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CARTERSVILLE CLEAN-UP HELD APRIL 17TH



On April 17th, community residents participated in the Cartersville Great American Cleanup as part of nationwide clean-up events held during April. The Cartersville cleanup, coordinated by City staff members, was one of several similar events that occurred in Bartow County as part of Keep Bartow Beautiful's many annual events.

Participants signed in at 9:00 AM at the City Hall parking lot and received bottled water, trash bags, t-shirts, and safety vests. The volunteers then chose to pick up trash in one of the following three neighborhoods adjacent to City parks:

- **Douglas Street** - North Towne Park - cleanup captain Richard Osborne
- **Fite Street** - Rotary Park - cleanup captain Tom Quist
- **Jones Street** - Clarence Benham Park - cleanup captain Tim Jones

If you are interested in participating in future activities sponsored by Keep Bartow Beautiful and the City of Cartersville, please contact Richard Osborne, City Planner, at rosborne@cityofcartersville.org or (770)387-5614.



WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD

The City of Cartersville Water Department was proud to accept the Georgia Association of Water Professionals' (GAWP) 2009 Biosolids/Residuals Excellence Award in the category of Technology Innovation and Development. The Biosolids/Residuals Excellence Awards recognize:

- Recycling or reuse of natural resources such as nutrients and organic matter found in biosolids or other sludges
- Demonstrated energy efficiency and/or cost effectiveness
- Demonstrated excellence in program/project management Technical innovation in the management of biosolids/residuals.

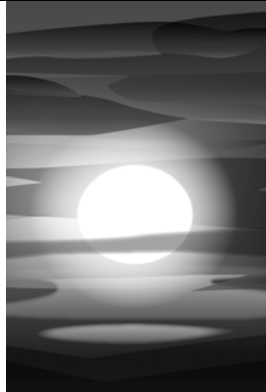
The award was presented at the GAWP Spring Conference on April 13th.

MOONLIGHT HIKES

The upcoming moonlight hikes will take place on:

- April 28th
- May 27th
- June 26th

Just meet at the West Trail head (at the end of Main Street) at dusk and walk up and down Pine Mountain in the full moonlight. These will continue every month on the full moon.



SUMMER AROUND THE CORNER



Summer is right around the corner. Mark your calendars now...the first day of summer is Monday, June 21st.

POOLS OPENING

Dellinger Park and Aubrey Street Pools will both open Saturday, May 22nd.



AUBREY STREET GYM RE-OPENS



The Aubrey Street Gymnasium re-opened on Monday, March 29th, following repairs from last year's fire.



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING CENTER



After many delays due to rain and inclement weather, the Fire Department training center, a joint project between the City and the County, is nearing completion of phase I. Phase #1 has included the tower, burn building, drafting pit and exterior training area. All primary infrastructure for the site will be completed; the interior Gas Props should be installed and in operation by 1st week of May. A temporary portable classroom building will also be placed at the site, on loan from Bartow Schools and Bartow County, until classrooms can be built.



Cartersville Fire is scheduled to begin training evolutions on site by late March, and joint training with Bartow County is in the planning phases now. The Fire Department anticipates an open house and dedication event to be held mid-April.

VOGTLE EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE



On February 16th, the President announced that the Vogtle expansion effort would be the first nuclear project in the United States to be offered Federal Loan Guarantees for project financing. MEAG's share of the guarantee is about \$1.8 billion. Additionally, on March 16th MEAG completed the issuance of \$2.7 billion of long-term bonds for financing portions of the construction cost for the Vogtle project. This financing will lower the current projected gross debt service billing for the projects by approximately \$2.9 billion over the 47 year life of the bonds, and by \$547 million on a net present value basis, versus a 6% assumption in the initial project analysis. The combination of this bond sale and the DOE loan guarantee option provides MEAG with approximately 125% of the anticipated financing needed to complete the project based upon the current projected costs. As for the City of Cartersville, this equates to gross savings of \$167,696,219.17 and a present value savings of \$24,081,199.20.

MANUFACTURING APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION SIGNING

The Mayor and Commissioner signing the Manufacturing Appreciation Week Proclamation on Tuesday, March 30th.



DON'T FORGET...



**MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 9TH**

**FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20TH**

ANNUAL EGG DROP



CITY OF CARTERSVILLE CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of Cartersville Code Enforcement officers are committed to providing safe, healthy and attractive living conditions for all of the residents of Cartersville, by ensuring the community's maintenance and integrity through the enforcement of City Codes. Code Enforcement officers work to make residents and businesses comply with City codes, which, for example, prohibit the following situations in the city:

- Overgrown grass and weeds
- Litter and rubbish on property
- Exceeding occupancy limits in a residential dwelling
- Inoperable vehicles parked outside in a residential zone
- Parking on front lawns
- Illegal signs
- Erosion and sediment control violations
- Livestock in a residential zone
- Graffiti
- Open storage on property, front porches and carports

The ordinances listed are only a fraction of the ones published in the City of Cartersville Code of Ordinances. Please look around your homes and establishments and do what you must to make our community more attractive. Our City can only be as good as you want to make it. Your attention to detail will help make our community safer and more attractive for everyone. If you would like to report a violation or have questions please contact a City of Cartersville Code Enforcement Officer.

Planning and Development

(770)387-5600

Tim Jones

Senior Code Enforcement Officer

(770)387-5610

Chris Williams

Code Enforcement Officer

(770)606-6992

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT



One thing that is apparent to residents and visitors of Cartersville is the pride that members of our community feel. From the small town feel to the rich historic heritage, Cartersville is a unique place that offers residents an exceptional quality of life. As times change, it is important that we protect the character of our vibrant community. One important component of our community's character is its historic neighborhoods. By working with residents and the Historic Preservation Commission, the Cartersville Department of Planning and Development helps to protect these community resources.

Recently, a fifth historic district was formally adopted within the City: Granger Hill. This area includes 24 properties, most of which were part of two subdivisions created in the 1930s. Granger Hill, located approximately one mile west of the downtown train depot, has a rich history dating before the Civil War, when a cabin was built on a hillside. During the late 1800s, the cabin was later enlarged by General Sherman's military secretary, Arthur Granger, into a three-story mansion with an observatory.

Following a process which included historic and architectural studies as well as public hearings, the Historic Preservation Board recommended adoption of the historic district designation. In January 2010, the City Council officially adopted the Granger Hill Historic District.

Historic Preservation is just one example of the important responsibilities supported by the Cartersville Department of Planning and Development. To learn more about what we do, visit us online at www.cityofcartersville.org.

Cartersville Planning and Development

Cartersville's Department of Planning and Development coordinates all planning, zoning, and construction activities in the City. Department Divisions include Community Services, Planning and Zoning, Building Permits and Inspections, Code Enforcement, and Licensing.

Division	Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Trend
Building Permits and Inspections	Residential Building Permits	200	269	210	114	53	↓
	Non-Residential Permits	98	128	112	73	45	↓
	Total Number of Permits	298	397	322	187	98	↓
	Inspections	1393	1285	1438	1074	761	↓
Planning and Zoning	Commercial and Institutional Plan Reviews	34	42	46	33	21	↓
	Industrial Plan Reviews	13	24	16	10	3	↓
	Residential Plan Reviews	14	27	17	8	3	↓
	Annexation Cases	17	12	5	13	7	↓
	Rezoning Cases	20	24	18	11	5	↓
	Special Exemption Requests	9	9	5	3	1	↓
	Variance Requests	20	47	35	34	13	↓
Land Disturbance Permits	32	20	30	20	8	↓	
Community Services	Commercial Historic Preservation Cases	8	8	8	7	1	↓
	Residential Historic Preservation Cases	10	8	17	15	12	↓
Code Enforcement	Code Violation Cases	321	448	454	873	992	↑
	Sign Permits	161	154	147	129	101	↓
Licensing	Alcohol License Holders	132	130	140	151	113	↓
	Business Licenses	1569	1754	1867	1889	1932	↑
Operations		FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010*	Trend
	Building Permit and Inspection Fees	\$253,036	\$324,496	\$259,897	\$84,406	\$80,000	↓
	Personnel Expenditures	\$514,806	\$559,612	\$654,757	\$712,399	\$651,345	↓
	Operating Expenditures**	\$162,708	\$239,471	\$212,542	\$146,897	\$182,100	↑
Full Time Employees	8	9	10	10	7	↓	
Citizen Survey	Overall quality of new development in Cartersville (% Rating Excellent or Good)	NA	NA	68%	NA	64%	Above†
	Land use, planning and zoning (% Rating Excellent or Good)	45%	NA	44%	NA	48%	Above†
	Code enforcement (% Rating Excellent or Good)	43%	NA	46%	NA	47%	Similar†

