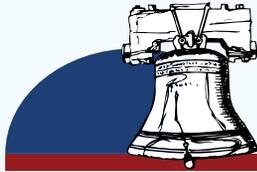


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# HINESVILLE

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*"Home for a Day or a Lifetime"*





The cover and inside cover photos represent a sampling of Hinesville's Downtown Farmers Market.

Established in 2010, the **Hinesville Downtown Farmers Market** is a thriving outlet for fresh farm and agricultural goods that has quickly become the Thursday Night Place to Be in Liberty County.

The open-air, outdoor Market is held each Thursday (March thru November) from 4 – 7 pm in beautiful Downtown Hinesville on Commerce Street and Bradwell Park. **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Night in the Park** is held each Market month expanding the event to include live entertainment, children's activities, and arts and crafts vendors.

#### **HINESVILLE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET MISSION**

*The Hinesville Downtown Farmer's Market is designed to provide our community with the ability to purchase fresh, homegrown produce and products from local area growers in a culturally diverse setting that strengthens the local economy and enhances our quality of life.*

The City of Hinesville continuously strives to provide citizens information about their city. As part of that effort, we have proudly published our Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) or “Citizens Report” since Fiscal Year 2006. Throughout this report, you will find information about the elected officials, services and financial condition of your city.

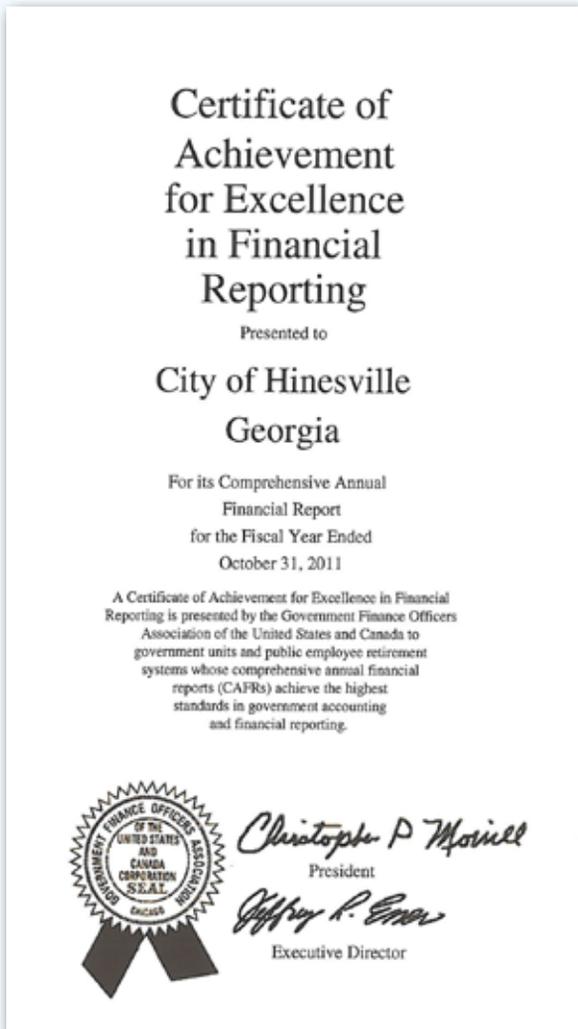
The financial information contained within this report is extracted from the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). In order to provide a comprehensive condensed overview, financial statements are presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Further, city funds, which are presented within the Financial Condition and Reporting section, disclose the appropriate fund in which the detail was derived. Component units are not presented in this report.

For the past six years the City’s CAFR was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance

Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of only one year. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program’s requirements and we have submitted it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

You may obtain a copy of the CAFR on our website at [www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org) or by contacting the Finance Department at (912) 876-3564.



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Hinesville for its Citizens Report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011. The award is a prestigious national honor recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports. The published reports must reflect the program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

## DEAR CITIZENS,

On behalf of the Hinesville City Council, I am pleased to present the sixth “Annual Citizen’s Report to the Citizens of Hinesville.” This report provides you with an overview of the current financial condition of the City; and a report of significant ongoing and future activities affecting our City. It is my pleasure to share information with you about all the wonderful things the City continues to accomplish and the services we provide even with decreasing revenue and funding.

As one of the fastest growing cities in Georgia with unlimited opportunities, the city of Hinesville has been able to weather the fiscal storm through sacrifice and hard work of the employees. We have delayed hiring of personnel and implementation of certain city initiatives until the economy improves. We also had to use some of our operational reserves and raise millage rate to balance the City’s budget. These were some tough decisions but we believe they were the best decision until the economy improves. The City’s target is a 90-day reserve on hand and we will achieve that goal as the economy improves.



Our public transit system is still in operation but we made adjustments to expand service while decreasing expenses. These changes accommodate requests by the residents who ride the buses and those that want to use our transit system. New service areas include Savannah Technical College, South Main Street, Cypress Bend Mobile Home Park, and Barry McCaffrey, Darsey, Glenn Bryant and Shaw roads. To expand the service area, reduced stops will be made at the YMCA, Applebee’s, and housing areas on Fort Stewart.

Creative thinking and partnerships such as those demonstrated in the transit system reimplementation, has led the City of Hinesville to receive recognition across the nation. The City of Hinesville was recently selected by the Georgia Municipal Association as one of eight Renaissance cities in our state. Our selection as a renaissance City is testament to Hinesville’s importance to our region, state, and nation. We hope you are proud of the changes in the downtown area to provide revitalization of our economy and community to improve the quality of life in Hinesville.

In addition to our selection as a GMA Renaissance City, we have been recognized for numerous achievements such as “third fastest growing metro area” according to U.S. Census Bureau, “top manufacturing location” according to Forbes, and “top metro area for double-digit wage growth” and “wage growth in every month for the last two years” by Garner Economics, LLC. Recognition by your peers is one of the highest honors a city can receive and we are proud to garner recognition for our area concerning things that benefit the community.

To stay updated on the progress in our city, be sure to visit us at City Hall or online at [www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org). Again, thank you for the privilege of serving Hinesville.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Thomas Jr." in a cursive script.

