

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meetings.

April 16th, 2019 6:30 p.m.
May 7th, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Meetings held at:

Administration Building
Community Room
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, GA 30253
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at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.



Tax Commissioner Welcomes Former Director as Deputy Tax Commissioner

Makes official introduction to BOC at Commission meeting



Henry County Tax Commissioner David Curry took a few minutes at the April 2 Board of Commissioners meeting to welcome and introduce Michael C. Harris as Deputy Tax Commissioner for Henry County. Harris officially started in the role late last month.

Harris is a former county employee and division director for Henry County, and has deep roots in county and city government, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new post. He most recently serving as consultant and project and city manager for the newly formed city of Stonecrest, where he helped to establish their operations. Prior to that appointment, he served as the city manager for the



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 7-13

Henry County Commissioners issue proclamation in support of crime victims' rights



The Henry County Board of Commissioners recognized National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a proclamation at the April 2 Commission meeting. The proclamation reaffirmed Henry County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime throughout the year. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a national movement to promote the rights of and services for victims of crime.

Henry County District Attorney Darius Pattillo and Solicitor-General Pam Bettis, along with members of their departments, were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Board Hears Presentation on Human Trafficking

Kimberly Crawford with an organization called the Power Panel gave a human trafficking presentation to the Henry County Board of Commissioners at the April 2 Commission meeting.

In her presentation, Crawford gave statistics on human trafficking in the metro Atlanta area, explained ways that people can get involved to stop human trafficking, and shared information on their Pink Boots on the Ground initiative.

The Power Panels' Pink Boots on the Ground initiative includes a decentralized workforce of individuals and a smart phone application that can connect human trafficking victims to safety, rescue and first responders.

District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas said she was interested in getting information out about efforts to stop human trafficking.

"This subject should make us uncomfortable. We cannot pretend that this can't happen in our beautiful county and especially in our school system," said Thomas. "As an educator, I would like to see how I can work with Pink Boots on the Ground to try to get the word out and I am very interested in the app."

Chair June Wood said she appreciated the presentation and was encouraged that the Power Panel offered a solution to the matter.

To view the entire presentation, visit henrycounty-ga.com/watchTV.

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city of Stockbridge for a three-year term and served as interim county manager for Henry County from 2013 to 2014.

Curry detailed that his office is excited to have Harris back working for the county.

“We, the Henry County Tax Commissioner’s office are very fortunate to have Michael Harris return home,” said Curry. “While Mr. Harris brings a wealth of knowledge, he more importantly brings with him a ‘service above self’ approach to governing.”

The majority of Harris’ government experience comes from more than 15 years serving in various capacities in Henry County Government, beginning his career for Henry County as a Civil Engineer, moving up the ladder to Development Plan Director and then Public Works Director. He also served as Henry County’s Community Development Division Director, where he oversaw several departments, including, but not limited to, Building; Planning and Zoning; Environmental Compliance; and Community Development Block Grants.

Prior to a career in government, he worked for the private sector in engineering and project management. He is also a member of the Leadership

Georgia, Class of 2010, and has participated in several boards and organizations, including the Intergovernmental Committee for the Henry County Chamber of Commerce; the Transportation Coordinating Committee with the Atlanta Regional Commission; and the Georgia Academy for Economic Development.

Harris, from Stockbridge, GA, earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Howard University.

Harris said he is thrilled about the opportunity to once again work and serve in the community in which he lives.

“Coming back to Henry County Government and seeing so many familiar faces has been a great homecoming,” said Harris. “In my new role as Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner, I look forward to working with David and the staff here to continue to build upon the outstanding legacy of service, integrity and excellence that has already been established. David has built an outstanding team of some of the most highly proficient and customer-focused professionals in this field, and I’m excited and proud to be a part of it.”

For more information about the Henry County Tax Commissioner’s Office, please visit henrytc.org.

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DA collecting donations for domestic violence victims

The Henry County District Attorney's Office is collecting donations for domestic violence victims for the second year in a row as part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

District Attorney Darius Pattillo and his team are collaborating with Haven House, Henry County's domestic violence shelter, to collect non-perishable food items and hygiene products for local victims.

This week, the Henry County Board of Commission signed a proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2019 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Henry County. Pattillo accepted the proclamation to kick off the national movement.

