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Regular Meetings

Feb. 5th, 2019 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 19th, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Meetings held at:

Administration Building
Community Room
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, GA 30253
Regular Commission meetings air daily on Henry TV
Charter Channel 180 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.



HCFD Earned Top Honors in Region



Henry earned top honors at the Georgia Region IV Emergency Medical Services banquet with EMS Service of the Year, EMS Educator of the Year, and the Champion of Children Award.

The Region 4 EMS Awards Banquet was held at the Coweta County Fair Grounds and Conference Center on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Region IV is one of ten regions in the state operating within the Georgia Department of Public Health's Office of EMS and Trauma. The banquet presents annual awards to the top EMS professionals and programs in Coweta, Carroll, Heard, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Upson, Lamar, Henry, Butts and Fayette.

Henry County Fire Department has been named Emergency Medical Service of the year for Georgia's Region IV. The Department was selected for the Outstanding EMS Agency award because of their commitment to delivering quality fire and EMS services to the citizens and visitors of Henry County, Georgia.

Fire Chief Luther Phillips accepted the award on behalf of the department. "Prehospital 9-1-1 emergency response is one of the essential public safety functions provided by the department in support of community health, security and prosperity," said Phillips. "It is truly an honor to be recognized for being part of such a noble profession."

Paramedic Instructor Amy McCullough received the EMS Educator of the Year Award. This award is presented to an EMS Educator who has contributed significantly to EMS education at the community, regional, and /or state level.



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Board Approves Donation for HCFD

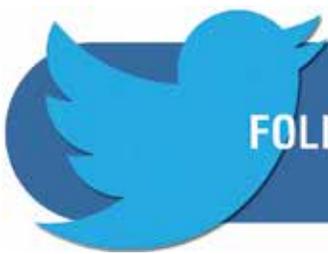


The Henry County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution for the Henry County Fire Department to accept \$500 from the Tanger Outlet Center. The action came at the January 22 Commission meeting.

The Tanger Outlet Center supports and credits Henry County's public safety for providing a safe shopping environment.

The donation will be used for the Annual Fire Department Banquet and awards.

For more information on Henry County Fire, log on to henrycounty-ga.com/fire.



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Lieutenant Wanda Maddox serves as the Fire Safety Educator and received the Champion of Children Award. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the safety, health and wellbeing of children.



The awards represent outstanding professionalism on the local, regional and state levels as well as service to the community. Henry will now compete for the state EMS award in February.



HCPD Taking Registration for Citizens Police Academy and Women's Self-Defense

There are two upcoming opportunities to learn more about Henry County public safety and meet the men and women who keep Henry County one of the safest communities in metro-Atlanta.

Registrations are now open for both the Citizens Police Academy and the Women's Self-Defense class, both to be held this Spring. Applications for both programs are available from the links below:

Citizens Police Academy Class

The Henry County Police Dept. will be offering a Citizens Police Academy class from March 12 through May 21. This 11-week class meets every Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. For information, applications and background consent forms, visit www.henrycounty-ga.com/police and look under Citizens Police Academy. Applications must be turned in and completed by March 1.

Women's Self Defense Classes

The Henry County Police Dept. will be offering Women's Self Defense classes on the dates listed below. This class is a 2-day session, meeting Thursday and Friday from 6-8 p.m. For information, applications and background consent forms, visit www.henrycounty-ga.com/police and look under Women's Self Defense. Applications must be completed by March 9 for the March class.

- March 28 - 29
- June 13 - June 14
- September 12 - 13
- November 21 - 22

Please fill out and return forms to the Henry County Police Dept., 108 S. Zack Hinton Pkwy, McDonough, GA 30253. Applicants will be contacted after the applications are processed. If you have questions, please contact Joni Miller at jmiller@co.henry.ga.us or 770-288-8285.