*FY2010 figures are budgeted (not actual); **Excludes CHIP Grant Expenses due to offsetting revenues; † Comparison to National Benchmark

- 2009 saw a continuing decline in local development, indicated by a ten-year low in both residential and non-residential building permit issuances. Similarly, building inspections declined for the second straight year to about half of what they were in 2007. Other permits experiencing decline were sign permits and land disturbance permits.
- Code enforcement cases have increased steadily. A dramatic increase was seen in 2008 when an additional code enforcement officer was hired. Code enforcement personnel help maintain a clean, safe, and attractive community.
- Concurrent with declining permit applications, permit fee revenues declined from previous years in 2009. In response to lowered inspections demand, two building inspection officials were relocated elsewhere within the organization to areas of need.

STORMWATER AND MOSQUITOES

BY CHRISTINA P. WILLIAMS, STORMWATER PROGRAM MANAGER

I began my very first job as the Storm Drainage Engineer for the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, about 21 years ago. It was a new idea. Since there had never been a Stormwater Engineer for Tuscaloosa before, we were writing the job description as we went. Duties that had been parceled out to other departments were being gathered into the new Stormwater Division. Bridge maintenance I could understand, after all, aren't most bridges over a waterway of some kind? But mosquito control? Where's the engineering factor in that?



Being fresh out of college at that point, I can promise you that I never had a class in mosquitoes or vector control (as it is called by the mosquito professionals), but I quickly learned that it was an important topic to the citizens of my community and I had better get up to speed. After spending a lot of time on the telephone and in personal visits with state health officials and with a local (and very VOCAL) environmental group, I began to learn some important facts about mosquitoes. Fortunately, the old days of "fogging" the city with smoke and pouring diesel fuel in standing water are gone (and currently would be illegal) and we have all learned a lot since that time.

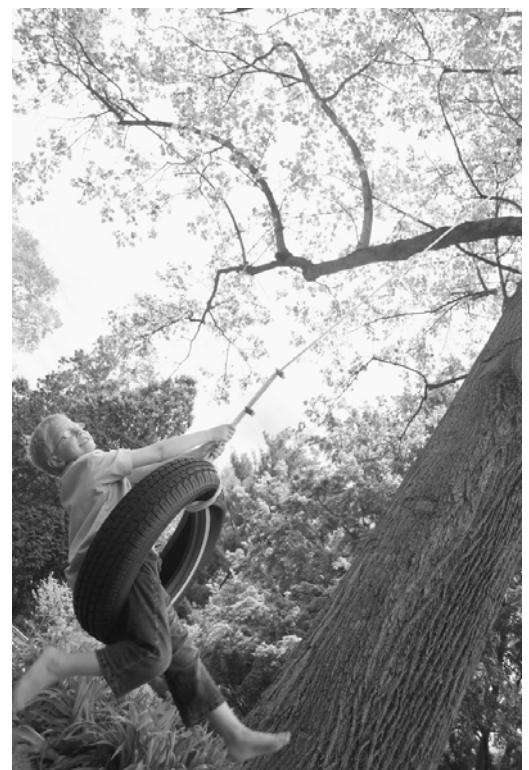
Since we live in the Southeast, mosquitoes are a fact of our everyday existence. There is no such thing as completely ridding ourselves of them. Even with all our best efforts, there will still be mosquitoes, but there are a number of things that we can do to dramatically improve the situation. The top 3 methods of mosquito control, in order of effectiveness, are good housekeeping, placing larvicide tablets, and spraying. You read that correctly; spraying for mosquitoes is the least effective method of control. The only mosquitoes you kill are the ones that happen to come in contact with the drift of the spray. This method also costs the most.