"It is important that we recognize the people we work with every day – victims of crime," Pattillo said. "As part of Victims' Rights Week, we will be collecting donations for survivors of domestic violence. We are asking the community to help by dropping off food and hygiene products."

The District Attorney's Office has distributed gift-wrapped donation boxes to various agencies throughout the county. The deadline to drop off donations is April 10. The District Attorney's staff will then package and deliver the donations to Haven House.

The collection is part of the District Attorney's Office's commemoration of National Crime Victims'

Rights Week – a national movement to promote the rights of and services for victims of crime.

Below is a list of donations needed by Haven House:

- Peanut butter/Jelly
- Canned soup (pop top is preferred)
- Crackers
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti noodles
- Macaroni and cheese
- Rice
- Breakfast cereal
- Baby wipes
- Over-the-counter pain relievers
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Laundry detergent
- Hand soap
- Household cleaners
- Lysol spray
- Trash bags
- Toilet tissue
- Paper towels
- Copy paper

For more information, please contact Megan L. Matteucci at mmatteucci@co.henry.ga.us.



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Commissioner Vivian Thomas to Co-Host Appreciation Luncheon for First Responders



Henry County District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas and Stockbridge City Councilman Alphonso Thomas are partnering to co-host an Appreciation Luncheon for Henry County's Emergency First Responders, to be held on April 8 at the Merle Manders Conference Center in Stockbridge.

Commissioner Vivian Thomas said she partnered with the councilman on the luncheon

because she wanted to honor those men and women in the community who put their lives on the line every day to keep Henry County and its cities safe.

"Every day, first responders serve others unselfishly, placing the needs of others first! Thank you to our first responders and to their families for their hard work and willing sacrifices," said Commissioner Thomas. "It is my pleasure to take a moment to recognize and honor their work, and this is just a small gesture to highlight the importance of having their caring hands and watchful eyes on duty in Henry County."

In his invitation letter, Alphonso Thomas said he wanted to honor the everyday heroes.

"As life happens, it is often taken for granted the everyday heroes are among us helping to make our lives a little bit better. As Commissioner Vivian Thomas and I unite, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to those who accept the challenges and responsibilities of doing for others every day," read the invitation letter.

Those to be honored at the luncheon include public safety professionals from the areas of Fire, Police, Sheriff and EMA/E-911 agencies.



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April 5, 2019

Sheriff Keith McBrayer announces that he will not seek a fourth term as Sheriff

Issues open letter to citizens

DATE: 4/1/2019

Sheriff Keith McBrayer announces that he will not seek a fourth term as Sheriff

To The Citizens of Henry County,

It has been a great pleasure to have served the citizens of this county for my entire career. I started in law enforcement with Henry County at the age of 18. At the end of this current term I will have served the citizens for over 45 years, the last 12 as your Sheriff. I feel that the Henry County Sheriff's Office is one of the best in the State and we have an awesome group of employees. They are true professionals that care about our citizens.

I began my career as a detention officer in Henry County in 1975 when there were only 30,000 citizens. As I retire, Henry County is the 8th largest county in the State with over 230,000 residents.

I am so proud of this agency and what we have been able to accomplish. I can only hope that Henry County's next Sheriff will serve with integrity, dignity and honor. This is a job that requires a vast amount of law enforcement experience.

After 45 years I look forward to a little relaxation and some much needed time with my family and four very special grandkids. I will continue to work hard each day until the end of my current term which is December 31st, 2020.

In closing I want to thank the citizens who have entrusted me to serve as your Sheriff. It is truly an honor.

Sincerely,

Keith McBrayer

Sheriff of Henry County



Board Approves Budget Amendment for Library System

The Henry County Board of Commissioners approved a budget amendment to increase contributions to the Henry County Library System. The action came at the April 2 Commission meeting.

Commissioners voted to allocate an additional \$115,000 to fund library services, restoring funding levels to where they were previously before being cut last fiscal year.

The Board of Regents, which administers state and federal grants to public libraries, requires that local funding be equal to or more than the previous year, in order to continue to receive state funding.

With the approved budget amendment, Henry County Libraries continue to be compliant with the Maintenance and Effort requirements and are still

eligible for both state and federal grants, support services and in-kind services.