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Commissioner Continues Health Initiative with Power Breakfast Series



District V Commissioner Bruce Holmes held his first Power Breakfast and Health Fair at the Hidden Valley Senior Center in Stockbridge this past Saturday, where approximately 100 guests enjoyed a delicious healthy breakfast and had access to free flu shots, health screenings and important health information offered by a variety of vendors and healthcare providers.

Dr. Gregory Daniel, CEO of Nidus, gave an update on the Fairview medical development and spoke about his experiences as a physician. Dr. Victoria H. Thedford, MD and exercise and fitness expert LaTasha Lewis gave overviews of their areas of expertise and answered audience questions on an assortment of topics, including immunizations, the necessity of annual physicals and the importance of diet and exercise in preventative care.

Healthcare and civic organizations were in attendance to offer information and answer questions,

including representatives from Piedmont Henry, Eagles Landing Diabetes and Endocrinology, Caduceus Occupational Health, Ankle and Foot Centers of Georgia, AARP of Henry County and several other healthcare providers. Fairview Urgent Care sponsored the breakfast.

Holmes said he was inspired to host the power breakfast and health fair series as a continuation of his efforts to promote good health and wellness among citizens, and said this will be a quarterly event.

“I have children and grandchildren and I want to be around for them, and we’re doing this for you because you have kids and you need to be around for your kids,” he told the audience. “So we’re going to do this quarterly to make sure we bring the right resources to you so you know who to call, when you should go to the doctor and when you need to get those annual checkups. So I want to thank you all for coming out.”

Henry County Stormwater to Host Rain Barrel Workshop

The Henry County Stormwater Department is hosting its Make-and-Take Rain Barrel Workshop on Tuesday, January 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Stormwater Management Office in McDonough.

The workshop focuses on rainwater harvesting, managing stormwater at its source and using it for outdoor chores like car washing, and watering plants, flower gardens, lawns, shrubs, trees, and other landscaping.

This event is free, but participation per

workshop is limited to the first ten people who sign up. There will be one barrel per participant and one barrel per household. Those who participate have to reside in the county and driver's licenses/state ID will be used to verify county residency and household. Minors need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Henry County Stormwater Management Office is located at 347 Phillips Drive in McDonough.

For more information and to sign up email ateachout@co.henry.ga.us or call (770) 288-7244.



Henry County Stormwater's last Rain Barrel Workshop was a great success. All participants went home with the rain barrel they created.



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Henry County Chair Named Vice-Chair for ARC's Transportation and Air Quality Committee



Henry County Commission Chair June Wood discusses recommendations with Rockdale's Chairman Oz Nesbitt at the ARC's January Transportation and Air Quality committee meeting.

Henry County Commission Chair June Wood was appointed this week to the role of Vice Chair of the

Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Transportation and Air Quality Committee.

Wood, who had been serving as a committee member, said she was honored by the designation and looks forward to helping lead the team in the coming year.

"I look forward to serving on the Transportation and Air Quality Committee in my new role and collaborating with other members and partners on recommendations to address important issues facing our region," she said. "Transportation is definitely a top priority in Henry County."

The 35-member Transportation & Air Quality Committee serves as the transportation policy committee of the ARC board and represents an 18-county Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The committee works to develop consensus among ARC, MARTA, the Georgia DOT, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and submits recommendations directly to ARC.

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Commissioner Thomas Holds Community Meeting



Newly elected commissioner Vivian Thomas, who holds the county's District IV seat held a Community Meeting on Saturday at Grace Baptist Church in Stockbridge.

In her first Community Meeting, Thomas shared her background, introducing herself to citizens and also announced Zuwena Poole and Stephanie Bradley as her Water Authority board and Connecting Henry board appointees, respectively. Thomas also discussed various topics at the meeting, including transportation as well as revamping District IV parks

like Mickie D. Cochran and J.P. Mosely.