James Thomas Jr.  
Mayor



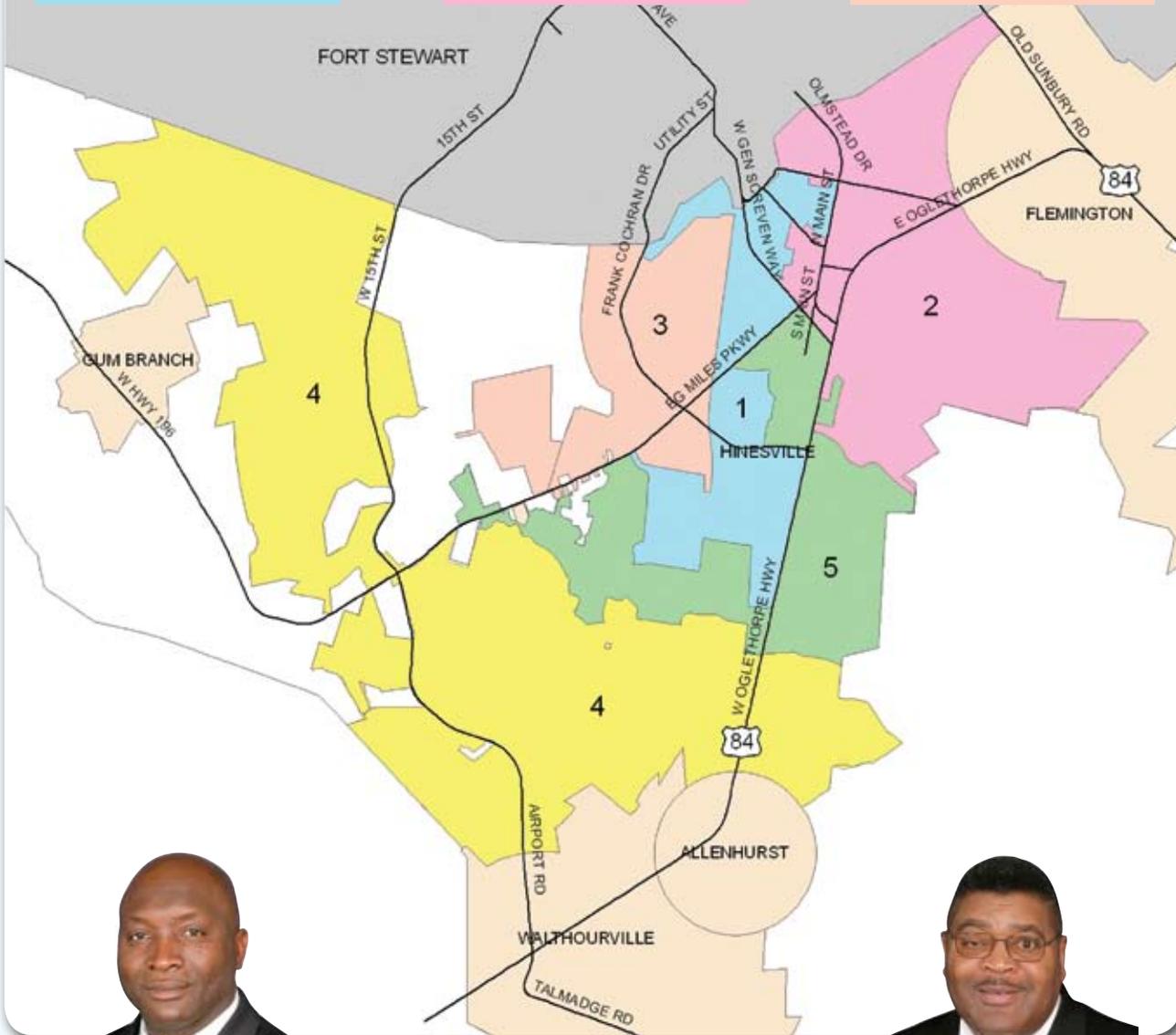
MAYOR PRO-TEM  
CHARLES FRASIER  
DISTRICT 1



COUNCIL MEMBER  
JASON FLOYD  
DISTRICT 2



COUNCIL MEMBER  
DAVID ANDERSON, SR.  
DISTRICT 3



COUNCIL MEMBER  
KEITH JENKINS  
DISTRICT 4

The City Council  
meets the 1st and  
3rd Thursday of each  
month at 3:00 p.m.



COUNCIL MEMBER  
KENNETH SHAW  
DISTRICT 5

If I were asked to characterize the 2012 fiscal year for the City of Hinesville I believe the word would be “sustain.” FY 2012 marked the fourth consecutive year that we maintained a substantially level budget. In fact, the FY 2012 city budget was less than the FY 2011 budget. Even so we were generally able to maintain the level of service necessary to provide a good quality of life for our citizens and business community. However, our fund balance has declined as a result of our revenue streams being flat or, in some cases, declining during a time when many of the expenses have risen. That said, you should still be assured that your City is in good financial shape. We remain diligent in managing our expenses and constantly looking for ways to improve our service delivery efficiencies.



Two of the noteworthy accomplishments during 2012 include the retention of our ISO rating of 3 and the completion of the first phase of the amphitheatre at Bryant Commons. An ISO rating of 3 translates to approximately \$9 million in savings to the property owners in Hinesville compared to other communities. The rating is an analysis of our structural fire suppression delivery system and means that you receive credit for this level of service on your property owners insurance. In other words you pay a lower insurance premium for similar property than do many other communities that have a higher ISO rating.

With the completion of the first phase of the amphitheatre at Bryant Commons, our community now has a venue large enough to accommodate social and cultural activities that we all have wished for. We anticipate that additional phases will be constructed in the future so that the experience of these events will be enhanced in the future. You will have an opportunity to enjoy the venue and learn about future plans on August 3 at the Bryant Commons Open Park Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more about this event, visit [www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org).

Also, I am pleased to say that the future is bright! A new Veterans Clinic is under construction and during the coming months you will see the construction of a new library and a new campus for Armstrong Atlantic State University. These new facilities will not only improve the corporate image of our community as we work collaboratively to entice new employers, but these new facilities will also enhance the community services available to all of us.

Please take the opportunity to read this report to find out more about departments, programs, and services of the City of Hinesville. Do not hesitate to let us know if you would like more information on anything in the report. It is a pleasure to serve you.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Billy Edwards  
City Manager

“When I grow up, I want to be a firefighter!” This is the statement made by many young boys and girls throughout the country, maybe even you. Though it is one of the most stressful jobs that a person can have, it is also one of the most fulfilling. We hope to provide some information to help make your dreams come true.

To become a member of the Hinesville Fire Department, you may apply to become a full time paid firefighter. To do this, you have to wait until we are hiring for a position. The job is announced through several venues to include the Coastal Courier, Georgia Department of Labor, Georgia Municipal Association, City of Hinesville website ([www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org)), and other local media. Once the job is announced you can go to the City of Hinesville website and complete an online application. It must be printed and returned to the City of Hinesville Human Resources Office, or you can pick up an application at City Hall and return it to Human Resources.