The budget amendment will be allocated from Fund Balance.

District III Commissioner Gary Barham explained the reasoning behind the budget amendment.

“This is something that happened during the budget process last year when they would cut 5 percent,” said Barham. “It clearly states in the resolution that we are just restoring something that we should have had to begin with and I hope that in the future we will look to not have to do those kinds of cuts.”

For more information on Henry County libraries visit <https://henrylibraries.org/>.

Chief Amerman Presented with Bass Reeves Award

Henry County Police Chief Mark Amerman was presented with the 2019 Bass Reeves Law Enforcement Award by the Henry County Chapter of the NAACP. The award was presented, “With great appreciation for your dedication and Service” during the 15th Annual Freedom Fund Gala held at the Merle Manders Conference Center in Stockbridge.





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Henry County Manager Speaks at Connecting Henry Collaborative Meeting



County Manager Cheri Hobson-Matthews was the keynote speaker at today's Community Collaborative meeting hosted by Connecting Henry. The meeting was held at Shiloh Baptist Church in McDonough.

In her presentation, Hobson-Matthews encouraged attendees to take an active role in their government. She encouraged community partners to get involved with county-related matters by attending Commission and Planning and Zoning meetings, by voting, and by representing a commissioner on a Henry County board or authority.

She also detailed the various boards and authorities, explained how the county and its four cities work together and shared that she manages approximately 1,700 employees and 32 departments

who work to provide services to county citizens.

Hobson-Matthews reminded attendees to utilize the SeeClickFix app, sign up for the county Update newsletter and join the upcoming Citizen's Academy class. After her presentation, community partners had an opportunity to ask Hobson-Matthews questions about Henry County Government.

Hobson-Matthews thanked Henry County staff, the Connecting Henry Board and District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas for being in attendance at the Collaborative Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 11, beginning at 9 a.m. at Heritage Park, which is located at 99 Lake Dow Road in McDonough.

For more information on Connecting Henry, visit connectinghenry.org.



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MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM - 4PM

\$110.00
per camper
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Weekly Activities

- May 28 - May 31 Starlite Skating/ Laser Tag Play Ground
- June 3 - June 6 Wild Animal Safari/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- June 10 - June 14 Sun Trust Park Braves Game/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- June 17 - June 21 Sky Zone Trampoline Park/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- June 24 - June 28 Tiny Towne/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- July 8 - July 12 Medieval Times / Aquatic Center Swimming
- July 15 - July 19 Georgia Aquarium/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- July 22 - July 26 Pin Strikes/ Aquatic Center Swimming
- July 29 - July 31 Aquatic Center Swimming

5 Locations

- Bear Creek Rec: 54 McDonough St. Hampton, GA 30228
- Fairview Rec: 35 Austin Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Heritage Park: 99 Lake Dow Rd. McDonough, GA 30252
- J.P. Moseley Rec: 1041 Miller's Mill Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Locust Grove Rec: 10 Cleveland St. Locust Grove, GA 30248

For more information Call 770-288-7300 or visit hcprd.org

4-H Geraniums on Sale at Henry County Extension Office

As spring time rolls around again, add beautiful geraniums to your garden this year. The Henry County Extension Office is holding its annual geranium plant sale, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Heritage Park.

Geraniums will be available in eight inch pots for \$8, in a variety of vibrant colors. All the proceeds will support 4-H programs for Henry County youth. The Extension Office will have a one-week day sale on Monday April 22 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 am to noon.