After Thomas' presentation, attendees participated in a Q&A session and were also able to hear from County officials and staff who were in attendance. County Manager Cheri Hobson-Matthews and Deputy County Manager Brad Johnson along with representatives from Henry County Police, Fire, Public Works, EMA,

For more information about Henry County, visit henrycounty-ga.com.





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Board Amends Ordinance Pertaining to Service of Alcohol **Move is in line with the state and surrounding jurisdictions**

The Henry County Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance amendment to allow adults age 18 and over to dispense, serve, sell or take orders for alcoholic beverages in licensed establishments. The action came at the January 8 Commission meeting.

Prior to this amendment, the county's code only allowed people over the age of 21 to handle alcoholic beverages in restaurants, which discouraged young adults from finding gainful employment and challenged owners of restaurants to employ servers.

Patrick Jaugstetter, Henry County Attorney explained to the Board that Georgia law, Henry County's four cities and its adjoining counties allow individuals age 18 and over to serve alcoholic beverages in

licensed establishments, such as restaurants.

"I do think it is an opportunity to give those business owners more of a level playing field with businesses within municipalities," said Jaugstetter. "It also brings us [Henry County] in compliance with the state law and we will now match what the state calls for."

In a separate item, Jaugstetter addressed the need to update the county's alcohol-related ordinances, which were adopted in the 1980s and haven't been revised since 2007. He said he would like to begin the process of reviewing related ordinances and bring them to the Commissioners accordingly.

HCWA hosts Georgia Model Water Tower Competition **Henry County students learn the science and engineering of the water industry**

While the Henry County Water Authority (HCWA) was implementing the successful operation of its new South Ola Elevated Water Tank late last year, students from Henry County Schools were showing off their own water towers at the Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, hosted by the Authority at its Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.

The Henry County Georgia Model Water Tower Competition is part of a statewide contest challenging middle school students to design and build water towers with specific size and height requirements, while learning more about the value of water and the water industry. This past fall, middle school students from Henry County Schools competed in this regional event, which was one of 10 held throughout the state.

The student model water towers were judged by water professionals from the HCWA, who graded each according to three criteria – structural efficiency,

hydraulic efficiency, and design ingenuity. In addition, participating students completed interviews in front of a panel of judges who asked specific questions about their projects, including the role that water towers play within the community and, more specifically, within a public water system such as the HCWA. The students constructed their model water towers out of everyday household items and were rewarded for creative designs and the use of recycled materials.

The Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, which was first held in 2012, is organized by the Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA) and the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). The objective of the Georgia Model Water Tower Competition is to make participating students more aware of the importance of reliable drinking water, while introducing them to rewarding career opportunities available in the water

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industry.

The competition also engages students in hands-on learning of STEM curricula – science, technology, engineering, and math – which are emphasized by Georgia educators and school administrations.

“My students spent a lot of time on this, since the beginning of the school year, and they worked really hard on their water towers,” says Whitney Henderson, a Sixth Grade Teacher at Ola Middle School who brought several teams to the event, including the contest winners. “It’s a lot of fun to see them work through a critical thinking challenge and watch them problem solve. This is a great application of what they’re learning in school, with the additional opportunity to show off their creativity. They really enjoyed the whole process.”

Winners of the Henry County Georgia Model Water Tower Competition included:

First Place – Team “Chicken Littles” from Ola

Middle School: Braelin Herzler, Autumn Eady, and Aliyah Ford.

Second Place – Team “Pineapple” from Ola Middle School: Carson Schmitt, Brayden Hutto, Cadyn Barnes, and Lucas Beck.

Third Place – Team “Jetpack” from Locust Grove Middle School: Bryson Gordon and Matthew Cowert.

The Judge’s Choice Award – Team “Girls Got Milk” from Ola Middle School: Julianna Owens and Kyra Gibson.

The Structural Excellence Award – Team “Pineapple” from Ola Middle School: Carson Schmitt, Brayden Hutto, Cadyn Barnes, and Lucas Beck.