After completing the application, there are several steps that must be completed. First, is a written test where the top 30% of the test scores advance to the next step. (Applicants with Pro Board Firefighter I or higher certification are exempt from the written test and automatically advance to the second step.)

Second, is candidate physical agility test (CPAT) which is a test of your physical strength in performing some of the tasks as a firefighter. The test includes climbing up one flight of stairs and back down with 100 feet of hose on your shoulder, hitting a pallet 20 times with an axe, dragging an 1.5 inch hose with water for 100 feet, dragging an 165 pound dummy for 100 feet, and removing a single ladder from the side of a truck then touching it to the ground and placing back on the truck. All of this must be done within 7 minutes while wearing firefighter protective clothing and a self contained breathing apparatus but not the mask.

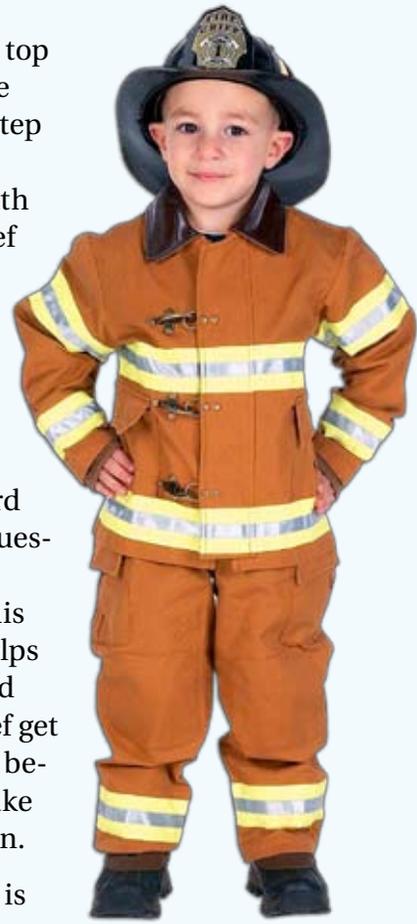
If you successfully complete the CPAT, you advance to an interview board where you are asked a series of questions from the Captains at the Hinesville Fire Department and you are scored. The interview consists of firefighter related questions that are both objective and subjective to which you are scored.

Again the top 30% advance to the final step which is the interview with the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. This interview is similar to the interview board except the questions will be different. This interview helps the Chief and Deputy Chief get to know you before they make their decision.

After that is completed, applicants are chosen by their interview with the Chief as well as the other scores from the previous steps. If you are selected to become a firefighter, you will be contacted and have to undergo a physical by a physician, drug testing, a criminal and driver's history check, and your references that you put on your application may be contacted.

Once you are hired full time, you have to complete of training to prepare yourself for the job. The Hinesville Fire Department has a Progressive Training Agenda that is set up to provide guidance for you to enhance your career. The agenda includes classes such as Georgia Basic Firefighter Training, Crash Victim Extrication, 1st Responder Training, and many others. Some of these classes are taught locally and some are taught at the Georgia Fire Academy located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center located in Forsyth, GA.

For more information on becoming a firefighter with the Hinesville Fire Department you can call (912) 876-4143 or submit a question online at [www.cityofhinesville.org/fire](http://www.cityofhinesville.org/fire) and click on “Contact Us” on the left side of the page.



## SAFE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS

In addition to the construction type related inspections we also perform “Business License Inspections.” All new businesses & existing businesses changing locations, as a part of their licensing process, are required to undergo an inspection from our department and the fire department. Once the business is prepared to open, for the safety of the business owner(s), employees and you, the customer, a checklist of items are inspected but not limited to:



- Number of exits
- Exit door minimum requirements
- Illuminated exit signs
- Minimum exit pathway widths
- No exit pathway obstructions
- Adequate emergency illumination of exit pathways
- Required fire rated corridors/hallways
- Adequate restroom ventilation & exhaust
- Electrical service equipment/fixtures/outlet condition
- GFCI protection/receptacles/outlets near sinks/hazard
- Electrical power tap devices with overload protection
- Extension cords w/overload protection
- Minimum air ventilation/circulation system requirements
- Posted building address front/rear

- Accessibility requirements for the handicap/disabled
- Fire/smoke alarm and detection system
- Adequate restroom facilities available
- Water supply provisions for thermal expansion installed
- Water supply provisions for backflow prevention device
- Available parking spaces required/available
- Maximum occupancy
- Existing backflow device type & certification date
- Required grease trap or oil/water separation device (for restaurants)

Should a new business, want to make any modifications to an existing commercial tenant space, other requirements may be necessary to comply with current code standards for handicap accessibility and life and fire safety codes.

All commercial business locations are required to have a testable backflow device. These devices protect the city’s water supply by preventing cross contamination and require annual testing by a certified backflow tester. The type of business determines which type backflow is required. Most locations require a ‘double check’ valve. However, beauty salons, barbershops, nail salons and other businesses that use chemicals or other hazardous type materials require a special high hazard device, a reduced pressure zone valve, ‘RPZ.’



A new business may be required to have a different type device installed and tested replacing the existing device. Existing devices which haven’t had an annual test performed may require testing in order to pass their business license inspection.

Our main focus is your safety!

The Business License Department assists in the completion of business license applications and in obtaining other City required clearances and permits.

The Business License Department provides information regarding Federal, State, County, and City requirements to operate. However, this service is only informational and should not be construed as final or complete interpretation of legal requirements, which should be obtained from the appropriate agency. State requirements vary by business type. All State requirements must be met before issuance of the Business License.



Elected city officials, Liberty County Chamber of Commerce staff, board members, ambassadors, chamber members and community members surround Dr. Brian Kornblatt, president and CEO of Georgia Immediate Associates, and his staff members.

Business Licenses are permits issued by government agencies that allow individual or companies to conduct business within the government's jurisdiction.

Each person engaged in any business, trade, profession, or occupation within the city limits of Hinesville must obtain a license or permit prior to starting operation. The City of Hinesville can fine or close a business operating without the proper licenses.

All Business Licenses and Permits must be approved by the zoning divisions of the Liberty County Planning Commission (LCPC), Department of Inspections, Hinesville Fire Department, and

the Hinesville Police Department. Hinesville Mayor and City Council is the approving authority for all Alcohol Beverage Licenses, Peddler's Licenses, and certain Transient Merchant Licenses.

All business and alcohol licenses expire December 31, of the calendar year obtained. Licenses are renewed annually. The Business License Department issues approximately 1000 licenses and permits annually. More than 100 new business license applications were processed in 2012.

The Business License Department coordinates the process for Transient Merchants, Peddlers, and Yard Sale Permits. Permits for solicitation for charitable and/or religious purposes, parade and/or assembly may also be obtained through the Business License Department.