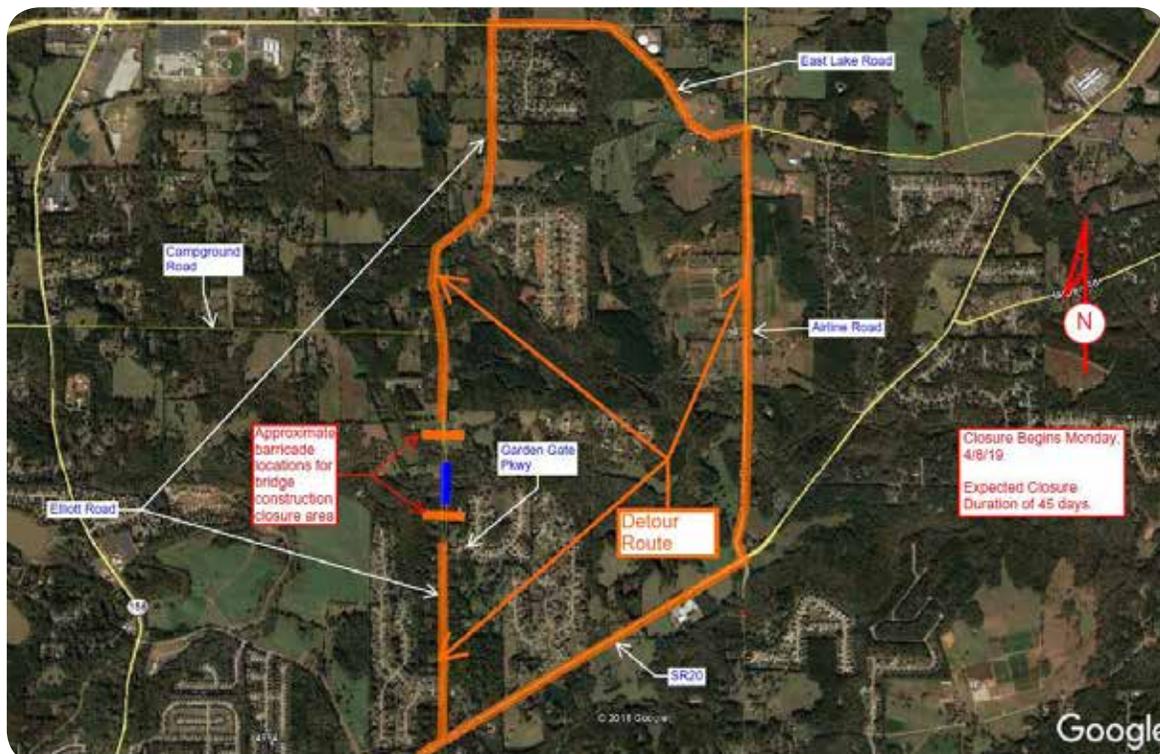
For more information, contact the Henry County Extension Office at 770-288-8421. The Henry County Extension Office is located at 97 Lake Dow Road in McDonough.



Elliott Road Bridge (over Walnut Creek) will be Closed Beginning Monday, 4/8/2019, for Bridge Replacement

During closure there will be a detour in place (Elliott Rd, East Lake Rd, Airline Rd, and SR20). See the attached for the approximate closure limits and for the detour route segments.

The closure is expected to last for a duration of 45 days.





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Henry County Recognizes Fair Housing Month with Proclamation



Officials from the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCEO) - Office of the Governor were in attendance to accept the proclamation from the Henry County Board of Commissioners at the April 2 Commission meeting. Pictured (l. to r.) Maurice Foster, Senior Compliance Officer with GCEO, District II Commissioner Dee Clemmons, Shawnzia Thomas, Executive Director with GCEO; Allona Cross, Fair Housing Division Director with GCEO, Chair June Wood, Briana Wilburn, Compliance Officer with GCEO, and District III Commissioner Gary Barham; Second row (l. to r.) District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas, District I Commissioner Johnny Wilson and District V Commissioner Bruce Holmes.

The Henry County Board of Commissioners recognized April as Fair Housing Month with a proclamation at April 2 Commission meeting.

The Fair Housing Act is a national policy prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability and familial status.

The Fair Housing Proclamation read in part, "... our commitment to fair housing is a living commitment,

one that reflects the needs of America today and prepares us for a future of true integration, the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Georgia, do hereby join in the national celebration by proclaiming April 2019 as Fair Housing Month and encourages all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in Henry County, to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law..."

The Henry County District Attorney's Office to honor victims of crime at its Memorial Planting

Please join the Henry County District Attorney's Office to honor victims of crime at its Memorial Planting on April 11 at 11 a.m. The event is in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. District Attorney Darius Pattillo and his staff will plant shrubs along the banks of the pond at Big Springs Park in McDonough in honor of victims of crime.

What: District Attorney's Memorial Tree Planting

When: April 11 at 11 a.m.

Where: Big Springs Park, 64 Veterans' Drive, McDonough, GA

The event will be held rain or shine. Parking is available across the street.



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