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New Mural in Byron!



By Tour Byron

Thank you so much Flint Energies for making the brilliant new mural possible in

Byron and Chris Johnson for another FANTASTIC piece of art in our Downtown! This project was funded by Flint Energies as part of their 2026 Rural Mural Program.

Stay tuned for the completion of our brand new skatepark and all of the exciting things to come!

Peach County T-Splost Planned To Be Brought Back To The Ballot

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, Ga. — The Peach County Board of Commissioners is planning to move forward with bringing the T-SPOST back to the ballot this November.

The T-SPOST is a major funding source of multiple road improvement projects across the county and its municipalities. Peach County's proposed project list is extensive, covering major projects including a \$4.6 million congestion realignment project along the Highway 247 Connector, a \$1.9 million repair on Smyrna Church Road, and \$1.5 million improvements for Boy Scout Road.

Earlier this year, Peach County voters rejected the T-SPOST renewal by a margin of 54% to 46%. The votes cast were 1,548 against the T-SPOST and 1,297 votes for the T-SPOST.

Peach County Commissioner Wade Yoder took a moment to explain why the T-SPOST is being brought back to the ballot and why he feels that the T-SPOST is so important to the county.

"For the board of commissioners, city councils and public works departments, it can be easy to see the gap between infrastructure needs and available funding. I believe we too often take the T-SPOST, E-SPOST and SPLOST being voted back in for granted, and we have to make sure as many people as possible get the same information as we have to make an informed ballot decision. There is an extensive list of roads and streets that impact most of us (or will) in some way and if we don't fund infrastructure with an amount that stays apace with the growth that is coming, it will have a negative impact on our community. We believe getting this back on the ballot this fall is vitally important to our community," Yoder said.

Yoder mentioned multiple projects that would greatly benefit from a renewed T-SPOST, such as resurfacing connector roads, repaving Ira Hicks Blvd, realigning Gunn Road, and connecting Ethan St. to the Pilot Parking lot to create better traffic flow in a routinely congested area. One of the larger projects the commissioner has planned is paving Lilly Creek, a connector road between Highway 96 and Highway 49.

"There are many other roads and streets on this TSPLOST list and while our primary goal is to get the main connector roads that are heavily traveled, the TSPLOST is helping us to get more of the smaller neighborhood roads as well. This is the same for the municipalities in Peach that have an extensive list of streets that will be getting resurfaced if the TSPLOST passes."

As Peach County continues to grow, the roads have seen increased use from the growing

South Carolina Man Sentenced To 5 Years After "Maliciously" Starting A Fire In Byron Church

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, Ga. — A South Carolina man admitted to "maliciously" starting a fire at a Byron church in 2024 will now serve five years in federal prison.

Luke Andrew Westefeld, 34 years old, of North Augusta, South Carolina, was sentenced on Thursday, July 9, to 60 months in prison and three years of supervised release, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia. Authorities couldn't say why he drove two hours to set a fire in Peach County.

"Intentionally setting fire to a house of worship is a malicious act that devastates not only a sacred space, but also reverberates throughout the entire community," said U.S. Attorney William R. "Will" Keyes. "Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies worked together to ensure the defendant is brought to justice for his actions."

According to court documents and statements in court, on Aug. 20, 2024, Westefeld approached members of the Byron United Methodist Church, who were standing in the church's parking lot after their choir practice, and asked for water. The women declined and later told officers they were concerned about their safety.

Later that night, Westefeld broke into the church and became upset upon seeing unlit candlesticks on the altar. Westefeld believed the candlesticks should remain lit through the night. He said he noticed that the Bible on the pulpit was opened to Ezekiel 24:21, which spoke of the desecration of the sanctuary due to sin.

Say to the people of Israel, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am about to desecrate my sanctuary—the stronghold in which you take pride, the delight of your eyes, the object of your af-

fection. The sons and daughters you left behind will fall by the sword.

Westefeld took it as a sign for him to burn the Church. Westefeld lit the candlesticks and burned the American and Methodist flags in the sanctuary.

Westefeld then went to the Church office next to the sanctuary and found cash and checks. He said his "anger level reached a 10" because he believed the money should be deposited in a bank. He took the cash for himself.

Westefeld then saw food in the office pantry and became even more enraged, believing it should be given to the poor. He said that this is why he decided to set fire to the church's office.

Westefeld stole a plastic gas can from a nearby home, planning to siphon gasoline out of the Church's van to use as an accelerant. The van was parked and locked behind the Church. Westefeld was unable to retrieve

Photo Contributed
Luke Westefeld

the gasoline, so he stuffed his white shirt in the gas cap of the van and set it on fire.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Georgia Fire Marshals, and the Byron Police Department investigated the case, along with assistance from the Centerville Police Department and the GBI.

Peach County, Byron To Host Public Workshop On Upcoming Peach County Development

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, Ga. — The Peach County Board of Commissioners and the City of Byron will be holding a Joint Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop on Thursday, July 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Byron City Hall to get community feedback on the upcoming development of Peach County.

This workshop will focus on land development and provide an opportunity for residents to share their ideas on future growth, development patterns, housing, commercial and industrial areas, preservation efforts, and other land use priorities.

The Board of Commissioners is inviting all residents and business owners to attend the workshop to share their input so as to better reflect the needs and priorities of the Peach County community.

A second meeting between the Peach County Board of Commissioners and the City of Fort Valley will be held next month

on Tuesday, August 18, from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Fort Valley City Hall.

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-term policy document that guides growth, development, and investment, ensuring that any growth in the county is intentional and not accidental. The process for the updated plan, which would take effect in 2027, began at the Peach County Board of Commissioners' March 2026 board meeting, where members of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission presented the updated Joint Comprehensive Plan Process.

Georgia law requires local governments to update this document every five years. The current version of the Joint Comprehensive Plan was adopted in February 2022.

The overall goal of the Comprehensive Plan is to serve as a useful tool to promote and maintain future growth and to improve the quality of life for all residents of Peach County. The plan will reflect community input from the citizens of Peach County. The

public will be able to contribute to the planning process later in the year through town halls, community events, online surveys, and stakeholder meetings.

The plan will cover topics that include economic development, workforce and education, housing, natural and cultural resources, public facilities and utilities, public safety and health, transportation, broadband, and land use.