The second most effective control method is killing the larvae (mosquito "eggs") before they hatch into adult mosquitoes. The Public Works Department does this by placing larvicide tablets in areas of *stagnant*, standing water inside the City Limits. Of course, mosquitoes don't care whether they are in the City Limits or not. Notice that I said stagnant water. Mosquitoes do not breed in fresh flowing water, unfortunately, and water doesn't have to stand very long before it becomes stagnant. This brings us to THE most effect means of mosquito control – good housekeeping.

UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS

MONDAY, MAY 31ST
MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, JULY 5TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY
OBSERVED



STORMWATER AND MOSQUITOES (CONTINUED)

BY CHRISTINA P. WILLIAMS, STORMWATER PROGRAM MANAGER

Good Housekeeping is where you come in. This involves eliminating standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs and places where adult mosquitoes find shelter. This doesn't just happen on public property; it happens at your homes and businesses. Here are some things that you can do to help control the mosquito population.

- Mow lawn regularly
- Trim Shrubbery
- Clean gutters regularly
- Drain pool covers
- Turn over wading pools, wagons, wheelbarrows, etc.
- Change water in bird baths every 2 days
- Remove all water holding containers from yards (buckets, cans, tires, bottles, etc.)
- Fill in or drain low places in your yard
- Don't let water stand at base of flower pots or in pet dishes
- Mosquitoes can breed in something as small as a bottle cap in as little as 48 hours!

Why spend all this time and money worried about mosquitoes? Aside from the annoyance factor (I don't like things that bite and make me itch!), they also carry disease. It is important that we each do our part for good housekeeping; however there are some other common sense things that you can do to protect yourself.

- Wear light colored clothing and avoid heavily scented toiletries when you know you will be outside
- Avoid mosquito prime time – dusk and dawn
- Use insect repellent – if you haven't tried one in a few years, you'll find them greatly improved in scent and effectiveness
- Mosquito larvicide tablets can be purchased at several local garden and home improvement stores for use on your private property

Inside Bartow County, if you find a dead crow, blue jay or bird of prey, call Bartow County Environmental Health at (770)387-2614.

The Cartersville Public Works Department begins placing larvicide tablets and spraying in mid to late spring, depending on the weather. Be sure and do your part too. We can't eliminate mosquitoes, but with some good housekeeping and common sense we can minimize the problem.

If you have questions or comments about stormwater or need a speaker for your civic group, contact Christina P. Williams, Stormwater Program Manager, at the City of Cartersville Public Works Department (770)387-5602.

OLD COURTHOUSE RECEIVES AWARD FROM GEORGIA TRUST



Photo provided courtesy of Georgia Trust. (l to r) Kim Taylor, Chairman of The Georgia Trust; Ron Goss, Jr., Cooperstown Development, LLC; Dianne Tate, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Cartersville; Mark McDonald, President & CEO of The Georgia Trust; Lori Pruitt, Cartersville City Council Member.

The old courthouse, located underneath the bridge in downtown Cartersville, received an award for Excellence in Rehabilitation from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation at their 33rd annual Preservation Awards ceremony. The event was held on April 9th in Rome, Georgia.

The courthouse from 1869, Italianate style, is believed to be the only one of its kind remaining in the state. The building was slated for demolition at one point, but City leaders took action and researched options for preserving the courthouse.

Ron Goss, Jr., of Cooperstown Development, LLC, was the project manager for the renovation, and Richard L. Thornton was the architect.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL

