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Notice of a Special Election for Mayor



Stockbridge
Thurs, Oct. 20, 2016
7:00 pm
Merle Manders Conference Center
111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281

Candidates
FORUM

Mayoral Candidates:

- Partha Chakraborty
- Regina Lewis-Ward
- Judy Neal
- Alphonso Thomas

VOTE 2016

Moderated by Local Journalists Audience Q & A Free Event

The City of Stockbridge will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, November 8th, for the purpose of electing a Mayor to fill the remainder of the four-year vacated term that ends 12/31/2017.

For more information about voting and locations, see page 6. To learn more about the candidates for Mayor, please plan to attend the Candidates Forum on October 20th.

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Mayor and Council

Anthony Ford, Mayor Pro Tem
Elton Alexander, Councilman
John Blount, Councilman
LaKeisha Gantt, Esq., Councilwoman
Neat Robinson, Councilwoman

Administration

Michael Harris, City Manager
Anita Gunnoe, Clerk of Court
Dale Hall, Admin & Community Svcs Director
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Diane Ide, Exec Asst to the City Manager/Editor
Linda Nabers, Treasurer
DaVida Robinson, Exec. Asst. to Mayor & Council
Renee Wheeler, HR Manager

Frequently Dialed

Utility Billing..... 770-389-7901
Code Enforcement 770-389-7900
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 & Sewer..... 770-474-1232
Merle Manders Conference Center,
Ted Strickland Community Center, Parks
..... 770-389-5982



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.

September 24 12:00-3:00 pm BridgeFest / HispaniFest	November 11 Veterans Day Parade & Luncheon	December 9 6:00 pm Council Meeting
September 27 6:00 pm Council Work Session	November 14 6:00 pm Council Meeting	December 27 6:00 pm Council Work Session
October 10 6:00 pm Council Meeting	November 29 6:00 pm Council Work Session	
October 25 6:00 pm Council Work Session	December 1 Holiday Festival	

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Mayor Pro Tem's Message



As I reflect over the City of Stockbridge's busy and exciting Summer season; it's easy to see that a tremendous amount of successful activities and projects occurred.

In an effort to improve the quality of life of our citizens, the City Council sponsored for the first time, a weekly "Tasty Tuesday" Food Truck community event complete with vendors, music and activities for the children. This event proved popular with the community due to a turnout of approximately 800+ citizens in attendance most weeks. Your participation is an indication this event was viewed as a worthwhile opportunity to connect our community as people gathered on the City Hall lawn to share a meal, visit with family and friends, dance, sing and enjoy the outdoors in downtown Stockbridge.

The City Council also sponsored three "Sounds of Summer" concerts featuring nine different musical acts, while our Main Street Board sponsored three summer movie nights, which provided fun-filled family-friendly downtown outings.

We continue to work with Waste Industries to refine our sanitation services, improve our pickup and response time to residents; while greatly reducing the number of resident service calls. The City Council continually conducts "Ribbon Cuttings" which is extremely important

by introducing new businesses, new ventures or even the completion of new projects for our citizens. Recent City Council ribbon cuttings took place for the inclusive playground equipment installed at Memorial Park and the completion of sidewalks along South Berry Street. Both of these projects were complete using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The City Council believes that education is at least one of the keys to success, leading them to take the initiative to fund the re-opening of Cochran Library on Saturday afternoons from 1 PM to 5 PM from August 6 through December 31. Once again, the Cochran Library is available on Saturdays for Stockbridge families and students. We also assisted Stockbridge children in preparing for their return to school by providing over 950 backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies at the back to school kick-off.

The City Council has recently appointed our first official City Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Terrance J. Gattis, who is available to assist the City Council and City staff in times of need or to provide spiritual guidance. The City Council is looking forward to obtaining bids to tear down our current Multi-Plex building, known as the Carrie Mae Hambrick Cultural Arts and Enrichment Center. We are looking to redesign and build a new state-of-the-art, high-tech building that would accommodate the needs of our citizens in the future.

