

STOCKBRIDGE RECOGNIZED BY GEORGIA STATE SENATE



The City of Stockbridge was recognized with an official resolution by the Georgia State Senate on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta. The Stockbridge Mayor and City Council were in attendance for the special recognition which acknowledged the city's mission to be the most progressive and family orientated community in metropolitan Atlanta.

The resolution states that the members of the Georgia State Senate pay honor to Stockbridge and celebrate the city's heritage. Stockbridge community members joined the Mayor and City Council for Stockbridge Day at the State Capitol which included group comments led by Senators Emanuel Jones and Brian Strickland prior to the official resolution presentation on the Senate Floor.

"We are so grateful for this recognition," said Stockbridge Mayor Anthony S. Ford. "We wouldn't be where we are today without the support of our staff and citizens. They have been so supportive of our mission and we are forever thankful. This recognition is dedicated to the great people of Stockbridge. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. We have so much more in store for you. We will celebrate our centennial in 2020 and we invite everyone out to join us in recognizing the historical birthday."

STOCKBRIDGE RECEIVES PERSEVERANCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Stockbridge Mayor and City Council received the distinguished Perseverance in Leadership Award at the 17th Annual South Metro Development Outlook Conference on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Georgia International Convention Center. Members of the Stockbridge City Council were present to receive the inaugural award. The award was given to Stockbridge for its exemplary leadership and perseverance

demonstrated during an involuntary de-annexation attempt in 2018. Attendees at the annual conference included elected officials, business owners and economic development professionals.

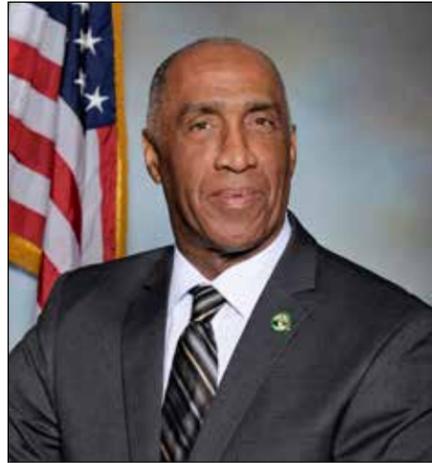
"We are so thankful for this special honor," said Stockbridge Mayor Anthony S. Ford. "We have some amazing citizens who truly care about our city. Our future looks stronger than ever. The elected leadership, staff and citizens all make up one dynamic team committed to the success of Stockbridge. We appreciate the recognition from the team at the South Metro Development Outlook Conference. This award is dedicated to the people who believe in Stockbridge."



The South Metro Development Outlook Conference was established in 2003 as a strategic stage to convene elected officials, industry professionals, business owners and the community to examine the South Metro region's growth and opportunities. It has emerged as the largest development conference of its kind in the south metropolitan Atlanta region.

Mayor's Comments

ANTHONY S. FORD



Citizens, the 2018 year is truly one for the history books. An extremely historical year and without the faith, hard work and perseverance of you citizens, we would not have made it through successfully.

In February, the elected officials along with several city Staff members attended the 17th Annual South Metro Development Outlook Conference (SMDO) to receive an award given for the first time, "Perseverance In Leadership Award". This was awarded to the city for our successful efforts of saving our city and defeating involuntary de-annexation efforts that would have split our community into two separate distinct cities.

I truly believe that teamwork is our primary key to success in moving the city forward toward a very bright future in route to making Stockbridge even greater than it is

today. In my initial acceptance statement, I spoke about team effort and team work of the city officials and city staff, but mentioned the real heroes are the citizens that voted to save the city of Stockbridge and not split our community. These are the same citizens that did all the heavy lifting/hard work knocking on doors, holding signs, passing out literature of factual information etc. They were the "foot soldiers" on a mission. There were ballot committees out in the community engaging citizens with factual information ("Citizens To Keep Stockbridge Together" and "Coalition To Keep Stockbridge Together"). There were also "Citizens Behind the Gate" that just wanted to convey the truth behind the entire de-annexation issue and, indicated that it just was not feasible financially to split the city. Thank you once again for your efforts to save our city."