A Comprehensive Plan allows local governments to be considered Qualified Local Governments, which will provide opportunities for various grant opportunities and incentive programs. State-level funding decisions are being made in accordance with planning documents.

According to documents provided online in accordance with the Board of Commissioners meeting, Peach County is planning to take a fresh look at many of its ordinances and policies related to planning and zoning.


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Sweet Valley Summer
Fruit Saturdays

By SweetValley Farm Harvest Barn

This July, we're helping make sure Peach County kids have fresh, sweet fruit in their hands all summer long.

Every Saturday morning, parents can bring their children to Sweet Valley Farm – The Harvest Barn to pick up a FREE Summer Fruit Snack Sack.

Sweet peaches. Juicy apples. Happy kids. Full hearts.

Saturdays in July through July 30th

10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

One Snack Sack per child, while supplies last.

Sponsors are welcome! Help us keep fresh fruit flowing for Peach County children this summer.

Sweet Valley Farm – The Harvest Barn

1146 Camp John Hope Rd

Fort Valley, GA

Fresh fruit. Happy kids. Stronger families.

Let's Get Ready
for Summer Splash
Pads Open

Contributed

The Peach County Parks & Recreation Department is officially kicking off summer by opening the Splash Pads at both North and South Peach Parks during Memorial Day Weekend! So Grab the kids and the sunscreen and enjoy the sun.

Open Dates:

Saturday, May 23, 2026, through September 7, 2026.

Open Daily except on Wednesdays for maintenance.

After August 2nd the Splash Pads will ONLY be open on the weekends.

Need more info? Call: 478.825.3334 or Visit: rec.peachcounty.gov

Attention Parents!
Are you new to Peach County?
Now is the time to register your kids for School.
Don't wait! School begins
August 4, 2026.

By PCSS

Are you new to Peach County? Now is the time to register your kids for school.

Don't wait! The first day of school is August 4, 2026.

You can begin registration on-line at

www.peachschools.org/o/pcs/page/enrollment

or come by the Peach County Board of Education

900 Campus Drive

Fort Valley, GA 31030

Monday-Thursday

7:30-12:00 and 1:00- 4:30

478-825-5933 Ext. 1047



CHURCH & LOCAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.com

USHER'S TEMPLE CME CHURCH

411 Railroad Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. 478-825-5106.

Join us each Sunday morning with Pastor Tawanna B. Harris and members at 9:30am for Sunday School followed at 11:00am with holy worship service. You may join us virtually via Facebook Live and Youtube. Bible study is each Wednesday in person at 12:00 and virtually at 7:00pm via Zoom.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION AT ST. PETER A.M.E. CHURCH ANNEX

Food Pantry Distribution at St. Peter A.M.E. Church Annex, 502 State University Drive, Fort Valley, GA.

Fourth Thursday of each month (January-October) and Third Thursday of November and December. Call (478) 825-8452 for details.

BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF PEACH COUNTY

The Baha'i Community of Peach County warmly invites you to an interfaith devotional and discussion via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00pm. The purpose of the gathering is to build friendship and unity. No contributions are solicited or accepted. If you're interested, email us at peachcobahais@gmail.com, and we'll send you an invitation!

COME PRAISE THE LORD OVER ZOOM

Sundays 10am - 12noon.

Wednesday nights 7pm-8:30pm.

Meeting# 2059432744

Code 7Sb6h8

Host James Manning (Elder)

CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

"Connecting People to Christ"

Rev. Bobby J. Roberson, Pastor

478-822-9897. 1735 Hwy 341 North, Fort Valley, GA 31030

FORT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

301 W. Church Street

(478)825-2762

Join us each Sunday at 10:55AM for Christian fellowship and a spirit-lead service with our pastor, Rev. Herb Flanders. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45AM. Nursery is available for infants and younger children.

FT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (behind Courthouse)

Come & worship in a casual atmosphere at **5:00pm each Sunday**. Our weekly pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield, a Presbyterian minister who also teaches at Mercer University. For any interested, we will have weekly **Sunday School Bible Study starting at 4:00pm** in the room off the sanctuary. Come and join us for an exciting summer. Brenda Rackley 478-283-1356.

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays. 9:00am - 12:00pm. Located behind Fort Valley Court House, 203 Central Ave., Fort Valley. Phone: 478-825-2562 (TFN)

GREATER FAITH BABIES MINISTRIES

1000 Tulip Drive, Fort Valley. **Sunday School** at 8:30am

Morning Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday: Free Fellowship Meal at 6pm

60 Minutes Bible Study from 7:00pm -8:00pm Come and fellowship with us!

HOSTING ANGLICAN INQUIRERS' CLASS

Led by Father Matt Harlow

Learn the basics of the Christian Faith while enjoying a meal and fellowship.

We will cover theology, history, liturgy, and more!

To register contact Fr Matt at harlowmatthew@gmail.com

https://www.middlegaanglican.org

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

1556 Peach Pkw, Ft. Valley, GA 31030. (Hwy 49N at the 49 Bypass, next to Georgia Pecan)

Pastor Charles Clance invites you to join us in Christian worship and fellowship each Sunday morning at our 10:30 service. We are a small, Bible-based church with a big heart for GOD. All are welcome!

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH located at 309 Central Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030. The Rev. Harriette Simmons Ballard.

Services every Sunday at 9:00am with Coffee Hour following in Robinson Hall.

ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Phone:(478) 825-7127

Sat., 7:00pm Spanish Mass

Sun., 9:00am English Mass; 11:00 am Spanish Mass

Weekday Mass: Tues., - Thurs. 6:30pm

Confessions: Thurs., 6:00pm; Sat. 6:30pm; Sun. 10:30am

Adoration: Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 State University Drive across from the first entrance to FVSU.

We hold morning prayer services, at 10:15am Sundays. Eucharist (Communion) is on second Sundays at 11am.

Please donate to our Little Free Pantry on Charlesvoix St. behind the church (or take food if you are in need). For more info, go to our Facebook page or contact Anna Holloway 478-397-4678 and leave a text message.

SAINT PETER AME CHURCH

502 State University Drive, Fort Valley GA 31030

Join us for a rewarding Worship Experience at **"The Rock"** each

BAHA'i FAITH

"This is the changeless Faith of God eternal in the past, eternal in the future."