- May 6th
- May 20th
- June 3rd
- June 17th
- July 1st
- July 15th

BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS

4:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

- May 17th
- June 14th
- July 12th

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL

- May 11th
- June 8th
- July 6th

ALCOHOL CONTROL BOARD

10:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL

- May 12th
- June 9th
- July 7th

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

- May 18th
- June 15th
- July 20th



YOUR CITY COUNCIL

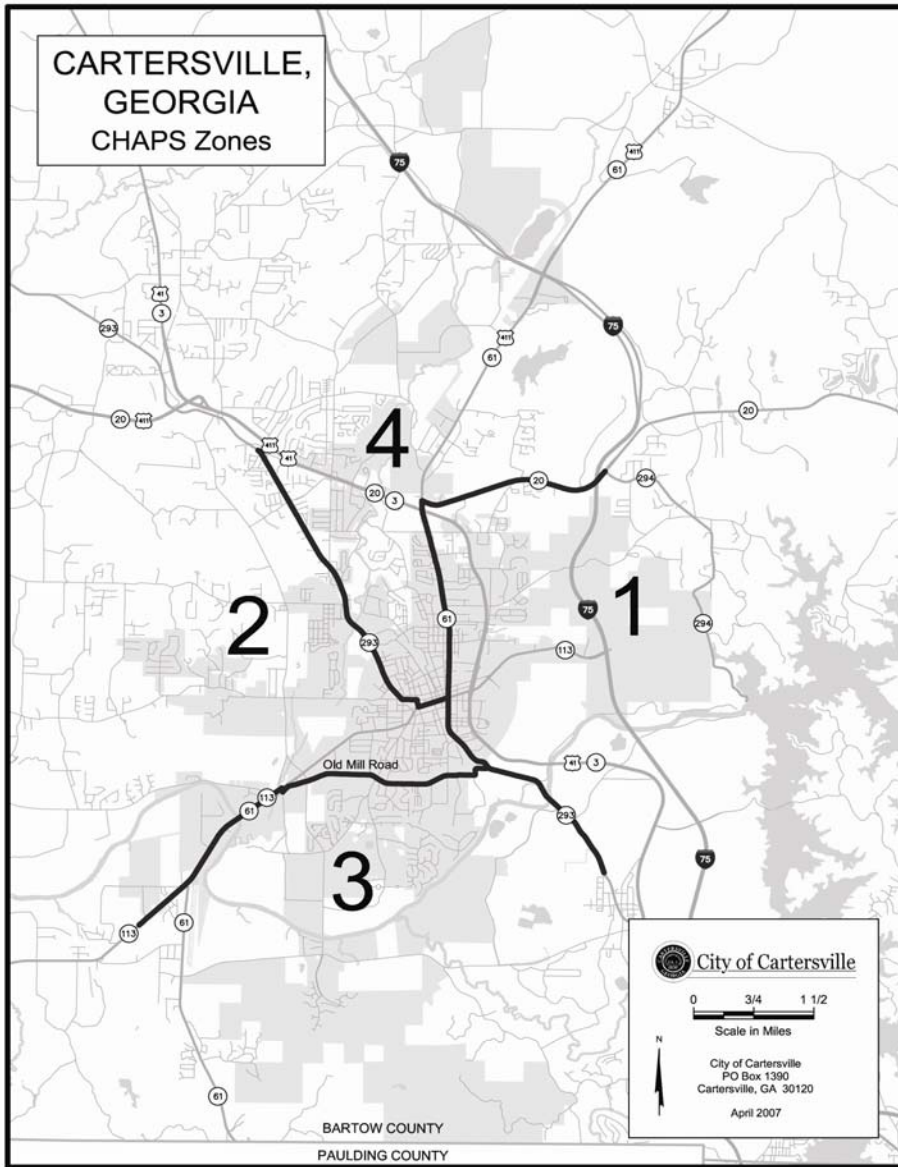


Louis Tonsmeire, Sr. (Ward 3); Lori Pruitt (Ward 6); Jayce Stepp (Ward 2); Matt Santini (Mayor); Kari Hodge (Ward 1); Lindsey McDaniel, Jr. (Ward 4); Dianne Tate (Mayor Pro Tem/Ward 5)

COUNCIL VISIONING MEETING JANUARY 29TH & 30TH

On January 29th and 30th, the Mayor, City Council Members, City Manager and City department heads gathered for the annual visioning session. A large portion of the discussion time was spent talking about the various budget options for the upcoming fiscal year; if the budget goes up 3%, goes down 3% or stays the same.





YOUR C.H.A.P.S. ZONE COMMANDERS

Zone map above



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teellis@cartersvillepolice.com
(770)606-6987



Zone 2 Commander
Sgt. James Scott
jscott@cartersvillepolice.com
(770)606-6984



Zone 3 Commander
Lt. B.J. Cagle
bjcagle@cartersvillepolice.com
(770)606-6985



Zone 4 Commander
Sgt. Mark Windsor
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(770)606-6986

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 PO Box 1390
 Cartersville, Georgia 30120
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City Clerk's Office at City Hall
 (770)387-5606
 10 Public Square

- City Council Minutes
- Elections
- Ordinance Information
- Sr. Citizen School Tax Exemptions