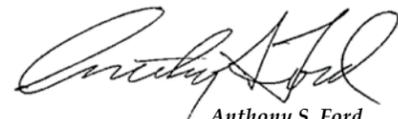
The Henry County Legislative Delegation led by our two State Senators Emanuel Jones and Brian Strickland have come together to assist us in the healing process for the city of Stockbridge as well as Henry County. I, the City Council and staff join in those efforts to mend our community to ensure we collectively have a very bright future, because we are truly better together.

We have taken several proactive actions to assist in moving the city into the future which includes our own 20 year Comprehensive Plan that citizens assisted in developing. This particular plan will assist us in how we expand the population, grow economically and what we want our community to look like in the next two decades. We have also developed a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for

community based projects and civic projects such as a 3,200 seat state of the art amphitheater, which we will break ground soon; an informational city monument sign strategically installed for maximum exposure, a Cultural Arts Center and expansion of our Public Works Facility to name just a few. Stockbridge will celebrate our Centennial (100 years of cityhood) in 2020. The city of Stockbridge continues to strive to be the most progressive business and family-oriented community in metropolitan Atlanta with a strong focus on enhanced quality of life which promotes a sustainable "Live, Work, Play" environment. We had 214 new businesses started in 2018 and we project that so many more will open for business in 2019. The City of Stockbridge believes that our citizens are the most valuable asset.

Mayor and City Council, are elected by you and work for you the citizens; so we must at all times have a listening ear to what is on your mind and what you would like to see happen with our community. The Mayor and City Council, with total support of the city staff, must work as one team, in lock step whereas we are all moving out together, simultaneously, to accomplish the same goals for our citizens. Teamwork is the ultimate key to our success to move the city forward to a very bright future. Please keep the faith that we will do the best for our citizens.

May God Bless us all.



Anthony S. Ford
Mayor, City of Stockbridge

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Randy Knighton, *City of Stockbridge Manager*

The city of Stockbridge continues to move forward in 2019. Currently, the city is undergoing a \$4.5 million dollar sewer plant upgrade that will service the city for the foreseeable future. In addition, the city is planning the imminent construction of a new public works facility which is a fulfillment of a SPLOST IV project. Also, the city has recently completed a renovation of the Municipal Court complex. The renovation allows for the city to maintain a one-stop shop for building

and permitting. This renovation allows us to serve our citizens in the business and development community in a much more efficient manner. The economy in Stockbridge is robust with several commercial projects underway as well as a couple of hotels currently under construction. Please stay connected to us, we look forward to serving you as the city progresses thru 2019. It is our goal to improve our service to you each day as we work collaboratively in advancing the City forward.



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cityofstockbridge.com

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John Blount, Mayor Pro Tem

LaKeisha Gantt, Esq., Councilwoman

Neat Robinson, Councilwoman

Alphonso Thomas, Councilman

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City Hall 770-389-7900

Utility Billing 770-389-7901

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Purchasing 678-833-3322

Occupational Tax 678-833-3302

Main Street 678-833-3306

Municipal Court 770-389-7906

Public Works 770-474-0972

Water and Sewer 770-474-1232

Merle Manders Conference

Center & Ted Strickland

Community Center 770-389-5982

Parks 770-389-7900

Waste Industries 770-474-9273

Trash Collection 678-833-3305

Problems with Trash Collection . . 678-833-3305



City Hall E-Notifications
cityofstockbridge.com/notify.aspx



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COUNCIL COMMENTS



Councilman Elton Alexander

In the last three years the standards in Stockbridge have been raised to best in class! Fiber optic gigabit internet technology is now available, a 50% brick requirement is in place for new businesses, recycling is available, our roadways are now the best in Henry County, and we even added a street sweeper. We banned pawnshops, check cashing stores, and low-end businesses that are saturating our community because we deserve better. Our new 3000 seat Amphitheater will start construction soon raising the bar for venues in Georgia. We also set a new standard for honoring women at our 4th Annual Visionary Women's History Month Honors adding a brunch celebrating 21 exceptional women including Judge Holly Veal, Judge Pandora Palmer, and Pilot First Lt. Andrea Lewis. New businesses are flocking to our city at a record pace. We need your support to add a Youth Center in 2019 for our children. Thank you for allowing me to serve Stockbridge, our time is now!