Baha'u'llah

For more information
peachcobahais@gmail.com
www.bahai.us

Sunday at 10:00AM. Our pastor is **Rev. Anthony Dixon**. You may also join us **via YouTube and Facebook**. **Weekly Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00p.m.** Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is:

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship at 11:15 A.M.

Bible Study at 7:00 P.M. – Tuesdays

To contact us, please leave a message at (478) 825-7581 or send email to secretary@shilohbaptistfortvalley.org or write us at the above post office box.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Trinity Baptist Church welcomes you to join us in holy worship service each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Sunday School is scheduled at 9:30 am. and Bible Study at 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, currently on Zoom. (Contact us at the above number for Zoom access information.)

Also, we invite the participation of children in our Godly Girls and Champs Ministries. Godly Girls, ages 8-15, meets Wednesday at 5 pm; Champs on Thursday at 6 pm. in Church Annex. Transportation is available. We look forward to having you join us soon!

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.



2026-2027
School Calendar

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July 28 - Aug 3	Pre Planning
August 4	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
October 12 - 16	Fall Break
October 19	In Service/Student Holiday
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 21 - January 4	Christmas and New Years Holiday
January 4	In Service/Student Holiday
January 5	First Day Second Semester
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 15	President's Day Holiday
February 16	In Service/Student Holiday
March 29 - April 2	Spring Break
May 26	Last Day for Students
May 27 - 28	Post Planning
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
Holidays/District Closed	
Pre/Post-Planning	
First and Last Days of Semester	

Police Beat

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The information below is provided by local law enforcement agencies, who are solely responsible for the accuracy of the information. These reports are published for information purposes only. Publication of an arrest or citation report is not evidence of a crime. All persons named in the reports are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Some minor violations that do not threaten public safety are not included.

Byron Arrests/Citations

Michael Deon, 48, Macon, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Coley, James Reginald, 53, Warner Robins, GA: Burglary 2nd Degree, Entering Auto

Gaskins, Kara Lynn, 34, Crystal River, FL: DUI - Drugs Less Safe, DUI - Endangerment Of Child Under Age 14, Headlights On 1/2 Hour After Sunset To 1/2 Hour Before Sunrise, Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz

Gordon, Erika Suzanne, 53, Atlanta, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Guinn, Raylee Donele, 30, Bentonville, GA: Driving With Suspended License

Hickson, Lacey Monique C, 41, Macon, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Hughes, Jaylan Alexander, 27, Macon, GA: Window Tint Violation, Driving With Suspended License, No Tag Or Expired Registration, Unlawful Use Of Wireless Device

Jackson, Kemora Tyisha, 19, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz, Tag Light Required, Window Tint Violation

Kinder, Kayla Danyale, 22, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Price, Hailey Mckenna, 21, Fort Valley, GA: Driving With Suspended License

Rajkumar, Ranesh, 51, Byron, GA: DUI - Alcohol Less Safe

Thomas, Marquita Lashay, 27, Atlanta, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits, Driving With Suspended License

Trice, Latrez Lamar, 41, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear

Zander, Brian Christaim, 27, College Park, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Anglin, Alaric, 52, Fort Valley, GA: Giving False Name, Address, Or Birthdate To Law Enforcement Officer

Brimage, Jasaun O'Neil, 18, Warner Robins, GA: Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Harris, Jaylen Taymar, 18, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Simple Battery - Family Violence, Terroristic Threats And Acts

Harris, Tyrell Wiley, 43, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Disorderly Conduct, Public Drunkenness

Jones, Damion David, 32, Fort Valley, GA: Battery - Family Violence (1st Offense) Misdemeanor

Williams, Wesley Rashad, 34, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault/Assault - Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense

Young, Joshua Omarri, 35, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Battery - Family Violence

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Danieli, Justin Jechanias, 44, Butler, GA: Failure To Maintain Lane, DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol - Concentration Is 0.08g Or More Within 3 Hrs Or More

English-Daley, Ashley Nicole, 26, Fort Valley, GA: Parole Violation

Hazoury, Nadin Jorge, 48, Toney, AL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Hickson, Lacey Monique, 41, Macon, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Hillsman, Devin Adontae, 33, Fort Valley, GA: Following Too Closely, Driving Under The Influence - Alcohol

Jones, Christian Jonkwavis, 22, Ashburn, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Jones, Colton Bradley, 20, Cataula, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts. Harassing Phone Calls

Mathis, Journei Amari, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Affray (Fighting)

May, Savannah Elizabeth, 27, Bonaire, GA: Following Too Closely, DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol - Concentration Is 0.08g Or More Within 3 Hrs Or More, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Mccloud, Jehad Trayvor, 36, Byron, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Equipment Requirements For Bicycles

Rachal, Ramorcea Lemond, 27, Macon, GA: Possession Of Marijuana

Rivera, Ja'lisia Kathleen, 19, Warner Robins, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts

Smith, Joseph William, 41, Sandusky, OH: Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required, Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony

Spencer, Kayla Breanna, 30, Atlanta, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Failure To Maintain Insurance

Tabor, Lasonya Denise, 33, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Taylor, Marilyn, 34: Aggravated Battery

Whitfield, Matthew Allen, 46, Ranger, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Drugs

Williams, Bralyn Jashad, 18, Byron, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony, Window Tint Violation

Yates, Tianya Chalieisha, 19, Warner Robins, GA: Driving Under The Influence - Alcohol, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Vehicle

Yates, Tiarya De'neisha, 19, Warner Robins, GA: Affray (Fighting)

GA Dept of Motor Vehicle

Safety Arrests

Seals, Kevin Bernard, 55, Jonesboro, AR: Driving Without Proper CDL

Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



CITY OF FORT VALLEY PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 825 1845 2123
Passcode: 875012

2026-2027 FORT VALLEY HEAD START RECRUITMENT

700 Spruce St, Ft. Valley, GA 31030. (478)825-8584.
Ages 3-5. Required Documentation: Proof of birth, Social Security Card, Immunization 3231, Medicard/Insurance card, Proof of income, Well child check, Dental exam, GA public health 3300 (if applicable), www.mgcaa.org

PEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS MEET & GREET 2026-2027

Thursday, July 30th: Peach County High, 4-6pm
Friday, July 31st:

Byron Elementary, 3-5pm
Hunt Elementary, 3-5pm
Kay Road Elementary, 3-5pm
Byron Middle School, 4-6pm
Fort Valley Middle, 4-6pm

American Legion Meetings

Veterans, consider joining the American Legion Frederick Withoff Post 76 in Peach County, GA. We are an organization of Veterans supporting Veterans and the local community.

