more. Additionally, we are fortunate to have developers wanting to start subdivisions as well as add on to existing ones, but we are conscious of how we can strategically grow while maintaining Hogansville's small town character and avoiding creating our own 'Bullsboro.'

We have also began taking important steps toward looking at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training programs following an incident at a previous City Council meeting. While we are regretful this incident took place, we are committed to look within Hogansville as an organization and community to identify where and how we can improve. As conversations surrounding diversity dominate national dialogue, it is essential that Hogansville continues to promote awareness and inclusion as an organization and community. We are eager to take these next steps forward with DEI trainings and conversations facilitated by GMA to continue making Hogansville the best community it can be.



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We are eager to be experiencing various accomplishments on city projects.

This month, we witnessed the grand opening's of Georgia Wholesale and the Grand Hotel and chose a firm to begin design and concept planning services on the Amphitheater. We will be holding a design meeting with the selected firm, TSW, on Tuesday, August 17th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is open to the public, and we will be welcoming input for the future vision of the Amphitheater.

The Mayor and Council facilitated a successful Town Hall meeting on July 22nd, and the event had over 25 community residents in attendance. Community residents raised concerns about sidewalks, speeding, and considerations for schools as Hogansville anticipates growth.

In additional fun news and as seen in the picture on the previous page, LED lights were installed around the new City Hall. Drive by at night and check them out-and stay tuned for fun color changes during the holidays!

#### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS & CITY ACCCOMPLISHMENTS



Contract Contraction Data

Originally built in the late 1800's, the Grand Hotel has been completely remodeled and furnished throughout with period antiques.

UPCOMING TRAININGS / MEETINGS / EVENTS



#### JULY 31ST

AUGUST 2ND; 7 PM

#### AUGUST 5TH-10TH

AUGUST 16TH; 7 PM

AUGUST 17TH; 1 PM TO 5 PM

SEPTEMBER 6TH

## **BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### GMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

AMPHITHEATER DESIGN CHARRETTE

> LABOR DAY -CITY CLOSED



July 30. 2021

## **CELEBRATING ONE YEAR:** THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

"NO CITY CAN OPERATE OR GROW WITHOUT AN EFFICIENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. HOGANSVILLE'S NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WAS A MUCH NEEDED PROJECT AND A HUGE WIN FOR THE CITY OF HOGANSVILLE." MARK HAMMOND

A year ago this Sunday on August 1st, operations began at the City of Hogansville's New Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant more than doubled Hogansville's existing treatment capacity, bringing the City's treatment system into compliance and preparing Hogansville for future expansion. The wastewater treatment plant can process up to 1.5 million gallons of wastewater per day and has effectively turned former problems into opportunities for growth. Currently, we are only utilizing about 400,000 gallons a day-leaving the city with over a million gallons a day for anticipated growth.

The new plant is performing very well and meeting all state permit requirements. The completion of the new wastewater treatment plant was a project that took over 10 years to complete; the old plant got to the point where something needed to be done, so we got it done. "If we hadn't done that, the city wouldn't have made it," says Mark.

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## AMPHITHEATER DESIGN CHARRETTE



WHAT IS A DESIGN CHARRETTE? Tuesday August 17th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join us at City Hall: 111 High Street

A design charrette is an interactive workshop where Hogansville residents have an opportunity to collaborate with the consultant team, TSW, to develop a long term vision for the Amphitheater project.