Prices for licenses and permits vary based on location and nature of business. The City of Hinesville's business license fees are based on the number of employees.

This department is also responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes prior to 2001 and Hotel/Motel Excise Taxes. For more information, call (912) 876-3564 or visit [www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org).



Elected city officials, Liberty County Chamber of Commerce board members, ambassadors, chamber staffers, chamber members, community residents and Jeff's Candy Kitchen and Bake Shoppe owner Jeff Davis, his family and friends gather to cut a ribbon at the new shop.

## THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING IN DOWNTOWN!

Downtown Hinesville is the crossroads of community life and the perfect place for families to enjoy special events like Small World Festival and the Hinesville Farmers Market. The HDDA is the heart of these and many other activities in the Downtown District. Visit Downtown to shop, visit a gallery, enjoy a meal, catch a concert, or hang out in our coffee shop. Great Downtowns don't just happen. Downtown Hinesville needs you! Shop local, be local and help promote a vibrant and beautiful downtown.



### HINESVILLE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

When it comes to fresh produce and agricultural items, the hands that pick know best. Come discover the benefits of a Farmers Market.

Where: Bradwell Park

When: Thursdays - 4-7 p.m., March - November 21  
[www.hinesvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.hinesvillefarmersmarket.org)

### SMALL WORLD FESTIVAL

Take a trip around the world with Downtown Hinesville's Small World Festival. Experience an International Food Court, Cultural Entertainment, and World Marketplace. This event is a great way for families to experience a kaleidoscope of cultures.

Where: Bryant Commons. When: May

### AMPHITHEATER AT BRYANT COMMONS

Nothing can compare to an intimate concert setting under the stars. The Amphitheater offers a unique music and cultural arts scene with hill-side grass seating for 2,000 and picturesque views.

### BRYANT COMMONS RENTALS

The grounds, amphitheatre, and homestead at Bryant Commons are available for public and private

events. For rental/rate information and application contact [discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net](mailto:discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net) or visit [www.hinesvilledowntown.com](http://www.hinesvilledowntown.com).

### SHOPPING

Downtown Hinesville is a culturally rich, historic community with numerous places to shop for children's clothing, handmade confections, fine jewelry, and gifts. You're sure to be inspired. Parking is available on-street and in public lots.



### DINING

There are many options to satisfy any palate in Downtown! Experience cuisine from authentic German, traditional Southern, Mexican, savory BBQ, genuine Italian, specialty items, freshly prepared sushi, a coffee shop and much more.

### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

HDDA takes a comprehensive approach to downtown development through activities and projects encompassing the essential components of a successful downtown: property and business development, heritage preservation, promotions, and beautification. This on-going, approach extends to "New Town" development concepts for the adjacent corridors within the downtown district as well as encouraging compatible development in the historic core.

#### Contact Information:

The Hinesville Downtown Development Authority

115 E. M. L. King Jr. Drive Hinesville, GA 31313

Phone: (912) 877-4332

Fax: (912) 877-9132

Website: [www.hinesvilledowntown.com](http://www.hinesvilledowntown.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hinesvilledowntown](http://www.facebook.com/hinesvilledowntown)

Email: [discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net](mailto:discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net)

## FLEET MAINTENANCE

In January 2012 the City of Hinesville Department of Public Works moved into their beautiful new facility located at 613 E.G. Miles Parkway. This facility houses the Administration, Water, Streets and Drainage, Parks and Grounds, and Fleet Maintenance Departments. All employees of these departmental units are employed by CH2MHILL, and it's Operations Management Business Group.

The Fleet Maintenance Department is now housed in a new building with five "drive through" bays that make it possible for up to ten vehicles, or pieces of equipment to be in line for repair or service at any given time. This facility allows the technicians to perform tasks inside, in a dry, well lit, and somewhat climate controlled environment. This was not the case when service and repair tasks were being performed in the former facility, which was located on the same site.

This new Vehicle Maintenance facility allows for the ability for the nearly 300 vehicles, and pieces of equipment owned by the City of Hinesville, to be maintained weekly, monthly and yearly as needed. The facility also provides much needed areas for the storage of large tools, tires, and frequently used

parts, which are now kept on hand to expedite the time necessary to service the City Fleet. This mission is accomplished by the local staff consisting of Department Supervisor David Bradley, along with Technicians Eddie Roberts, Steve Waldo, Terrance Golston, and Matthew Anderson. Each of these technicians are ASE certified in multiple areas, and bring years of combined experience in repair and service, of all pertinent vehicle and equipment.

Under the administration of the local staff all vehicles are scheduled for routine services within a software program, Maintenance Connection. Under Maintenance Connection, or MC as it is typically referred to, all Preventative maintenance (PM), and Corrective (CM) maintenance work orders are entered. This allows the CH2MHILL staff to monitor all vehicles and equipment, and make certain that this equipment is taken care of in the best way possible as to prolong life, and provide the safest work environment possible. In doing this, we strive to be the best stewards possible of the citizens of Hinesville's tax dollars, while providing top notch service for our team members as well as our Client.



## FLOODING... IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

It doesn't take much to cause a flood. Whether you are living on the coast, near a body of water, or surrounded by land, a few inches of rain may be all it takes to cause some damage.

Unfortunately, many of us don't think that flooding can happen so we are often unprepared for the "unthinkable." Fortunately, our local agencies are doing something to change that.

The last detailed study of the coastal flood risk was done more than 25 years ago. Many things have changed since then so FEMA, Georgia DNR, and nine coastal counties, including Liberty County, have jointly launched the Georgia Coastal Counties Mapping Project (CCMP) to re-examine coastal flood risks and developed updated, detailed digital flood hazard maps.

According to the FEMA Claims Report for Georgia, 35 % of flood claims in Georgia have accrued in moderate-to-low risk areas. New maps mean a safer city by showing your risk for flooding. The maps are a guide to decisions concerning financial protections, planning, investment, building development, and renovation decisions. With the latest studies, residents, business owners and real estate agents will have up-to-date and reliable data for their properties.

Many people are under the misconception that

they are ineligible for flood insurance because of where they live, or their mortgage status. But the truth is, as long as your home is an NFIP community, most homeowners, business owners and renters can get flood insurance. Hinesville is a NFIP community. Call a local insurance agent for flood insurance.

