



CITY OF CONYERS

Celebration of Community

*An occasional newsletter update on things we celebrate in our community
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From the Mayor's desk...

After nearly 28 years of service to the city, and 20 of those as mayor, my final term as an elected official comes to a close at the end of 2017. I am grateful and immensely blessed to have served this wonderful city for as long as I have and look forward to a new season in leadership in Conyers with new representatives on its City Council.

The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. Early voting takes place Monday-Friday, October 16 through November 3, at the Board of Elections Office located at 1400 Parker Road, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Seats up for election include Councilman for District 1, Councilman for District 2, Posts 1 and 2, and Mayor. I encourage you to vote and elect officials that represent your hopes and dreams for the community.

Thank you for supporting me in 28 years of public service and allowing me to be your voice for Conyers. I look forward to what the future holds for our great city.

Sincerely,

Randy Mills
Mayor



Conyers Lions Club Donates Bench to Center Point Park



Conyers Lion Club members pose with former Mayor Pro Tem Vince Evans at Center Point Park. The club purchased a bench to place in the First Responders Memorial Garden across from the Conyers Welcome Center at the Dinky steam engine.

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Halloween Road Closures in Olde Town Conyers

Portions of Main Street and College Avenue will be closed to through traffic in Olde Town Conyers on the evening of Tuesday, October 31, 2017, from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. In recent years, the Olde Town residential area has become a popular location for trick-or-treating.

To ensure the safety of residents and trick-or-treaters that evening, the Conyers Police Department will be in the area and monitoring road closures. When out and about, please drive slowly with headlights on to avoid ghosts and goblins.

Residents who live in the area are under no obligation to participate in the Halloween festivities. Those trick-or-treating in the area are asked to be respectful of residents' lawns and roadways by not littering and staying on sidewalks and driveways.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

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Drought Status Report from Conyers Stormwater

As of September 7, 2017, Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) eased outdoor watering restrictions for nine counties within the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and lifted the drought response for the other six counties in the District.

Nine metro Atlanta counties moved from a Level 2 to a Level 1 drought response: Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall and Paulding.

The state lifted a Level 1 drought response for Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Fayette, Henry and Rockdale counties. There is currently no active drought response level in these counties. Georgians must still follow the non-drought outdoor water use schedule required in the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. This law allows all types of outdoor water use, but landscape watering only before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily to limit evaporation during the warmest part of the day.

Water Conservation Tips

- Check for and repair leaks inside and outside the home.
- Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Make sure there is a full load every time.
- Replace older toilets with high-efficiency models. If your home was built before 1994, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
- Choose efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.
- Scrape dishes before washing them. Avoid using the garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.

Source: <http://northgeorgiawater.org/current-water-stats/drought-status/>

Transportation Projects Update

In the coming months you'll see activity for something always needed in Olde Town Conyers: additional parking. The city of Conyers is contracting with ShepCo Paving to create a parking lot with 151 parking spaces that will be accessible via Main Street and Bank Street. The lot will be well lit and landscaped.

Construction is underway. Weather permitting, the lot is expected to be complete by the end of the year. See the rendering below of the new landscaped parking lot opening soon.



The Hardin/O'Kelly Street Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Roadway Project is underway. Utilities have been and continue to be relocated along the Hardin Street and O'Kelly Street corridor.

The city is working with the Georgia DOT on contracts to proceed with construction which is scheduled to begin in late fall.

Visit the city Facebook and Twitter pages for updates on these and other transportation projects in Conyers.

Save the Date: Christmas in Conyers

The holiday season is quickly approaching and Conyers has plans for your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the season!

Ice skating will return to the Olde Town Pavilion on November 10. Visit icedays.com for the season's schedule.

The Olde Town Christmas Party, 5-8 p.m., on Friday, December 1 offers complimentary visits with Santa, train and hayrides, refreshments, a Secret Santa Shop, Home Depot workshop, caroling and more! The Conyers Christmas Parade with the theme of "My Favorite Christmas Movie," kicks off Saturday, December 2 at 4 p.m. from Rockdale County High School and ends at the Rockdale County Courthouse. Stay for the annual tree lighting celebration at the Rockdale County Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

For information on these and other holiday events in Conyers including the Monastery's Atlanta Boy Choir Concert on December 9, visit conyersga.com and click on the calendar of events. Follow our Twitter and Facebook pages for more details!

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