Regular Post Meetings are held on the Third Thursday of Every Month, Social Hour with American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Guests at 1700 (5:00pm) followed by the Meeting Start at 1800 (6:00pm) at 1212 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

We can be reached at our Facebook Page (American Legion Post 76 - Peach County GA) or via e-mail (legionpost76pcga@gmail.com). All Veterans and Spouses are encouraged to participate.

ATTENTION: Veterans

Veterans who would like to get together for brotherhood, please meet for dinner at Mi Ranchito at 311-A Vineville St, Fort Valley, GA on 12 August 2023 at 6:30 p.m./1830. Please RSVP to Ernest Cooling by emailing ecooling79@gmail.com. If further information is needed, please call me at (478) 955-8850.

JOIN IN ON A LITTLE EDUCATION FOR ALL THE UNDOCTRINATED SERIES

Hosts are two from our younger generations:

Garfield Green from TN
Belle Reese from SC
The truth about private property in the US
The War You Cannot See -----
Tactical Civics

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026 AT 6:15 PM

Perry Public Library – Meeting Room
1201 Washington Ave
Perry, GA. 31069

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority - Board Meeting

The Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority meets 1st Tuesday every month at 6pm, located at Troutman House Conference Room, 201 Oakland Heights Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Visit our website for more information: <http://fortvalleymainstreet.org>

The Battle of Byron Festival Board of Directors Meeting

The Battle of Byron Festival Board of Directors meet every Third Thursday of the Month at the Old Byron Train Depot at 6:30 P.M.

Peach County Board of Commissioners Work Sessions

The Peach County Board of Commissioners holds Work Sessions* on the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm in Commission Chambers located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley.

Regular Meetings* are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in Commission Chambers located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley.

The Board also conducts Public Hearings to consider zoning requests at 6:30pm during regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

*Scheduling may differ due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances. Prior notice will be given. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-of-commissioners.cfm>

Fort Valley Utility Commission

500 Anthoine St, Fort Valley. The Commission doors are open to customers from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Public Work Session Meeting first Monday of every month at 4 p.m.

Regular Meeting every second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFN)

Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees REGULAR MEETING

THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

Peach Public Libraries Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:15pm in the Meeting Room at Thomas Public Library, Fort Valley, unless otherwise specified.

Peach County Historical Society Meeting

Meets 4th Tuesday each month at 6:00pm. If anyone has school annuals of the past the Historical Society would like to have them. Donations welcome. Contact: Lrgiles77@gmail.com

Fort Valley Historic Preservation

The Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board meeting is held on the second Mondays of the month at 6pm, located at the Troutman House 201 Oakland Heights Pkwy, Fort Valley, Ga 31030.

Peach County Retired Educators Association

The Peach County Retired Educators Association will meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm. The meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church 507 State University Drive. For further info. please contact Dr. Quintin Green (478)951-1911.

Byron AL-ANON Family Group

Byron Al-Anon meets on Monday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Old Byron School, next to the Byron Municipal Complex. Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Debbie Harrelson 478-714-9393.

Compassionate Friends Middle GA Chapter

We are a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping bereaved parents by providing highly personal comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a child, a brother, sister or a grandchild and helping others to better assist the grieving family. We need not walk alone.

Byron meeting: 4th Thursday of every month. 7-9pm. Byron Baptist Church 100 W White Rd, Byron, Ga 21008.

Macon meeting location for TCF: Rock Springs Church, 6601 Zebulon Rd, Macon, GA.

Please contact Chapter Leaders for more information: Karla Chidester - 478-954-4592, or Teresa Tompkins - 478-319-3526, or visit www.compassionatefriends.org.

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Detoxing Our Body for Fat Loss!



By Wade Yoder
LT Columnist

How good would the inside of our house look and feel to us if everything was arranged neat as a button but remained dirty. We would not feel complete (even if on surface things looked good) if we knew dust and filth were trapped in-on-around-and in-between fixtures, floors and the walls of our home. We know that keeping the environment inside our home clean, helps keep the internal environment healthy. Our body should be treated no differently as we re-organize how our body is shaped and conditioned! If we don't detoxify our body and its systems, this toxic matter will be left in a more concentrated form (especially when we lose weight) since fat works like mucous in that it shields us from the toxin(s) it wraps itself around.

These toxins cause chronic inflammation when our body's vital organs, skin etc. get exposed to them, especially at higher concentrations! Decreasing body fat is great, but keep in mind that detoxing as you lose these protective layers is very important in guarding against premature aging and disease caused by inflammation and oxidative damage. Often along with rapid weight loss we see a person looking older with saggy skin and muscle tone. Getting to the proper weight and musculature is supposed to rejuvenate us and help us to look and feel younger, not age us and increase our risk factor to disease!

There are several ways to detox: by doing a complete system cleanse and, or by simply having a diet rich in antioxidants and fiber from fruits and vegetables. I will address the two individually so you will know which one or combination would work best for you.

1. Complete System Cleanse: this usually references to a detox and cleanse of the liver, kidneys and colon. Please do your own product research, but one I really like is a 7 Day system cleanse that comes with a list of foods to eat while using the cleanse. Many times it will eliminate 6-10+ pounds of waste from the midsection area (intestinal track), thus having a waistline slimming effect. Because of the typical American diet, many of us hold 10-20 pounds of waste that is not properly eliminated, and this causes a swollen waist area. This is some very good toxic weight to get rid of! You can order this at "leehaney.com/shop/7-day-detox".

2. Select a list of foods good for detoxing: we should keep at least some of these foods in our diet every day to keep the level of toxins from building up in our body. Fruits and vegetables supply a load of antioxidants into our bloodstream that help remove toxins. Toxins cause oxidation and antioxidants help remove these things that cause oxidation, (btw oxidation causes rusting on vehicles so you can imagine what this means for our body when there is a lot of oxidative damage happening).