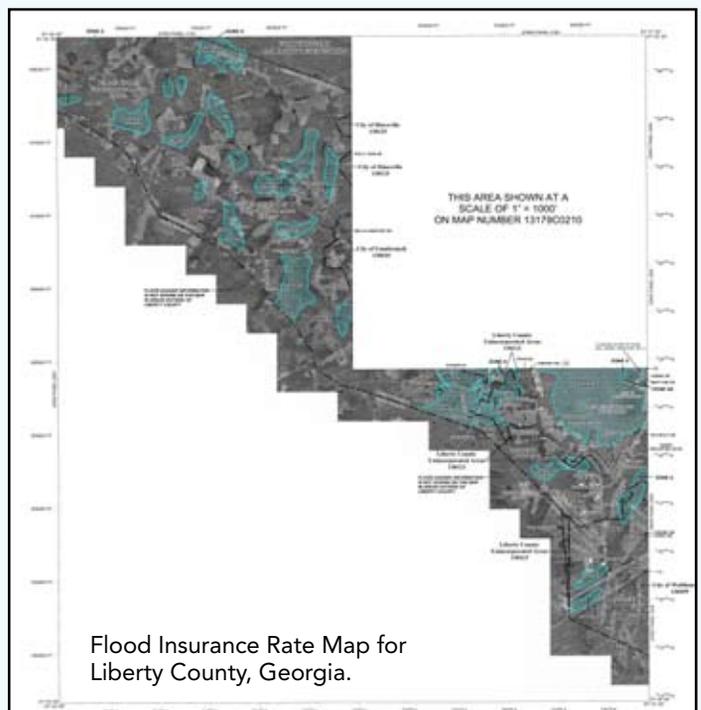
### Top 10 Facts for Consumers from the National Flood Insurance Program

- Everyone lives in a flood zone
- Flood damage is not covered by homeowners policies
- You can buy flood insurance no matter your flood risk
- The low-cost Preferred Risk Policy is ideal for homes and businesses in moderate- to low-risk areas
- Flood Insurance is affordable
- Flood Insurance is easy to get
- Contents coverage is available to homeowners, business owners, and tenants
- Up to a total of \$1 million in flood insurance coverage is available for non-residential buildings and contents
- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect
- Federal disaster assistance is not the answer for flood protection

Source: FEMA Library at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)



Flood zone changes since 2007 flood maps. Visit <http://map.georgiadfirm.com> for information on your address.



Flood Insurance Rate Map for Liberty County, Georgia.

## Understanding Flood Map Changes

Georgia Flood M.A.P. website for Liberty County Project Status:  
[http://www.georgiadfirm.com/GACOPMR/Liberty\\_prj.html](http://www.georgiadfirm.com/GACOPMR/Liberty_prj.html)

Georgia Flood M.A.P. View:  
<http://map.georgiadfirm.com/>

If the New Map Shows...	Requirements, Options, and Saving that Apply...
Change from moderate or low flood risk to high risk	Flood insurance is mandatory  Rating options can offer savings
Change from high flood risk to moderate or low risk	Flood insurance is optional but recommended. The risk has only been reduced, not removed  Conversion offers savings
Increase in the Base Flood Elevation (BFE)	Can result in higher premiums; however, "grandfathering" can offer savings
No change in risk level	No change in insurance rates

Source: FEMA Library at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

Review the new maps and assess your flood insurance needs today!

More information on FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning  
[www.fema.gov/rm-main](http://www.fema.gov/rm-main)

More Flood Risk Education  
<http://www.floodsmart.gov>

Spanish Language Materials Resources  
[http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/media\\_resources/spanish.jsp](http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/media_resources/spanish.jsp)  
[www.cityofhinesville.org/gis](http://www.cityofhinesville.org/gis)

## WHAT IS HINESVILLE DOING?

Flood insurance is a federally underwritten program that can help property owners repair or replace their structures and belongings after a flood, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. When communities go beyond the minimum standards for floodplain management, the CRS can provide discounts up to 45% off flood insurance premiums for policyholders.

The City of Hinesville submitted a Community Rating System (CRS) application March 2013 to be part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as a benefit to our residents. Our goal is to provide the public with floodplain information to make better decisions; publicize the City's floodplain management efforts to ensure protection; make residents aware of flood warnings, safety precautions, and flood insurance options; and strengthen the relationship between the City and local realtors and insurance agencies through collaboration on outreach projects for floodplain information.

## HOW CRS BENEFITS YOU:

- Lower cost flood insurance rates
- Increased opportunities to learn about flood risk
- Enhanced public safety
- Reduced damage to property and infrastructure
- Avoidance of economic disruption and loss
- Elevated effectiveness of local flood programs
- Source: [www.fema.gov/nfip/crs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nfip/crs.shtm)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Hinesville GIS Office

(912) 876-4147 or [www.cityofhinesville.org/gis](http://www.cityofhinesville.org/gis)

The Financial Review section is designed to provide information on the financial health and stability of the City of Hinesville. This information should provide the reader with an increased level of understanding of how available resources are utilized to provide services. The following charts summarize the City's largest sources of revenues ("Where the Money Came From") and expenses ("Where the Money Went") for the government as a whole.

Where the Money Came From...		
	FY 2011	FY 2012
Property Taxes	\$ 5,665,529	\$ 5,964,723
Sales Taxes	4,347,383	4,151,435
Franchise Taxes	1,561,577	1,866,309
Insurance Premium Tax	1,568,336	1,665,835
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	368,943	355,378
Hotel/Motel Tax	223,179	167,424
Other General Revenue	81,409	74,799
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 13,816,356</b>	<b>\$ 14,245,903</b>
Charges for Services	13,071,805	15,328,219
Operating Grants	1,762,492	1,657,160
Capital Grants and Contributions	10,548,434	1,986,024
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 25,382,731</b>	<b>\$ 18,971,403</b>
Other Income	192,796	107,233
Investment Earnings	43,417	43,417
Transfers	-	-
<b>Total Other Income and Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 236,213</b>	<b>\$ 150,650</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 39,435,300</b>	<b>\$ 33,367,956</b>

Where the Money Went...		
	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Government	\$ 2,429,215	\$ 2,819,021
Judicial	426,155	439,396
Public Safety	11,321,340	9,863,394
Public Works	2,875,882	2,476,406
Housing and Development	1,979,711	1,838,628
Health and Welfare	625,795	684,546
Culture and Recreation	889,866	791,773
Interest and Fiscal Charges	407,888	386,593
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 20,955,852</b>	<b>\$ 19,299,757</b>
Water and Sewer	9,268,587	9,185,009
Sanitation	2,516,038	2,644,447
Stormwater Utility	1,054,997	1,218,301
Transit	1,750,776	1,525,441
<b>Total Business-type Activities</b>	<b>\$ 14,590,398</b>	<b>\$ 14,573,198</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35,546,250</b>	<b>33,872,955</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>3,981,882</b>	<b>60,123</b>
Net Assets-Beginning	86,515,563	90,497,445
<b>Net Assets - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 90,497,445</b>	<b>\$ 90,557,568</b>

### Definitions of Key Terms

#### General Revenue

All revenue that is not required to be reported as program revenue. All taxes, even those that are levied for specific purpose, are general revenues and should be reported by type of tax.

