

Conyers Connections



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From the Mayor's desk...

Spring is nearly upon us and we're gearing up for a host of events and activities to welcome this busy season of rebirth and new growth.

Residents of all ages and generations love the city's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Join me on Tuesday, March 17 for the festivities in historic Olde Town Conyers starting at 4:30 p.m. and then bring the family for unique shopping, cultural food and fun at the Cherry Blossom Festival, a 34 year tradition, at the Georgia International Horse Park, March 21-22. Our calendar of events at conyersga.com is constantly updated with these and other events taking place every week in Conyers.

I hope you will take the time if you have not done so already to complete the online survey for the city's strategic plan at https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cNDpD3gDtbi0Chf. It is vital that we have your input so that we can set realistic and achievable goals and objectives for the future of Conyers.

Feel free to join us when the City Council meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street. We love to hear from and interact with our citizens. Thank you for being part of this community and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Randy Mills
Mayor



Masters Week at Cherokee Run

Celebrate the golf tradition that is The Masters in Conyers!

Play at Cherokee Run Golf Club during Masters Week (April 4-12) for only \$100.00/player (pre-booked and pre-paid tee times only). Enjoy a green fee, golf cart, range balls, Cherokee Run hat, Titleist Tee Gift Tin, continental breakfast and lunch.

Call 770-785-7904 for a tee time.



Be Irish for a Day and Cherry Blossoms are on the Way

Make one-of-a-kind memories at St. Patrick's Day, Cherry Blossom Festival events in March

This is your chance to be in a parade! Join in the **World's Fastest Growing St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Tuesday, March 17**, starting at 4:30 p.m. in Olde Town Conyers. This Main Street Program event grows in popularity each year as citizens of all ages join in the short, two-block route to the Olde Town Pavilion. At the pavilion, enjoy refreshments, entertainment and the crowning of the king and queen of the day's festivities. The Rotary Club of Rockdale will hold their 6th Annual .01 Mile Fun Run from the Depot to The Pointe in Olde Town following the parade. Registration for the run is only \$20 to secure a commemorative T-shirt. Visit www.rockdalerotary.org for more information. A number of Olde Town restaurants will offer Irish specials and live entertainment the weekend leading up to the parade, after the parade and fun run, so plan to explore your Irish heritage in Conyers this St. Patrick's Day!

The sight of delicate pink cherry blossoms blooming throughout Conyers and Rockdale County in the coming weeks will bring the **34th Annual Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival presented by Superior Plumbing at the Georgia International Horse Park, March 21-22** from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free with a \$5.00 parking fee per vehicle. The festival will be held rain or shine.

"Party in the pink" at this annual, award-winning festival that features hundreds of artists and crafter booths, cultural performances, children's activities, an international food court and more! Join the "pink out" by wearing the festival colors, pink and green, or decorate your stroller or wagon. Secret judges will be roaming the festival searching for best-dressed and best-decorated to win great prizes.

Conyers celebrates the cherry blossom season with events like the Miss Conyers Cherry Blossom Scholarship Pageant on February 28, the Cherry Blossom Croquet Tournament on March 14, the Conyers Kiwanis Club Cherry Blossom Golf Tournament on March 27 and the Walk with Angels eight-mile walk to raise funds for the Kimberley Chance Atkins Foundation on March 28.

Visit the festival website, www.conyerscherryblossomfest.com, for more details.

Sign up for an e-mail version of this newsletter at www.conyersga.com.



We Want to Hear From You! Take the Conyers Survey

The city of Conyers began working with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) at the University of Georgia late last fall to begin formulating a strategic plan for smart growth, development and redevelopment for the city's future. Strategic plan committee members have met with CVIOG facilitator Langford Holbrook to share their thoughts and feelings about how Conyers should look and feel in future years and we want to hear from you.

Take the short survey at https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cNDpD3gDtbi0Chf. Over 300 completed surveys have been received so far, but we'd love to have as many people complete the survey as possible so everyone has a voice in sharing their opinions about Conyers for future generations.

Stay tuned for upcoming town hall meetings in which you're encouraged to attend and share your thoughts and feelings in person.

Transportation Updates: Railroad St., Irwin Bridge Rd.

Orange construction barrels and detour signs have become a common sight around Conyers over the past six months. Here's an update on some of the transportation projects taking place in our community:

The widening and road improvements to Railroad Street are nearing completion. Weather permitting, construction is expected to be completed by May and the road will reopen to traffic.

Bids for traffic and pedestrian improvements to Irwin Bridge Road are expected in late March with construction to begin in April. Improvements to the busy corridor from Main Street to Sigman Road include milling and resurfacing, the addition of bicycle lanes, new sidewalks and drainage improvements. Irwin Bridge Road will remain open to residents who live off of the road during the construction period. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed in the spring of next year.

For information or questions on these and other road projects in the city limits, call 770-785-6690.

Gary Hegwood Named 2014 Employee of the Year



Conyers Security Alert Technician Gary Hegwood was named the recipient of the 2014 Dee Buggay Award of Excellence (Employee of the Year). Hegwood, left, is pictured with the award's namesake, Dee Buggay and Mayor Randy Mills.

Conyers Proclaimed a Purple Heart City

The city of Conyers was proclaimed an official Purple Heart City through the Georgia Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in December 2014. Since then, the city has taken the proclamation a step further in ordering signs to install on existing city limit signs declaring that the city is proud and appreciative of those who have served in the military and those who have been awarded a Purple Heart.

Pictured below are those who were on hand for the reveal of the Purple Heart signs. Special thanks to Greg Grimes of Patriot Storage for funding the signs. Public Works employees will begin installation of the 10 signs in coming weeks.

Pictured left to right: veteran and Walk of Heroes Foundation Board Member Pete Mecca, Conyers City Councilman Chris Bowen, veteran and Walk of Heroes Foundation Chairman Tommy Clack, veteran and Conyers Public Works employee Charles Drake and veteran Greg Grimes of Patriot Storage.



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Wear green and
join us in Olde
Town for the
St. Patrick's Day
Parade on Tuesday,
March 17 at
4:30 p.m.!