Mayor Pro Tem John Blount

It has been a blessing to live and serve in our community. As we move forward to breaking ground on the city's state of the art amphitheater while working towards building a cultural Arts Center and building our down town, staying connected to the needs of all citizens has been my number one priority. I will continue to push for the need of a senior and youth center to facilitate the needs of so many citizens. It has been very rewarding working with our schools and speaking with our students to help ensure that they are reaching the heights of their abilities. Serving as your council member and Mayor Pro Tem, has given me the ability to connect people and communities in a way that has brought about a more engaged community.



Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt Esq.

Hello Citizens of Stockbridge. I am honored to continue to serve you! This year has started off with some great and exciting new ventures for Stockbridge, and we are truly working on fulfilling our new Brand "Stockbridge where Community Connects". This year I have started a new initiative entitled "Welcoming Stockbridge Roundtable". Our goal is to focus on making sure that Stockbridge is 100 percent inclusive of all race, nationalities and religious background. We will focus celebrating and acknowledging the diversity around our city. We have also made some great strides in the development of our downtown and look forward to the State of the Art amphitheater that is on its way. New amenities bring about development. I would like to Thank you for your continued support and prayers. My door is always open.



Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Citizens of Stockbridge, as the year is off to a wonderful start, I encourage each of you to get engaged and stay engaged with your city. We are moving ahead to make Stockbridge the best live, work, play community in the southern region of metro Atlanta. As your elected official, I am committed to serving the people. I am available to you and for you as we work together to better our community. In the upcoming months, I will be hosting several events for the citizens. I held the Annual Unity in the Community Basketball game in April and Women in Business Brunch happening soon. The City of Stockbridge Youth Council hosted a successful GMA Youth Symposium in March. It was the first ever in our region. I am excited about the future of the City of Stockbridge and moving forward.



Councilman Alphonso Thomas

In 2018, the City of Stockbridge withstood its greatest challenge, defeating an unprecedented attempt to divide the City. As the City Council closes out the first quarter of 2019, the City faces another challenge of winning the future. We now look ahead to realize the City's vision of a vibrant city and a renaissance of a healthy and robust downtown which is vital for the economy of Stockbridge. Downtown is the heartbeat of the City- the pulse of the economy and a barometer of our quality of life. "The Renaissance Strategic Visioning & Planning (RSVP) program," which is a diagram that guides downtown (future) improvements and investments. The RSVP provides an extensive look at how the downtown should evolve. Making downtown an attractive place to live, work and visit. The City of Stockbridge is positioned to create an investment in the arts with the proposed Carrie Mae Hambrick Cultural Arts and Enrichment Center, using the arts as a lever to increase visitors, attract residents, business, create jobs and increase local tax revenues. The investment in the arts will be used as part of a local economic development strategy. Stockbridge also expects to break ground on a 3,200 seat amphitheater making downtown an ideal destination point.

STOCKBRIDGE CITIZENS ACADEMY



2019 Applications are now being accepted for the first 20 interested Stockbridge residents or business owners

who want to participate in an opportunity to learn more about the City and how it operates. Please visit the city's website for registration: cityofstockbridge.com

WE WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW BUSINESSES TO STOCKBRIDGE

AASA USA, LLC	Jtinkumar K. Patel
Amanda Lowe	& Heer Limbachiya
Bobby Johnson	Kelli Bryant
Charles Agustinvil	Marques Stroud
Christina King	Nadine McLean
Cindy Hardy	Nakeshia Williams
De'Shawn T. Glenn	Narender Sing
Donnell Barnes	Orlando Smith
Harmon Strange	Roudy LaLanne
Island Girl, LLC	Photography
Ja'net Lovelace	Screen World
Jonathan Proctor	Trinity Printing Solutions
Joshua Pope	Z Line Transports

Stockbridge is Sizzlin' Hot All Summer

2019

Stockbridge
Where Community Connects

AT&T

State Farm
INSURANCE



Every Tuesday
May 7th thru July 30th, 2019

5:30pm - 9:00pm

Excluding Holiday Tuesday:

May 28th, 2019

Location: Clark Park

111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, Ga. 30281
Next To Merle Manders Conference Center



Sounds of Summer

FREE Concerts Featuring Georgia's Best Local Talent

Saturday, June 15th, 2019 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, July 20th, 2019 6:00pm - 9:30pm

For Registration, Vendor/Sponsorship or additional information please visit:
www.cityofstockbridge.com



NEW LOGO!