#### Program Revenue

Revenue derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the City's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole. Program revenues reduce the net cost of the function to be financed from the City's general revenues.

#### Business-Type Activities

One of two classes of activities reported in the government-wide financial statements. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. These activities are normally reported in enterprise funds. The City currently has three business-type funds.

#### Governmental Activities

Activities generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

#### Net Assets

Refers to the difference between assets and liabilities of the City as a whole. Net assets may be shown in the following three major categories:

##### Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

The component of net assets that consists of capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt attributable to the acquisition of those assets.

##### Net Assets-Restricted

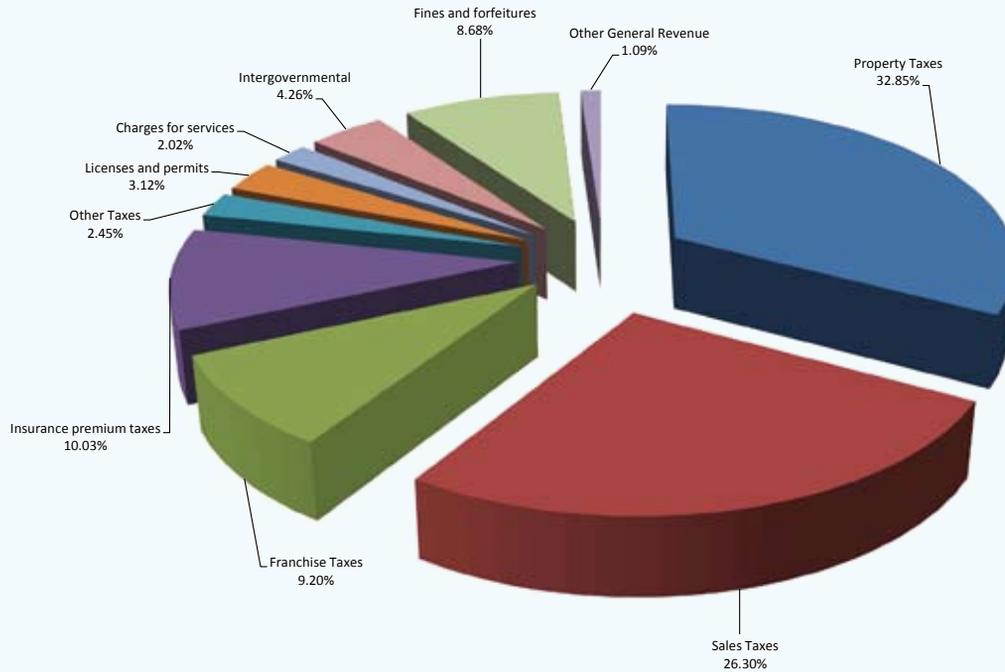
The component of net assets that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by either external parties or through enabling legislation.

##### Net Assets-Unrestricted

The remaining balance of net assets not reports under the other two categories of net assets.

The total net assets of the City are categorized. The largest portion of net assets (\$80,161,373) is invested in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery and equipment) less any related outstanding debt used to acquire these assets. An additional portion of the City’s net assets (\$1,660,910) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining portion of the City’s net assets (\$8,735,285) is unrestricted net assets and may be used to meet the City’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

### General Fund Fiscal Year 2012 Revenues



For fiscal year ended October 31, 2012, the City of Hinesville budgeted revenues for the General fund totaling slightly over 18 million. The four largest sources of revenues are Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, Insurance Premium Taxes and Franchise Taxes. The following section provides a brief description of the city’s revenue sources by category:

**Property Taxes (32.85%)**

Taxes collected from property owners based upon an assessed valuation and tax rate. The dollar amount received is to be used to fund governmental services and debt service on voter approved general obligation bonds.

**Sales and Use Taxes (26.30%)**

Taxes imposed on the purchase, sale, rental, storage, use or consumption of tangible personal property and related services and are subject to voter approval. Specifically represents the city’s portion of the 1% sales and use tax collected.

**Franchise Taxes (9.20%)**

Taxes imposed on corporations or business for using public property for private purposes.

**Insurance Premium Taxes (10.03%)**

Taxes levied based on the gross direct premiums collected by all insurance companies doing business in the City.

**Other Taxes (2.45%)**

Taxes not classified under any other taxes.

**License and permits (3.12%)**

Fees collected for the issuance of licenses and permits by the city. One of the large components included in this is business licenses.

**Charges for services (2.02%)**

Fees collected for general government services.

**Intergovernmental (4.26%)**

Revenue from other governments in the form of operating grants, shared revenues, etc.

**Fines, forfeitures and fees (8.68%)**

Revenue derived from fines and penalties imposed for the commission of statutory offences, violation of lawful administrative rules and regulations, for the neglect of official duty, etc.

**Other general revenue (1.09%)**

Other revenue received from sale of surplus, investments, or not otherwise classified.

Property tax is the City's single largest source of revenue. The City's millage rate remained level at 11.30 mills from 1997 to 2005. In 2006, the City decreased the millage rate to 10.90 mills. In 2007 the City again decreased the rate to 9.5 mills, where it remained level until fiscal year 2012. The City increased its millage rate to 10.50 in fiscal year 2013.