Eating only fruits and vegetables (at least 1/2 of them raw) will move all kinds of junk out within 5-7 days. Eat your fruits in the AM and vegetables in the PM, it works best with your body's natural detox cycle.

Detox item list: lemons, grapefruit, tart cherries, avocados, artichokes, asparagus, beets, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, collard greens, kale, olive oil, coconut oil, cilantro, green tea, cabbage, garlic, ginger, turmeric, watercress, wheatgrass, milk thistle (great for liver) and last but most important WATER!!!

We can assist our body's natural detox: through sweat, plenty of water for a good urine elimination process, plenty of fiber for bile and food waste removal along with keeping our liver healthy so that it can continue to break down and metabolize toxic products and cholesterol out of our blood and into our body's waste basket for elimination from our body!

Who's Number One?

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

It's that time of year again. The Thermometers occasionally say 100 but the true fans are looking toward fall. Pre-season football rankings will begin to be released shortly.

Per usual, there will be plenty to argue about. The rankings will be based on the opinions of a few experts. The reactions will come from fans who see bias in anything that displeases them. By the time a champion is crowned, few will remember the vicious arguments that were provided as stop gap entertainment during the summer doldrums.

CNBC plays this game every year with their own rankings, tailored to their audience of viewers seeking economic based news. Last week they listed their annual ranking of "Top States For Business."

Their rankings have gone from quizzical to comical. Let's put on our Georgia fan jerseys and talk about it.

Georgia has branded itself as the number one state for business for more than a decade. We have a new Hyundai plant, several battery manufacturers, and a site being prepped for Rivian – along with dozens of new suppliers for this ecosystem to show for it.

Biotech has become a quiet force between Atlanta and Athens, with a new medical 2,000 acre research campus named Rowen landing its first major tenant this year. UCB has committed to a \$2 billion investment

and 330 permanent high paying life science jobs.

We've got infrastructure like no other. The East Coast's most efficient port and the nation's busiest airport have miles and miles of roads and rail linking them to us and the world.

Our strongest competition, depending on the industry, tends to come from our neighbors. Economic Development trophies are usually shared within the SEC, whether the winner is us or Florida, Texas, Tennessee, or one of the Carolinas.

So imagine sitting through the hype of CNBC who decided to spotlight...Ohio?

It just seems inherently wrong when a college football championship goes to the BIG. It should seem the same when a major business network claims businesses are tripping over themselves to relocate to Toledo. What gives?

Buried in the online footnotes of their contest ranking criteria, the producers let us know their biases. Their "Quality of Life" score is weighted at 11.6% - their 4th most important metric.

Who has the best quality of life? According to CNBC, that's Vermont. They're followed by Maine, New Jersey, Minnesota, and Connecticut.

Who has the worst Quality of Life? Tennessee. Followed by Texas, Indiana, Louisiana, and Georgia.

Read those two paragraphs again and think about how many folks from Tennessee and Texas are pining away for their chance to move to Minnesota or

New Jersey. I'm sure there are days we're all a bit annoyed with life in Georgia, but do you really think it's fifth worst in the entire country?

CNBC's pro-business quality of life metrics are in fact, the counter balance for states that are actually business friendly. What do they consider the necessary attributes?

They consider it to be business friendly if a state bans right to work laws. They also look for "livable wage policies" and paid leave. These are some of the exact policies that states are citing when leaving places like Seattle or California. To make sure you see the political favoritism, they include this line: "...we favor reproductive rights in this category as well."

Want to understand Minnesota's high ranking? "With studies showing that childcare is one of the main obstacles to employees entering or re-entering the workforce, we consider the availability and affordability of qualified facilities." We're all now aware of Minnesota's abundant opportunities for child care "learning". Being pro-fraud is now "pro-business".

Like a pre-season poll, CNBC's ranking is something states with approved political positions can brag about, but not terribly meaningful when the trophies are finally awarded. So what is Georgia doing now that actually matters? It's an open question.

Companies don't just value today's pro-business policies. They also need stability and pre-

dictability well into the future.

Georgia is a purple state. That may be a bonus for some industries, but is also a cautionary signal. No one wants to make a multi-billion capital outlay if the rules are about to dramatically change.

That caution doesn't just extend to a possible partisan change in November's election. Georgia's Republican primaries were dominated by candidate messaging emphasizing how much things were about to change. Take the most extreme populist rhetoric away, and the promises that "outsiders" were about to remake the state, and you still have stated goals of the winning candidates and legislative leaders promising to remake the tax code.

Current and future employers need to know what their share of future tax bills will be. There are promises of rate cuts but few details of where new revenues will come from nor if spending for services will be cut, and where.

Candidates who plan to later hand out trophies and attend ribbon cuttings would be well served to answer many of these questions now. CNBC's ranking aside, Georgia has earned its reputation as a top state for business and its actual (high) quality of life. It would be nice to hear our current and future leaders articulate how they intend to protect what is good while railing against other parts of the status quo.

Perennials for Spring and Summer

By Tim Lewis

Every seasoned grower has his list of favorite and "must-grow" plants. There are several choice perennials that are perfect picks for spring and summer gardens. Read on to see what some of these are.

Columbines (Aquilegia) are North American natives with extremely pretty, ethereal flowers, which give the impression of tiny floral birds floating in the air. These short-lived perennials typically flower in mid-to late-spring, but may bloom into early summer too. Columbines are reliable bloomers that tolerate shade, attract pollinators, and are easy to grow.

With over 20 types of native columbines to choose from, there's a columbine for every garden and grower. They're lovely woodland natives—especially for fairly shady locations—but they can handle sun in moist areas as well.

When planted from seed, columbines may take 2 to 3 years to bloom, but they grow much faster from nursery stock and may flower in just a few weeks if you get pre-started plants in the ground early in spring.

Pretty as a picture, foxgloves (Digitalis) produce spires of bell-shaped flowers that draw in hummingbirds and can linger from May to July.

Foxgloves are striking, tall (2 to 6 feet) flowering plants famous for their tubular, bell-shaped blooms. Bloom time is late spring to early summer. Grow them in full sun to part shade. They are an iconic staple of English cottage gardens but require careful handling due to their high toxicity. This includes the leaves, flowers, seeds, and stems. They contain cardiac glycosides (like digitalis), which affect the heart. They are mostly biennial (forming leaves the first year, blooming and dying the second).