Outstanding Achievement in Artistic Design – Kimberly Nevarez from Austin Road Middle School.

Outside the Box Imagination Award – Team “Up” from Ola Middle School: Addi Johnson and Kendall Sliver.

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Patrick Kelley (right), P.E., Project Manager for the HCWA and a judge for the Henry County Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, reviews the dimensions of the water tower submitted by the “Chicken Littles” team. These students from Ola Middle School, which included (left to right) Braelin Herzler, Aliyah Ford, and Autumn Eady, took home first place in this regional competition held at the HCWA Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.

Judges of the Henry County Georgia Model Water Tower Competition, which included (right to left) Heather Toliver of Henry County Schools, Scott Sage, HCWA Division Manager of Engineering, and Tony Carnell, HCWA Deputy Director, review the middle school students’ model water towers entered in the event.





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HCFD Earns Re-Accreditation

Program Milestone Exceeded



In a continued commitment to the citizens of Henry County, the Henry County Fire Department has worked diligently over the last five years to exceed standards set forth by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), and earned a successful reaccreditation on January 16, 2019.

Originally accredited on September 19, 2014, the CAAHEP awarded the Henry County Fire Department with accreditation for the Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Program. The Henry County Fire Department was judged by CAAHEP to be in compliance with nationally established standards.

When an institution or program is accredited, it has demonstrated that they meet the standards set by the organization representing the academic community and professionals. To maintain accreditation the institution or program must undergo a similar review on a regular basis. Typically, accreditation reviews are conducted every five years.

Program Director Amy McCullough has been instrumental in the program's success and preparing a well-qualified workforce of Paramedics.

The next reaccreditation will occur in 2024 and McCullough said the department is committed to continuous enhancement of its program and educational standards.

TOWN HALL MEETING

"All Things Henry County"

at **NASH FARM PARK**
4361 Jonesboro Road
Hampton, GA 30228



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A lively & comprehensive agenda on a
broad range of topics:

Public Safety

Traffic Solutions

Recreation & Public Spaces

6:30 pm - Coffee & Networking

7:00-8:00 pm - Topics for discussion

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Henry County Sheriff Expands K-9 Capabilities



Deputy Todd Powell pictured with the Sheriff Office's newest K-9, Erin.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office has expanded their capabilities to protect students and employees in schools as well as the citizens of Henry County at public events. This has been accomplished by the addition of a K-9 Deputy named Erin and her handler Deputy Todd Powell.

Deputy Erin, a Belgian Malinois breed, was trained to detect a wide array of explosive materials ranging from gunpowder to sophisticated explosive ingredients in large or small quantities. She has similar character traits as Sheriff's K-9 Deputy Darci. Darci, also a Malinois, has worked as a drug dog with K-9 Handler Sergeant Jodey Powell for over 6 years. Deputy Darci has an outstanding record across the state for her accomplishments locating illegal narcotics.

The Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit now consists of three highly-trained K-9 Deputy teams. There are two Malinois and a German Shepherd. K-9 Zeke, the German Shepherd, and his handler Sergeant Frank Basile have been active for four years and are also trained to locate a wide range of narcotics.

Erin and Deputy Powell completed their "team" training on December 14, 2018. The specialized training involved working two major events including the Georgia – Alabama SEC conference game. Upon graduation, Powell and K-9 Erin were awarded the honor of "Top Dog" for their skills during the five-week Department of Homeland Security training class.

Sheriff Keith McBrayer commented on the importance of the K-9 team.

"We have great expectations that Deputy Erin will be as successful in her duties as Deputies Darci and Zeke have been at the hands of their human partners," said McBrayer. "In today's world we must do everything we can to prevent the worst from happening by finding the illegal or threatening items before they are used."

Citizens are reminded that although the Sheriff's dogs are not trained to be unfriendly, they are working dogs and when they are on duty they will be highly focused on their jobs.