We continue to make progress on the Jodeco Road-Atlanta
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2017 City of Stockbridge Park Pavilion and Gazebo Rental Fees

Summer Months – April thru September For Park Pavilion Rentals			
Renter	Time	Half Day	Full Day
City Resident	8 am – 2 pm 4 pm - dusk	\$75	\$100
Non-City Resident	8 am - 2 pm 4 pm - dusk	\$100	\$150

Summer Months – April thru September For Gazebo Rentals			
Renter	Time	Half Day	Full Day
City Resident	8 am – 2 pm 4 pm - dusk	\$60	\$75
Non-City Resident	8 am - 2 pm 4 pm - dusk	\$75	\$100

Winter Months – October thru March For Park Pavilion Rentals			
Renter	Time	Half Day	Full Day
City Resident	8 am - dusk	n/a	\$100
Non-City Resident	8 am - dusk	n/a	\$150

Winter Months – October thru March For Gazebo Rental			
Renter	Time	Half Day	Full Day
City Resident	8 am - dusk	n/a	\$75
Non-City Resident	8 am - dusk	n/a	\$100

Please note that these rates go into effect January 1, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem cont'd

South Development Project and look forward to soon announcing a groundbreaking ceremony. We also have plans to redevelop our downtown area, increase tourism and attract new businesses. We are working on a project to build a new Public Works facility that will accommodate our staff and equipment that supports our maintenance efforts throughout the City. The Carl Vinson Institute is currently conducting a feasibility study to determine the risks, benefits, costs and staffing needed to establish a Stockbridge City Police Department. We are working on a project to implement automated water meters for City-supplied water customers and we continue to do paving throughout the City using GDOT's Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) and SPLOST funds.

We will have a Special Election in November to elect a Mayor to complete the remaining unexpired term of our previous Mayor. We encourage all Stockbridge residents to register to vote and participate in determining the individual who will fill this important position for the next year.

I look forward to continually and successfully working with the City Council and listening to the citizens as we move the City of Stockbridge onward and upward to become the best City for our citizens and collective community. May God continue to bless the citizens of Stockbridge.

Sincerely,



Anthony S. Ford
Mayor Pro Tem - City of Stockbridge

Changes to Sanitation Schedule for Upcoming Holidays

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24, 2016

Thursday and Friday services will be delayed by one day:
Thursday's route will run on Friday
Friday's route will run on Saturday

Christmas – Sunday, December 25, 2016

All collection is normal for all customers since the holiday falls on a Sunday.

New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1, 2017

All collection is normal for all customers since the holiday falls on a Sunday.

For additional questions regarding the Holiday pickup schedule, please contact Waste Industries at 770-474-9273.



Councilman Elton Alexander

Economic development arrives in Stockbridge with Jodeco Atlanta South's mixed use development bringing in 2,200 new jobs with upscale shopping and restaurants! Our Cochran library is now open every Saturday from 1-5 pm, and Stockbridge streets now look better than ever -- all reasons to be proud. We are stronger together, thank you for allowing me to serve our great city.



Councilman John Blount

Citizens,

Keep doing what you're doing by being active in our community and letting us know your concerns. I am deeply humbled by the participation from our State Representatives, local clergy, public safety, and citizens during the One Nation Civil Rights symposium. Everyone's voices were heard and the actions we all want to see take place begins NOW. I am also greatly appreciative of the Back to School Kick-Off's success- thanks to all of the local businesses, organizations, citizens, & volunteers who sponsored/donated towards the event. Stay tuned for more great things to happen right here in Stockbridge.

Sincerely,

Councilman John Blount



Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt

Stockbridge,

If it's not our Food Truck Tasty Tuesday, or our Sounds of Summer concert series, the continued support from everyone has definitely made a great mark in our community! As we wrap up our Food Truck Tasty Tuesday season, we still have a few more fun theme nights for everyone to attend. Also, if you missed the last Walk, Talk, Love Stockbridge at Brentwood Park home subdivision, don't forget to attend the next one at a neighborhood near you soon. As always, it is a pleasure being in service for our citizens- I LOVE STOCKBRIDGE!