Johnny Jump-Ups (Viola tricolor) are charming, cool-weather perennial flowers often grown as annuals, celebrated for their iconic three-colored "faces" of purple, yellow, and white. They are closely related to pansies but are smaller, produce more abundant blooms, and boast superior heat and frost tolerance. Small and dainty, Johnny Jump-Ups are the stars of cool weather gardens with tiny purple, yellow, and cream-colored flowers that bloom in spring and potentially again in fall.

Some identifying traits include: Dainty, half-inch tricolor blooms featuring delicate whisker markings.

Compact growth habit reaching 4 to 12 inches in height and width.

Prefer full sun to partial shade. Partial shade is highly recommended in warmer climates to extend the blooming season through the summer.

Creeping phlox is a low-growing, mat-forming perennial groundcover famous for producing a vibrant, blanket-like

carpet of flowers in early to mid-spring. This North American native plant typically reaches just 4 to 6 inches in height but can spread several feet wide, hugging the contours of your landscape with dense, needle-like foliage that stays green for most of the year. It is an exceptional, low-maintenance choice for rock gardens, hillsides, and stone borders.

The bleeding heart (Lamprocapnos spectabilis, formerly Dicentra spectabilis) is a classic, shade-loving perennial famous for its distinctive, puffy, heart-shaped flowers that dangle elegantly from arching stems.

Key plant characteristics include:

Striking clusters of pink, red, or white outer petals forming a heart shape, with white inner petals protruding from the bottom to create the "bleeding" effect.

Size: Reaches a mature height and width of 2 to 3 feet, growing in loose, graceful mounds.

Bloom Time: Flowers prolifically from April to June.

Summer Dormancy: It is an ephemeral plant, meaning the foliage naturally turns yellow and dies back completely by mid-summer as it stores energy for the next spring.

Light: Thrives best in partial shade to full shade.

Pest Resistance: Highly resistant to deer and rabbits, making them safe additions to open borders. However, watch out for slugs, snails, and aphids.

Dianthus is a massive genus of roughly 340 species which includes beloved cottage garden staples. They make highly resilient border plants, ground covers, and exceptional cut flowers with a long vase life.

Core growing requirements are: Sunlight: Requires full sun, meaning at least 6 hours of direct daily sunlight.

Water: Highly drought-tolerant; water deeply only when the topsoil feels completely dry.

Hardiness: Generally hardy across USDA Zones 3 through 9, depending on the specific variety.

Popular types include: Carnations (Dianthus caryophyllus): Taller varieties prized by florists for robust stems and massive flowerheads.

Sweet William (Dianthus barbatus): Popular biennial or short-lived perennial featuring flat, dense clusters of colorful florets.

Cheddar Pinks (Dianthus gratianopolitanus): Low-growing, strongly scented mats featuring blue-gray evergreen foliage.

Consider growing some of these perennials in your flower garden. You'll be glad you did!

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LT26-148
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of WILLIAM C. SLEDGE, deceased, late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, indebted to said estate are required to payment to the undersigned.

This 23rd day of June, 2026.
LAURENS C. LEE,
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF
ESTATE OF WILLIAM C.
P. O. BOX 1553
Fort Valley, Georgia

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-145
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Nelda S. Reese, DECEASED
ESTATE NO, 2025-PRO-7155
NOTICE

[For discharge from office and all liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: any and all interested parties and to whom it may concern:

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before July 15 2026

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley Georgia 31030
478-825-2313

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-152
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: A.H., SEX: F,
DOB: 10/24/2025, CASE #111-2025J-098
FILE NO 7451-J

Child(ren) Under the Age of 18
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RAYMOND MONEY; ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER(S), AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ASHLEE HARDEE, DECEASED.

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 11/7/25, an Order for New Service by Publication was entered on 6/23/26. YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 8/25/26 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. for a publication hearing. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Peach County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 24th day of June, 2026.

Whitley Nelson
CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-162
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from BRITTENY C. BRYANT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding, dated October 19, 2020 and recorded on October 23, 2020 in Deed Book 632, Page 840, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$136,363.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NEW AMERICAN FUNDING LLC F/K/A BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., D/B/A NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, recorded in Deed Book 715, Page 290, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 77 of the Fifth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lots 23B and 24, Whispering Pines North Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 22, Page 283, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.

Address under current system of numbering: 197 Foxwood Drive, Byron, Georgia. Deed Reference: Deed Book 551, Page 881, said Clerk's Office

Said property may more commonly be known as 197 Foxwood Dr, Bryon, GA 31008.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is New American Funding, LLC, New American Funding, c/o Home Retention Department, 8201 North FM 520, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78726, 800-893-630. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis

without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) any ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Britteny C. Bryant and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

New American Funding, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for BRITTENY C. BRYANT
Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
23-012875

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LT26-107
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
PEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Augustus Gilmore, IV, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED TO Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as Nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., Lender which was dated 3/25/2010, and recorded on 4/8/2010, in Book 439, Page 160, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$177,959.00 in Peach County, Georgia Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 8/4/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, the following described property situated in Peach County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 45 OF THE 5TH DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING

LOT 67 OF CUMBERLAND SHORES SUBDIVISION, SECTION NO. 3, PHASE NO. 1, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT

BOOK 26, PAGE 150, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE

AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. Tax Parcel ID: 053B181

Being real property commonly known as 222 CUMBERLAND DRIVE BYRON, GA 31008

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a deed under power will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/re-fags#D_5

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Augustus Gilmore, IV Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-34106

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LT26-135
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRIAN LAWSON PAUL, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7281
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: BRUCE C. PAUL has petitioned for BRUCE C. PAUL to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BRIAN LAWSON PAUL deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 WEST CHURCH STREET
FORT VALLEY GEORGIA 31030
478-825-2313

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2026

LT26-169
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Byron, Georgia, will hold a public hearing on August 4, 2026, at 5 P.M. in the Council Chambers located on the 2nd Floor of the Byron Municipal Complex, Byron, Georgia, to hear objections, if any, to approving a request for rezoning the following parcel, identified on the Peach County Tax Map as currently as 054D 154 LL33/LD5, and recorded in Deed Book 00030, Page 0241, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. The total acreage to be rezoned for this parcel is 12.845 acres, from City A-1 District (Agricultural area) to City I-1 District (General Industrial Area). City of Byron Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing in Council Chambers, on the 2nd Floor of the Byron Municipal Complex and will consider the request at their August 10, 2026, meeting at 6:00 PM.