Randy Knighton, City of Manager presents the new logo design for Stockbridge.



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CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

FOOD TASTY TUESDAYS TRUCKS

at&t
State Farm

CLARK PARK - 111 DAVIS RD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA

5:30pm - 9:00pm
(EXCEPT TUESDAY MAY 27TH)

tastytuesdays@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
WWW.CITYOFSTOCKBRIDGE.COM

FREE

2019 Summer Movie Event

JUNE 8

Rated PG INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

FAMILY FUN STARTS AT 9:00 PM

MOVIE STARTS AT DARK
(Bring your own blanket or lawn chair for seating.)

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Movie shown on the lawn beside Stockbridge City hall.
(4640 N. Henry Blvd.— in Historic Downtown Stockbridge)

MAIN STREET
Info: CITYOFSTOCKBRIDGE.COM

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SINKHOLES

One of the most common places for sinkholes to appear is around stormwater drains. Stormwater drains can be called catch basins, drop inlets, curb inlets and various other things depending on where you live. However, they all serve the same purpose—to collect surface stormwater runoff and divert it to pipes underground. We perform sinkhole repair on all types of stormwater structures.

The most common cause of sinkholes around stormwater drains is leaks in the structure. Usually the leaks develop over time as a result of deterioration of the materials used to seal the joints between pipes coming in and out of the structure and the structure itself.

Some other causes of leaks in the drain structures that cause sinkholes is settlement of the adjacent soils. If the ground the drain was built on sinks, it can cause the drain structure to shift. This shifting can cause joints to break and cracks to form in the structure, most commonly around pipes. Water can seep through the soil and flow into the opening in the joint and suck the dirt into the structure washing it away over time. The amount of time it takes a leak in a structure to turn into a sinkhole depends on a few things. The volume of water that flows through or into a drain is key. Some structures can have very large potential leaks. However, if very little water ever passes through them, the openings in the structure don't cause sinkholes.

If you come across a sinkhole, use a probe to investigate the hole. How deep is it? How wide is it? Is there a solid floor? Be very careful when examining or working in sinkholes. Collapse of the sinkhole walls can lead to injury or death. Never enter a sinkhole that is deeper than chest height. The deeper the hole and the steeper the walls are, the greater the danger of collapse.

If you are at all concerned about a sinkhole in your yard contact the Stormwater Complaint Hotline at 678-833-3305. You can also visit our website and report any complaints on SeeClickFix in the link on the website www.cityofstockbridge.com/stormwater.

Employees' Corner

WELCOME NEW CITY STAFF!



Monique Holloman
Administrative Assistant



John Wiggins
Treasurer



Gary Smith
Facilities Maintenance Supervisor



Lindell Miller
Purchasing Supervisor



Chantal Burnett
Code Enforcement



Linda Logan
Senior Planner



Christine Chavis
Building Permits Coordinator



Donnie Mullis
Water Superintendent

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Shannon Maddox has completed the first level of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement Level 1 Certification. This is a note-worthy accomplishment that brings credit to our city and shows his commitment to professional standards for enforcement of environmental, housing and land use codes in Georgia.



WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Greenway – 10 years
Uneeda Smith-Sellers – 5 years

RANDI RAINEY ACHIEVES CLERK'S CERTIFICATION



Randi Rainey has completed the Georgia Clerk's Education Institute and achieved her Clerk's Certification. This is a great accomplishment which enables Ms. Rainey to introduce new methods and approaches to become more efficient and effective in her job, increases her managerial competence in the role of municipal clerk, meet new challenges and demands placed on local government and creates the opportunity to further her professional development to gain the recognition in her field.