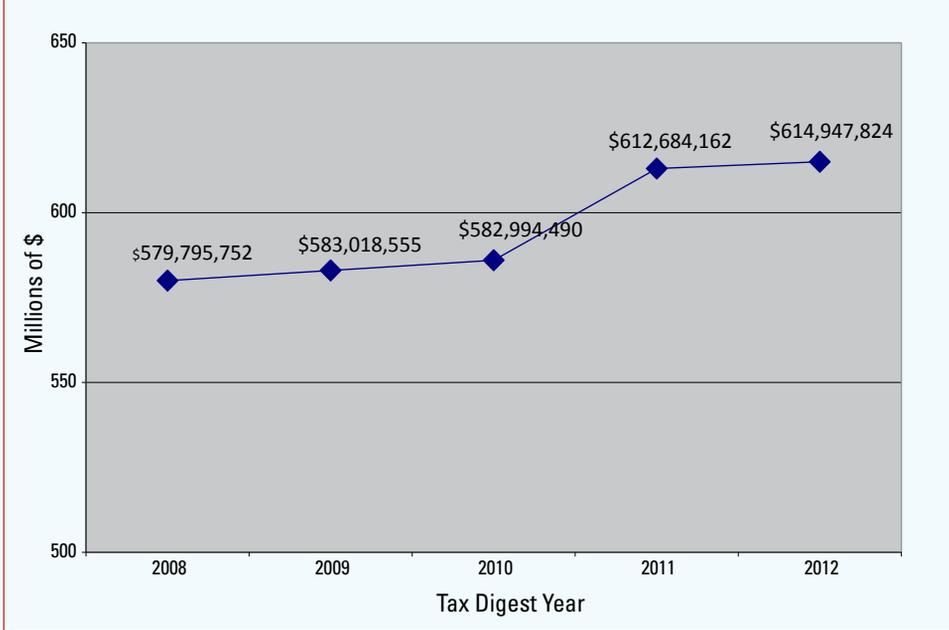
**Property Taxes**



**Property Tax Breakdown**

The illustration to the left depicts how each one dollar of property tax revenue collected is distributed to the various taxing entities. The City of Hinesville receives 22 of each \$1.00 collected from taxpayers in the City.

**Five Year Gross Digest History**



**Property Tax Digest**

The graph on the left tracks the change in the tax digest over the past five years.

The Municipal Court represents the City of Hinesville's judicial branch of government and provides a forum for individuals charged with violations of traffic, some state law and/or city ordinances. The court handles cash bonds and manages all court records. Court is held each Wednesday at 8 a.m. at the Hinesville Police Department and is open to the public. You are more than welcome to attend any scheduled court session.

The City of Hinesville's Court is presided over by Judge Gary A. Sinrich. He was appointed by the Mayor and Council in November, 1987 and remains neutral and impartial to ensure the fair hearing of each case and to set the direction for how your court is operated.



Judge Sinrich graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in Political Science and Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He served in the United States Army from June 1969 until 1971 when he received an Honorable Discharge. He served in Vietnam and with the Office of Staff Judge Advocate as trial counsel for Special Court Martial. He received a Bronze Star in 1971.

His practice and experience includes serving as an Investigator for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office from June 1972 – May 1973 where his duties included preparation of witnesses and cases for trial. He started in Private Law Practice in July 1974 – June 1975 while serving as Assistant Public Defender for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. His private practice included Family Law, Criminal Law, Real Estate and Business Law. He served as Assistant

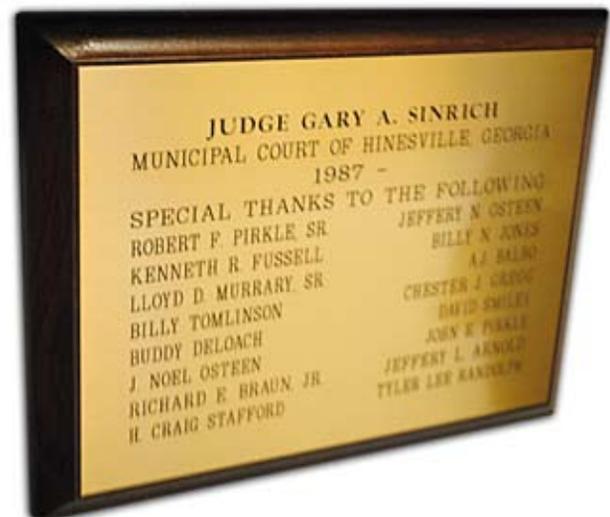
and Chief Assistant District Attorney from July 1975 – June 1978. He actively engaged in the private practice in July 1978 through present. His practice includes Family Law, Personal Injury, Criminal Law, Real Estate, Bankruptcy (Debtor and Creditor) and Juvenile Law. He again served as part-time Public Defender for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit from September 1978 – June 1980. He was appointed to Special Assistant Attorney General for Liberty and Long County Department of Family and Children Services, serving from March 1986 to present.

Judge Sinrich is a member of the American Bar Association, Georgia Bar Association, Liberty County Bar Association (Treasurer 1983-84) and the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Bar Association.

He continues to attend state mandated training each year.

During the year of 2012, the court received 12,621 citations with 12,225 reaching disposition. He is assisted by the Prosecuting Attorney, Cris Schneider, a Court Clerk, and three Deputy Court Clerks. The court also has its own in-house probation handled by two Probation Officers and a Community Service Supervisor.

For FAQ, go to [www.cityofhinesville.org/municipalcourt](http://www.cityofhinesville.org/municipalcourt) or call (912) 368-8206 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.



This plaque was placed in the Hinesville Municipal Courtroom on April 26, 2011 in honor of Judge Sinrich's 23 years of service.

**H**inesville Police Department's Crime Prevention officer, Senior Patrol Officer James Williams is responsible for implementing programs aimed at reducing crime. He manages the Neighborhood Watch program and plans and coordinates annual events such as Safe Kids Day and National Night Out. The Crime Prevention Officer also provides advice and expertise to the public and police crime prevention techniques



and community safety matters. A brief overview of some of the Crime Prevention officer's various projects/programs follows.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Presently in Hinesville there are 10 active Neighborhood Watch groups that meet quarterly with Officer Williams. Meetings focus on the neighborhood concerns and what can be done to improve the neighborhood. Officer Williams shares Halloween and Christmas safety tips at the Neighborhood Watch meetings. Participants in the Neighborhood Watch groups stay alert to crime in

their area and report the crime but do not take matters into their own hands. They do not take any risks trying to prevent crime or attempting to make an arrest. The responsibility for apprehending criminals belongs to law enforcement personnel. Neighborhood Watch participants act as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement.



### SAFE KIDS DAY

Safe Kids Day is an annual event set aside to promote the prevention of accidental and unintentional injury to children. The 2013 Safe Kids Day was scheduled for May 18th on Central Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This annual family oriented event features fun, creative ways to educate the public on child safety. Some of the activities that take place during the Safe Kids Day are fingerprinting children for Ident-a-kits, bicycle safety procedures, what to do in case of a house fire and the proper installation of infant safety seats. Information about Neighborhood Watch programs, the penalties for drunken driving and gun safety are also available.



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The National Night Out event in Hinesville is typically scheduled the first week of August. This event involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic

groups, businesses, organizations and local officials in an effort to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The police department and other agencies that join together to make this event possible include the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Hinesville Fire Department, Liberty County Emergency Management Agency, Armstrong Atlantic Police Department and our citizens who are a part of the Neighborhood Watch Program.



## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/ TRAINING

The Crime Prevention Officer, James Williams, visits the local pre-k and elementary schools during Red Ribbon Week to speak with the children about safety issues such as:

- Stranger Danger;
- The Magic Number (911);
- Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell an Adult (gun safety);

- Police Officers are Your Friends; and
- What to do if you become lost.

Officer McGruff often accompanies Officer Williams on his Red Ribbon Week visits. Upon request, Officer Williams speaks to various civic organizations, sometimes accompanied by City Councilman Keith Jenkins for physical safety demonstrations. Officer Williams also teaches a session of the Citizens Academy focusing on Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch.



## GIFT OF GIVING TO LIFE

The Crime Prevention Unit introduced a new community endeavor in 2012: the Gift of Giving to Life. This event was initiated to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Coastal Georgia Affiliate. This breast cancer awareness 5K run/walk was held November 17, 2012. More than 150 people participated in the run/walk which benefited a local individual. This inaugural Gift of Giving event resulted in a \$1,600 donation to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Coastal Georgia Affiliate. Community Policing Officer, SPO Williams plans to make the Gift of Giving 5K run/walk an annual event. Hopes are that in 2013, the name of the person to receive the benefit of the event will be known at the time of the run/walk.

In addition to working on specific safety and or crime prevention events, Officer Williams makes himself available to citizens requesting advice and expertise on crime prevention tips. Please contact Officer Williams at the Hinesville Police Department if you are interested in participating in any of the crime prevention events or in starting a Neighborhood Watch group where you live.



The Azalea Street Redevelopment Project was made possible by the City of Hinesville with assistance from the U.S. Housing Urban Development Agency and the Department of Community Affairs.



Above: Mayor Thomas and Councilman Shaw with Educational Grant recipient Cynthia Cole. Below: Mayor Thomas and Councilman Shaw with First Time Homebuyer Grant recipient Yulanda Jackson.



The Community Development Department continues to search for viable grant funding opportunities which further the City's mission to enhance the quality of life for its citizens. The Assets for Independence (AFI) Project, one of the department's grant programs, has empowered eight single parents and invested \$32,000 towards higher education degrees and first time homeownership.

along with \$16,000 in federal grant funds to eight qualified single parents, aiding three to purchase their first home and five to pursue college degrees.

The common factor for successful AFI graduates is a determination to make the most of a few dollars from each small paycheck. They also share an intensive educational process designed to increase their knowledge of finances and assist them in being economically self-sufficient for the long term.

The Community Development Department pursues funding from public and private grant sources to help facilitate the strategic goals of the City of Hinesville. More than \$5 million has been secured in the past six years for planning, parks and recreation, homeless prevention, housing assistance, downtown revitalization, police and fire department equipment and more. The AFI Project is just one of several programs funded by dollars secured for various projects that benefit our community.

The AFI Project is a unique way to help low and moderate income single parent families become more sufficient through asset building. Qualified families were required to meet income limits, maintain employment, and complete an intense financial literacy and money management curriculum. Families who participate in the program have access to special bank accounts called Individual Development Accounts, or IDAs, where their savings were matched by a combination of City and Federal funds. Participants used their savings of \$2,000 and the match funds of \$4,000 for long term assets such as first homes or college. After participants completed their requirements, the City invested \$16,000

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**Bids**

View bids and RFPs online.\*

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Who says there is nothing to do in Hinesville? Well, they are wrong! Visit our calendar to get information on citywide events. You will be pleased with what you find! \*

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Get all downloadable documents such as forms, permits, and fact sheets concerning the City.

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Check out all the public facilities in the city and find out how you can reserve one for your next event.

**FAQ**

Get the answers to all your frequently asked questions concerning City departments, programs, and policies.

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View our online job postings to see if you qualify for any open positions.

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Keep up with the latest news and announcements by reading our news flash. \*

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City Hall (Direct Line)	912-876-3564	Downtown Development Authority	912-877-4332
City Hall (Hearing Impaired)	912-876-4229	Finance Department	912-876-3564
Mayor's Office	912-876-3564	Fire Department	912-876-4143
City Council	912-876-3564	Police Department	912-368-8211
Administration	912-876-3564	Human Resources	912-876-3564
Business License	912-876-3564	Municipal Court	912-368-8206
City Clerk	912-876-3564	Planning & Zoning Office	912-408-2030
Department of Community Development	912-876-3164	Public Relations	912-876-3564
Department of Inspections	912-876-4147	Public Works Department	912-876-8216
		Water Department	912-876-3564

## Other Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control	912-876-9191	Liberty Transit	912-877-1472
Birth Certificates/ Marriage License/Gun Permits	912-876-3635	Passports	912-876-3625
Board of Education	912-876-2161	Public Health Department	912-876-2173
Driver's License	912-370-2604	Social Security Administration (Savannah)	800-772-1213
Emergency Management Agency	912-368-2201	Soil Testing (County Extension Service)	912-876-2133
Georgia Department of Labor	912-370-2595	Vehicle Registration & Car Tags	912-876-3389
Homeless Prevention Program	912-876-6573	Voter's Registration	912-876-3310
Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission	912-408-2030		

# City of Hinesville 2013 Annual Events:

**City Council Meetings** held 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Council Chamber at Hinesville City Hall beginning at 3 p.m. Contact Hinesville City Clerk's Office at (912) 876-3564

**Hinesville Military Affairs Committee Meetings** held 4th Monday of each month in the Hinesville Police Department Squad Room at 7 p.m. Contact Hinesville Military Affairs Committee at (912) 368-8211

**Homebuyer's Education Workshop** Date(s) To Be Determined - Contact Hinesville Community Development Department at (912) 876-2015

**Project Homeless Connect** June 8 : Contact Hinesville Homeless Prevention Program at (912) 876-6573

**Bryant Commons Open Park Day** August 3: Contact Hinesville Public Relations at (912)876-3564

**National Night Out** August 2013 (Exact Date to Be Determined) : Contact Hinesville Police Department at (912) 876-8211

**Annual MDA Golf Tournament** (Exact Date to Be Determined): Contact Hinesville Fire Department at (912) 876-4143

**Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week** November 4-8: Contact Hinesville Homeless Prevention Program at (912) 876-6573

**12th Annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Service** November 23: Contact Hinesville Public Relations Office at (912) 876-3564

*\*Visit [www.cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org) for detailed information on Annual City Events.*



*"Home for a day or a lifetime"*

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of life, nurture a strong business community, and maintain efficient government for the residents of Hinesville.

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to be the coastal "southern living" community of choice in Georgia for a day or a lifetime. We are committed to serving our residents with superior organization that demonstrates excellence, responsiveness and efficiency.



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