All citizens of the City of Byron and interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to the request. Call the Planning and Zoning Office, 478-956-3600, for additional information.

July 15, 2026

LT26-143
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GREGORY LEON WILLIAMS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7082
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: Leroy Williams, Jr., London Moore, Latoya Moffett, Cheryl Lewis, Christopher Lott, Najah Moore, Sandra Williams, James E. Lott, Jr., Carlton Williams, Edith Mitchell, Lafonia Lawrence, Wayne Williams, Jr, Reginald Boddie, Kevin Williams, Western Surety Company, and all and singular the heirs of said decedent and to whom it may concern:

Zondria Moore has petitioned for Zondria Moore to be discharged as personal representative of the estate of Gregory Leon Williams, deceased, of said county. This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before July 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2026

LT26-171
Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Byron, Georgia, will convene a public hearing on August 4, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider amendments to Appendix A – Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, including but not limited to, any amendments, modifications, repeal, and/or replacements of sections, subsections, and subparts of Part IV – Zoning Regulations, Article II Zoning, of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, to include Section 2 A-1 district: Agricultural area and Section 12 I-1 District: General industrial area.

Notice is also given that the Byron City Council will convene a public hearing on August 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. to review and consider any recommendations or decisions, including without limitation, approvals, denials, or non-actions, by the Planning and Zoning Commission relating to the above-mentioned changes to Appendix A-Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider any decisions and amendments to

based on the number of times the notice is inserted. All rates are set by the Georgia General Assembly.

For billing purposes, every word shall be counted as one word including words such as; the, of, a, etc. Grouped numbers shall be counted as one word.

The deadline for foreclosure notices and tax sales for disposal is Thursday the week before the first publication.

Incorporation Notice - These are notices concerning a business which is to be incorporated with the office located in Peach County. Related incorporation notices can include an intent to dissolve a corporation, a name change of the corporation and mergers of a corporation. These notices typically run two weeks at a cost of \$40.00.

Driving Under the Influence - State law requires publication of a picture and a brief notice of anyone convicted in Peach County of a third Driving Under the Influence charge. The fines and related matters of settlement are included. The fee for these

Appendix A – Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, including but not limited to, any amendments, modifications, repeal, and/or replacements of sections, subsections, and subparts of Part IV – Zoning Regulations, Article II Zoning, of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, to include Section 2 A-1 District: Agricultural area and Sec. 12 I-1 District: General industrial area.

All citizens of the City of Byron and interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at both public hearings at the above times and places relative to the proposals. Call the Planning & Zoning Office, at 478-956-3600, for further information.

July 15, 2026

LT26-140
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Mark Edward Polk, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7275
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Any and all interested parties and to whom it may concern:

Coranne T. Polk has petitioned for Coranne T. Polk to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Mark Edward Polk, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Rene Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court.
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley Georgia 31030
478-825-2313

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2026

LT26-163
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

WHEREAS, VE Lakeview LP, a Georgia limited partnership ("Grantor"), did execute and deliver to WALKER & DUNLOP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Original Lender"), that certain Multifamily Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (the "Security Deed"), dated as of September 24, 2021, filed and recorded October 5, 2021, in Deed Book 660, Page 410, in the records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia (the "Peach County Records"), as granted, bargained, sold, conveyed, assigned, transferred and set over by Original Lender to the FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States ("Lender"), pursuant to that certain Assignment of Security Instrument dated June 9, 2021, and effective September 24, 2021, and recorded October 5, 2021 in Deed Book 660, Page 440, in the Peach County Records (said Security Deed, as so assigned, being hereinafter called the "Security Instrument"); and

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the Security Instrument, Grantor did thereby grant, convey, and assign to Lender all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following property then owned, or thereafter acquired by Grantor (collectively, the "Property");

The Land, or, if Grantor's interest in the Land is pursuant to a Ground Lease (as defined in the Security Instrument), the Ground Lease and the Leasehold Estate (as defined in the Security Instrument) with respect to the real property described as follows (collectively, the "Land"):

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 9th District of Peach County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a concrete monument located on the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle (40 foot right of way) south 01° 21' east, 1,161.43 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle from the point of intersection of the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle and the southern side of the right of way of Spruce Street: thence north 88° 36' east along the southern boundary of property now or formerly owned by Marcus L. Hickson, Jr. and Marcus L. Hickson, III, 900.00 feet to a concrete monument: thence south 1° 21' east along the western boundary of property now or formerly owned by Marcus L. Hickson, Jr. and Marcus L. Hickson, III, a distance of 970.00 feet to a concrete monument: thence south 88° 36' west along the northern boundary of property now or formerly owned by Marcus L. Hickson, Jr. and Marcus L. Hickson, III, and Housing Authority of Fort Valley, 410.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence north 01° 21' west along the eastern boundary of property now or formerly owned by College Square Associates, a distance of 711.19 feet to a concrete monument: thence south 88° 36' west along the northern boundary of property now or formerly owned by College Square Associates, 490.00 feet to a concrete monument on the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle: thence north 01° 21' west 258.81 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said tract containing 12.041 acres according to plat of survey prepared for Lakeview Apartments by Morrison J. Simms & Associates, dated July 12, 1971.

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion of the property set forth above contained with that certain Quitclaim Deed from Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership by Mayor & Council of the City of Fort Valley, Georgia, and the successors in office, dated October 31, 1979, filed December 21, 1979 and recorded Deed Book 52, Page 359 records of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia.

TOGETHER WITH easement rights and benefits created by and pursuant to that certain General Utility Easement for Natural Gas and Water Lines by and between College Square Associates, a Georgia

ads is \$25 each. These ads run one time and typically come from the Peach County State Court or the Municipal Court of incorporated cities.

Juvenile Matters - This broad category can include notices such as adoption, custody, juvenile court actions and contemporary custody. These matters frequently run from two to four times, depending on the order. Some of these issues come from the Peach County Juvenile Court, others from the Peach County Probate Court.

Domestic Matters - These include notices for change of name and for divorce. When one of the parties cannot be located locally. Both of these items run four times.