City Manager
 (770)387-5686

Customer Service at City Hall
 (770)387-5607
 10 Public Square

- Utility Billing Questions
 Electric, Gas, Water:
 - New Service
 - Discontinue Service

Electric Department*
 (770)387-5631

- Downed Power Lines
- Power Outages
- Outdoor Lights
- Street Lights
- Surge Protection

Fibercom*
 (770)607-6262

Finance Department
 (770)387-5672

Fire Department
 (770)387-5635
 TO REPORT A FIRE DIAL 911

Gas Department*
 (770)387-5642

- Gas Leaks

Human Resources
 (770)387-5685

Mayor
 (770)387-5617

Oak Hill Cemetery
 (770)387-5604

Parks & Recreation

- Civic Center
 (770)387-5625
- Dellinger Park
 (770)387-5626
- Gymnastics
 (770)387-5629
- Tennis Center
 (770)387-5628

Planning & Development
 (770)387-5600

- Alcohol Licenses
- Building Inspections
- Business Licenses
- Code Enforcement
- Historic Preservation
- Zoning

Police Department

- Non Emergency
 (770)382-2526

**TO REPORT AN
 EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

**Public Works/
 Sanitation/Solid Waste**
 (770)387-5602

- Dead Animal Pick Up
- Garbage/Yard Waste
- Mosquito Control
- Storm Drains
- Street Maintenance

Water Administration*
 (770)387-5653

- Discolored Water
- Water Leaks
- Water Outage

Bartow County Library Systems
 (770)382-4203
 429 West Main Street
www.bartowlibraryonline.org

**Cartersville-Bartow Convention
 & Visitors Bureau**
 (770)387-1357
 One Friendship Plaza
www.notatlanta.org

**Cartersville-Bartow County
 Chamber of Commerce**
 (770)382-1466
 122 West Main Street
www.cartersvillechamber.com

**Cartersville-Bartow County
 Economic Development Department**
 (770)382-1466
 122 West Main Street
www.locationbartow.com

Cartersville Board of Education
 (770)382-5880
 15 Nelson Street
www.cartersville.k12.ga.us

Cartersville City Schools

- Primary School (grades PreK-2)
 (770)382-1733
- Elementary School (grades 3-5)
 (770)382-0983
- Middle School (grades 6-8)
 (770)382-3666
- High School (grades 9-12)
 (770)382-3200

Cartersville Medical Center
 (770)382-1530
 960 Joe Frank Harris Parkway
www.cartersvillemedical.com

**Downtown Development
 Authority**
 (770)607-3480
 One Friendship Plaza
www.cvillemainst.com

Keep Bartow Beautiful
 (770)387-5167
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NOTABLE DATES

APRIL

April 28th Moonlight Hike
April 30th Swim Team Registration Ends
American Red Cross Lifeguard Class Begins

MAY

May 3rd Swim Team Late Registration Begins
Swim Lessons, Gymnastics & Tennis
Summer Camp Registration Begin,
Dellinger Pool Passes Available
May 7th Water Safety Instructor Class Begins
May 8th Swim Team Try-outs
Gymnastics Tumbling Clinic
May 10th Swim Team Practice Begins
May 14th Gymnastics Parents' Night Out
May 22nd Dellinger & Aubrey Street Pools Open
May 24th Session I Swim Lessons Begin
Gymnastics Camp Begins
May 27th Moonlight Hike

JUNE

June 1 Session I Swim Lessons, Gymnastics Classes
and Fall Soccer Registration Begin
June 7th Youth Fishing Day; Session II Swim
Lessons, Gymnastics Camp and Pee Wee
Tennis Camp Begin
June 8th Jr. Lifeguard Camp Begins

JUNE

June 11 Senior Fishing Day
June 14th Beginner/Intermediate Tennis
Camp Begin
June 15th Jr. Lifeguard Camp Begins
June 21st Session III Swim Lessons Begin
Gymnastics Camp Begins
June 26th Century Bike Ride
Moonlight Hike

JULY

July 3rd Stars & Stripes at Dellinger Park
July 5th Pee Wee Tennis Camp Begins
July 10th Downtown Concert in
Friendship Plaza
July 12th Session IV Swim Lessons,
Gymnastics Camp and Beginner/
Intermediate Tennis Camp Begin