HENRY COUNTY DANCING WITH THE STARS WINNER SHANA THORNTON



Shana Thornton, the Public Information Officer, won the inaugural Henry County Dancing with the Stars Competition held on February 9th in Locust Grove, Georgia. The event was hosted by Prevent Henry Child Abuse, which works to provide education, awareness and prevention of child abuse. Shana and her dance partner took home the Mirrorball Champion Trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Kim Barnet, Uneeda Smith Sellers, Rashonda Favors and Kim Moye - These employees participated in the 4th annual Cupcake RUN/ Walk Celebrating Girls, Friends and Families on March 24, 2019. The Cupcake RUN! Is a celebratory event which aims to address barrier to obesity with a family and community approach to fitness that creates opportunities to exercise safely and consistently. Congratulations to Uneeda, Kim, Kim and Rashonda for taking health and wellness a notch higher!

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Infrastructure investment is critical to a city's continued economic success. Cities must expand and modernize its infrastructure across various sectors to help ensure they continue to provide businesses, both large and small, an environment where they can successfully grow and operate. Research has shown that well designed investments in infrastructure can increase long-term economic growth, productivity and land values, while also providing significant positive spillovers to areas such as economic development, energy efficiency, public health and manufacturing. Improving infrastructure will not only create economic opportunity for residents, but also improve their fundamental quality of life.

The City of Stockbridge is committed to ensuring that its infrastructure remains viable and sustainable and has embarked on a comprehensive plan to upgrade its facilities and infrastructure to meet future needs and since January 2017 has invested over \$7,342,085.00 in its facilities and infrastructure with another \$11,179,388.00 in projects currently in progress.

Project	Division	Cost
Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Phase I and II Improvements	Wastewater	\$4,710,691.00
Public Works Administrative Building	Government Buildings	\$3,000,000.00
2019 LMIG	Public Works	\$1,079,520.00
City Hall, MMCC and Municipal Court		
HVAC Improvements	Government Buildings	\$997,681.00
Davis Road Sidewalk Phase I	Public Works	\$725,800.00
Central Line Water Main Replacement	Water	\$327,717.00
Smith-Barnes Basin Sewer Rehab Phase I	Wastewater	\$200,000.00
Memorial Park Poured in Place		
Rubberized Surface	Parks	\$80,570.00
Gardner Park Poured in Place		
Rubberized Surface	Parks	\$57,679.00
Total		\$11,179,388.00

Completed Public Works Projects

Division	Cost
Public Works	\$2,824,400.00
Water	\$1,763,413.00
Wastewater	\$1,037,306.00
Parks	\$773,283.00
Stormwater	\$607,178.00
Government Buildings.	\$336,505.00
Total	\$7,342,085.00

PUBLIC WORKS

On March 4, 2019, the Department of Public Works switched over to the Dude Solutions work order system. The work order system will move the City and Public Works team to a digital database instead of paper and/or email records. This will ensure accurate records regarding material and labor costs for all activities and provide the necessary data for critical decisions regarding capital needs and infrastructure replacement.

Dude Solutions will allow Public Works to receive and assign work requests, schedule and manage maintenance for staff and vendors, automatically record labor and purchase transactions and access

all data via built-in performance reports. The Dude Solutions work order system will allow for the following:

Benefits:

- Convenience - Access your work order data online anytime, anywhere, from any computer
- Productivity - Reduce data entry and phone calls for work requests
- Reporting - Generate simple yet detailed reports on work order status, costs and more
- Customer Satisfaction -Automated communication keeps customers in the loop

Features:

- Enables requesters to submit and track the status of work requests online
- Unlimited users
- Automatically notifies requesters of updates via e-mail
- Automates daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reports
- Allows staff to receive and complete work orders online
- Associates budget codes, projects and equipment with work orders
- Includes interactive calendar for allocating resources and scheduling
- Automatically routes work requests based on your specific business processes

Clerk's Corner

To better inform the citizens of Stockbridge, this section contains information on Resolutions and/or Ordinances recently adopted by the City Council along with other news and information of the City.