Sincerely,

Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt



Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Dear Citizens,

The community participation and feedback this summer has been outstanding! From having our local clergy and public safety participate in hearing the citizens' concerns at the Stockbridge Community Collaboration for Peace forum, having community business partnership to provide information at the Women's Health Talk and at the 2016 Housing Forum, Stockbridge is well on its way to becoming a better informed city. As always, UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY!

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Election Information

The City of Stockbridge will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, November 8th, for the purpose of electing a Mayor to fill the remainder of the four-year vacated term that ends 12/31/2017.

Voter Registration forms are available at Stockbridge City Hall, through the Henry County Board of Elections and Registration, or through the Georgia Secretary of State. You can also pick up a form at your public library, Tag Office, or when you get your driver's license. It is important to check your registration status if you have not voted within the last 5 years. To verify your voter registration status visit: <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/>

To Register to vote:

<http://www.co.henry.ga.us/Registrars/VoterRegistration.shtml>

Staff from the Henry County Elections Office will be on-site at Stockbridge City Hall on Monday, September 19, from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm and again on Wednesday, September 21, from noon till 4:00 pm to register voters. **The last day to register to vote in the November 8th election is Tuesday, October 11th.**

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots (Ballot my Mail) will be mailed out 22 days prior to the Municipal Election. No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the registrars on the day of the election, but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

Applications may be made by mail, fax or in person to: Henry County Board of Elections and Registration, 40 Atlanta Street McDonough, GA 30253, Telephone: (770) 288-6448, Fax: (770) 288-6468. To request an absentee ballot visit:

<http://www.co.henry.ga.us/Registrars/AbsenteeVoting.shtm>



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Notice of Early Voting for the November 8, 2016 General Election/ Special Elections

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Henry County that early voting for the November 8, 2016 General Election/Special Elections will begin October 17, 2016 at the following locations and times:

Elections & Voter Registration Main Office: 40 Atlanta St., McDonough

October 17th – 21st	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 22nd	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 24th – 28th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
October 29th	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 30th	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
October 31st – November 4th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Merle Manders Conference Center: 111 Davis Rd., Stockbridge

October 24th – 28th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
October 29th	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 30th	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
October 31st – November 4th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

There will be NO VOTING at the Merle Manders Conference Center on Election Day, November 8, 2016. Voting will take place at your local Precinct.

Fairview Library: 28 Austin Rd., Stockbridge

October 31st – November 4th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
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Fortson (Hampton) Library: 61 McDonough St., Hampton

October 31st – November 4th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
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Locust Grove Library: 115 Martin Luther King Blvd., Locust Grove

October 31st – November 4th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
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Polls will be open Election Day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

For further information or to request an absentee ballot, contact City Hall at 770-389-7900 or the Henry County Elections Office at 770-288-6448.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, September 24th

12:00 - 8:00 pm

Festival Fun Day w/ unique craft vendors, food trucks, children's area, entertainment, and more.
New this year: HispaniFest - A cultural celebration!

Live Performances By:

**The Breeze Kings, Jeff Sparks
The Vintage Vixens, Hero The Band
Trenton Ewing, The 911 Band
Casuell & The Soul Kitchen Band
And more.....**

VETERANS DAY PARADE

November 11th

**Stockbridge honors and celebrates
our armed forces!**



Thursday, December 1st

FREE Community Event!

Stockbridge's Annual Holiday Festival
Santa & Mrs. Claus, live reindeer,
the tallest elf in the world, holiday train, entertainment,
refreshments, Santa's workshop (children's area), & more!

**MARK THIS ON YOUR
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For more information on City events, please visit www.cityofstockbridge.com or call (770) 389-7900.

Congratulations to:

Merle Manders, former City Clerk for 35 years, who was awarded the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lifetime Service Award in recognition of her long history of devoted service to the City of Stockbridge on July 11th by GMA Executive Director, Lamar Norton. Friends and family honored Merle with a reception following the Council Meeting.



City of Stockbridge Water Department staff: Jesus Hernandez, Rex Hill, Chad Hitzeman and Michael Robinson, led by Jeff Bledsoe. The team received the Georgia Association of Water Professionals Gold Award for maintaining 100% compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act at the June 13th City Council Meeting from Mr. Ernest Earn, VP of GAWP.



