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“Heart of Hinesville” Photography Contest for the 2020 PAFR

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Jan. 23, 2020) – Calling all amateur photographers! The City of Hinesville is preparing for its annual publication the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and we want Hinesville residents to help us choose the cover for this year!

Since 2006, the City of Hinesville has published the PAFR annually as a way for citizens to receive information about the City’s annual budget, upcoming event calendar and hear from each department of topics relevant to residents. For the last 11 years, the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) has presented Hinesville’s Finance Department with an award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting. On top of conformance with the highest standards of preparation of state and local government reports, cities who receive this award are judged on their report’s creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

To view the 2018 PAFR, please visit cityofhinesville.org/119/Popular-Annual-Financial-Report.

About the Contest:

The City of Hinesville invites Hinesville and Liberty County, Ga. residents to submit photos of their favorite places in Hinesville for the “Heart of Hinesville” photography contest. Rules for the contest are laid out below:

- The “Heart of Hinesville” photography contest is open to Hinesville and Liberty County, Ga. residents.
- Take a photo of your favorite local place in Hinesville. This could be a park, building, street, etc. **PLEASE DO NOT** take photos inside residences.
- Photos must be submitted via email in either a .jpg or .png format to wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.
- Entries must be accompanied by the following information:
 - Name of entrant/photographer
 - Location or where photograph was taken
 - Address of photographer
 - Phone number of entrant/photographer
- Entries will be accepted beginning **Monday, January 27 – Friday, March 27**.
- Following the entry period, staff of the Finance Department for the City of Hinesville will judge all contest entries and select 5 finalists.
- The 5 finalist entries will be posted to the City’s Facebook page beginning **Monday, March 30 through 8 p.m. on Friday, April 6**. Hinesville residents will be able to vote for their favorite during this time. The winner will be announced by 9 p.m. on Friday, April 6.
- One **Tuesday, April 21**, there will be a reception for all entrants to the contest. This reception, hosted by the Hinesville Downtown Development Authority (HDDA), will be from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Old Liberty County Jail. All entries to the contest will be

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displayed throughout the jail for the week of April 20 – 24 in honor of Georgia Cities Week 2020. The public will be able to view the exhibition between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Prizes for the top three photos will be awarded to photo contest entrants, along with the winning entry being featured on the cover of the 2019 PAPR (publishing in early summer 2020). Additionally, the HDDA reception will also feature a “Best in Show” award presented by a panel of jurors. The “Heart of Hinesville” photography contest and reception is free and open to the public. For more information about the photo contest, please contact Whitney Morris-Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](http://cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit cityofhinesville.org.