OR18 – 475 The City Council passed an Ordinance (Section. 12.12.020 of the Stockbridge Municipal Code) Regulation of On-Street Parking. Warning notices will be issued for a short time (approximately 60 days) prior to citations being issued. For more information, please click on the Community Development tab @ www.cityofstockbridge.com

OR19 – 477 The City Council recently approved an Ordinance to bring Fire Marshal services for the Building Department in-house effective April 9, 2019. For more information contact the City's Building Dept. @ 678-833-3329

OR19 – 480 The City Council recently amended the Ordinance relating to Impact Fees for new developments in the City. Please visit our website for the current Fee Schedule under Community Development.

OR19 – 481 The City Council recently approved an Ordinance requiring all Homeowner and Neighborhood Property Associations to register with the City. On-line Registration is available under the Community Development tab on the city's website.

R19 – 1037 The City Council recently amended the 2019 Meeting Schedule for the Planning Commission to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Henry County Transit is Available! Need a ride to Medical and Dental Appointments, The Hospital (non-emergency), Pharmacies, Shopping Centers, Banks, Grocery Stores, Social Outings and Many Other Places? Ages 60 and older \$2, Under 60 years of age \$4. Please contact the Henry County Transit Officer for more information: (770) 288-RIDE (7433)

Report an Issue using the City's SeeClickFix App. Please visit our website: www.cityofstockbridge.com for details.

CodeRED has been a huge success here in Stockbridge. If you would like to receive weather alerts and notifications sent to you via text and/or email, please sign up by visiting our website at www.cityofstockbridge.com and click on the CodeRED – It's just that easy!

Calling all volunteers, we need your help! Please contact our Events Team @ 770-389-5982 or email us @ events@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov for more information. Those who can do. Those who can do more, volunteer. Thank you!

Have you signed up for Online Bill Pay or Recurring Auto Draft Payments to pay your water bill? Forms are available online under the Water Dept. or please give us a call @ 770-389-7901 for assistance and further information on how to sign up

Stay in touch with city news by signing up for E-notifications. The City of Stockbridge's website: www.cityofstockbridge.com is a great source for news and information for residents and businesses. Sign up to receive information through email by signing up for E-Notifications @ www.cityofstockbridge.com: click on Get E-notifications and enter your name and email address, then select the categories. It's just that easy!

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STOCKBRIDGE CITY CALENDAR

All meetings are held at City Hall unless noted otherwise. Please check with City Hall at 678-833-3303 as meeting dates and times are subject to change. Council meeting agendas and minutes are available at www.cityofstockbridge.com

6/10	Council Meeting	6:00pm
6/14	Main Street Advisory	9:00am
6/17	DDA Meeting	6:00pm
6/26	Work Session	6:00pm
6/27	Planning Commission	7:00pm
7/8	Council Meeting	6:00pm
7/12	Main Street Advisory	9:00am
7/15	DDA meeting	6:00pm
7/25	Planning Commission	7:00pm
7/30	Work Session	6:00pm
8/12	Council Meeting	6:00pm
8/27	Work Session	4:00pm

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Thank you!



STOCKBRIDGE YOUTH COUNCIL HOSTS STATE YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

The Stockbridge Youth Council recently hosted the 2019 Georgia Municipal Association's Youth Council Symposium on March 22-24, 2019 at the Merle Manders Conference Center in Stockbridge. Teens from various cities throughout Georgia attended the state symposium, a first ever partnership between the Stockbridge Youth Council and the Georgia Municipal Association. The youth attendees participated in educational group activities, presentations and discussions focusing on leadership and local government.

Congratulations to Jayden Willims our Symposium Logo design Winner.

"Our youth are vital to the future and the conference demonstrated our commitment to pour into each of them," said Councilwoman Neat Robinson, City Council Liaison for the Stockbridge Youth Council. "We encouraged them to share ideas and thoughts about their vision for local government. I am excited to know that our youth have a strong interest in both leadership and government." "The experience was amazing," said 16-year-old Destiny Flanigan, Vice Chairperson of the Stockbridge Youth Council. "We gained additional insight on local government. I plan to use my experience in the near future."