Uneeda Smith-Sellers, Stockbridge Occupational Tax Clerk, who received a commendation from McDonough's Occupational Tax Clerk, Joani Clemons, for her knowledge, friendly collaboration and professionalism.

Congratulations to the following City Employees Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2016



Tommy Mosley
25 years



Chris Burdett
15 years

Welcome to the following new hires:

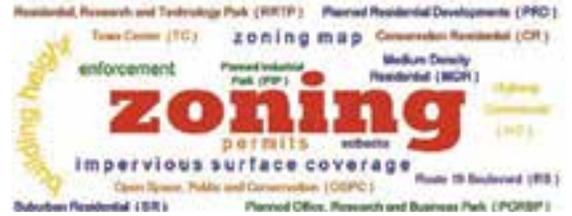
Carlos Collins, Water Systems Technician
Lisa Fared-Muhammad – Main Str. Prog. Assist.
Shannon Maddox, Public Works Technician
George McLean, Water Systems Technician
Donald Riley, CPPB, Procurement Specialist

Zoning Advisory Board

Apply for Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board

Get Involved with City Decision-Making on zoning matters – the City of Stockbridge is receiving applications for five qualified people who will be appointed by City Council to the Zoning Advisory Board. To learn more about qualifications and to apply, visit

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Ribbon Cutting

Using funds awarded under Georgia's Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the City of Stockbridge put in sidewalks along South Berry Street and added inclusive playground equipment at Memorial Park that enables children with disabilities to have a place to play. Both projects were initiated by the 2015 Council with then-Councilman Alphonso Thomas spearheading the sidewalk project and then-Councilwoman Regina Lewis Ward championing the inclusive playground.



2015 & 2016 Council members came together to participate in the ribbon cutting for the inclusive playground at Memorial Park as well as the South Berry Street sidewalks on July 20th, signifying the completion of these two projects.



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Stockbridge Main Street Program
&
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Meet and Greet

Thursday, September 29, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Merle Manders Conference Center
111 Davis Road - Downtown Stockbridge

Join the Stockbridge Main Street Advisory Board and the DDA Board for informative program updates.

Please send your R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 23, 2016 to mainstreet@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov or 678-833-3306

Light refreshments will be served.

It was a fun-filled summer
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featuring Sounds of Summer Concerts
Main Street Movie Series,
Tasty Tuesday Food Trucks,
Back-to-School Events
and more!



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AmeriLife Career Services	Gillian Johnson Salon, Inc	Quality Inn
AMG: Ahmed Medical Group, LLC	Grass Cutting Lawn Services	Regal Innovation and Design
Astonishing Hair Extension	Gutter Moon Press	Rodney McKenzie
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B & T Automotive Restore & Sale	Image Hair Studio	Safeguard Security Solutions
Beauty Zone 2, LLC	Imagecuts Barbershop, LLC	Sand Fred Auto Brokers
Berko Auto Brokers	J-4 Sports, LLC	Second Chances
Body Sculpture Wellness & Beauty	Jan Pro Cleaning System of Atlanta	Shadow Body Sculpting & Aesthetic
Boost Mobile	K & K Car Carriers Service, LLC	Simpbliss, LLC
Caliber Home Loans, Inc	Kim & Kim Auto Brokerage, LLC	Souls 4 Souls
Carvana	LEB Consultant	SR Benson Associates, Inc
CG Bonds & Bradley, LLC	Lucy Sky Boutique	Stick a Fork 'n It, LLC
Chase Court Reporting	Lularoe Andrea Olson	Talk Therapy Counseling
Classic Design Home Repairs	Marchant & Associates	Taylor Auto Brokers, LLC
Claudia Hair Braiding	McDonalds @ Eagles Landing Pkwy	Thana Lash
Core Medical Enterprises, LLC	Medi-Care Connect, LLC	The Inside Tag Boutique
D Woods	Melanie C Gallo Consulting, LLC	Titan Home Restoration
D & M Allstarz Transportation	Mentore Singh Trad Print	Top of the Line Hair Extension
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DM Business Services	National Pre-Employment Research	Y'allz Hungry Hot Dog Shop
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