Notice of Sale or Foreclosure Notice - These notices typically run the four Wednesdays prior to the first Tuesday of the month when the sales are held at the Peach County Courthouse in Fort Valley. The fee for these notices is \$15 per 100 words per insertion.

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

limited partnership and Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership, dated December 23, 1971 and recorded in Deed Book 9, Page 401, records of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia.

The above-described property also being further described as follows:

ALL that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 9th District of Peach County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin located on the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street (40 foot right of way) south 01° 21' east, 1,221.43 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle from the point of intersection of the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street and the southern side of the right of way of Spruce Street: thence north 88° 36' 00" east, 200.00 feet to a point; thence north 01° 21' 00" west, 10.00 feet to a point; thence north 88° 36' 00" east, 700.00 feet to a point; thence south 01° 21' east a distance of 920.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence south 88° 36' west, 410.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence north 01° 21' west along the eastern boundary now of formerly owned by College Square Associates, a distance of 711.19 feet to a concrete monument; thence south 88° 36' west along the northern boundary of property now of formerly owned by College Square Associates, 490.00 feet to a concrete monument on the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street; thence north 01° 21' west 198.81 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said tract containing 10.962 acres 477,517 square feet.

(b) The buildings, structures, improvements then constructed or heretofore constructed or placed upon the Land, including any future alterations, replacements and additions (collectively, the "Improvements"); (c) All property owned by Grantor which is attached to the Land or the Improvements so as to constitute a fixture under applicable law, including: machinery, equipment, engines, boilers, incinerators and installed building materials; systems and equipment for the purpose of supplying or distributing heating, cooling, electricity, gas, water, air or light; antennas, cable, wiring and conduits used in connection with radio, television, security, fire prevention or fire detection or otherwise used to carry electronic signals; telephone systems and equipment; elevators and related machinery and equipment; fire detection, prevention and extinguishing systems and apparatus; security and access control systems and apparatus; plumbing systems; water heaters, ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances; light fixtures, awnings, storm windows and storm doors; pictures, screens, blinds, shades, curtains and curtain rods; mirrors; cabinets, paneling, rugs and floor and wall coverings; fences, trees and plants; swimming pools; and all other equipment (collectively, the "Fixtures");

(d) All of the following (collectively, the "Personality"):

i. Accounts (including deposit accounts) of Grantor related to the Property.

ii. Equipment and inventory owned by Grantor, which are used then or heretofore in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the Land or Improvements or are located on the Land or Improvements, including furniture, furnishings, machinery, building materials, goods, supplies, tools, books, records (whether in written or electronic form) and computer equipment (hardware and software).

iii. Other tangible personal property owned by Grantor which is used then or heretofore in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the Land or Improvements or is located on the Land or in the Improvements, including ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances (other than Fixtures).

iv. Any operating agreements relating to the Land or the Improvements.

v. Any surveys, plans and specifications and contracts for architectural, engineering and construction services relating to the Land or the Improvements.

vi. All other intangible property, general intangibles and rights relating to the operation of, or used in connection with, the Land or the Improvements, including all governmental permits relating to any activities on the Land and including subsidy or similar payments received from any sources, including a Governmental Authority (as defined in the Security Instrument).

vii. Any rights of Grantor in or under letters of credit;

(e) All current and future rights, including air rights, development rights, zoning rights and other similar rights or interests, easements, tenements, rights of way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, roads, sewer rights, waters, watercourses and appurtenances related to or benefiting the Land or the Improvements, or both, and all rights-of-way, streets, alleys and roads which may have been or may in the future be vacated;

(f) All proceeds paid or to be paid by any insurer of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Property, whether or not Grantor obtained the insurance pursuant to Lender's requirement;

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July 27, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 235, Page 423, aforesaid records.

6. All matters affecting subject property as shown on the following plats, all aforesaid records:

a. Plat Book 9, Page 3, a 15-foot sanitary sewer easement therein, and as shown on the Survey; and

b. Plat Book 21, Page 166, a 20-foot drainage easement therein, and as shown on the Survey.

7. All other, if any, easements, limitations, reservations, covenants, restrictions, deeds to secure debt, liens and other encumbrances and matters of public records to which the Security Instrument is junior and subordinate in terms of priority under the laws of the State of Georgia.

The Indebtedness remaining in default and the aforesaid defaults and Events of Default continuing, the sale of the Property (less and except the Funds) under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Instrument will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof, as provided for in the Security Instrument and pursuant to applicable law. The Property (less and except the Funds) will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect thereto, with no assurance afforded as to the exact acreage of the Real Property.

To the best of Lender's knowledge and belief, the Property (less and except the Funds) is presently owned by Grantor, subject to the aforesaid interests of Lender and the matters set forth herein, and Grantor is the owner of the Property, subject to the aforesaid interests.

The notice to Grantor, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, has been provided by Lender to Grantor in accordance with said O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2.

Lender is the current owner and holder of the Note and Security Instrument. Lender is operating under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA"), an independent agency of the United States. See 12 U.S.C. § 4617. FHFA's ability to exercise its statutory powers and functions as Conservator is protected by federal law. See, e.g., 12 U.S.C. § 4617(f). All of Lender's and FHFA's rights, titles, powers, privileges, protections, and functions under federal law are expressly reserved and preserved.

The undersigned may sell the Property (less and except the Funds) or any part of the Property (less and except the Funds) in such manner and order as Lender may elect and may sell that portion of the Property (less and except the Funds), which, under the laws of the State of Georgia, constitutes an estate or interest in real estate separately from that portion of the Property (less and except the Funds), which, under the laws of the State of Georgia, constitutes personality and not an interest in the real estate, in which case separate bids will be taken therefor, or collectively in a single sale or lot, in which case a single bid will be taken therefor. Notice of the undersigned's intent shall be given by announcement made at the commencement of the public sale.

The recitals set forth hereinabove are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Notice of Sale Under Power.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, as agent and attorney-in-fact for VE Lakeview LP, a Georgia limited partnership

By: its attorneys-at-law:

/s/ Ash Penn/
Ash Penn
Alston & Bird LLP
One Atlantic Center
1201 West Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
(404) 881-7000

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LT26-170
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY,

STATE OF GEORGIA
Alicia Gill, Plaintiff,

v.
Victoria Ruiz De La Pena, Defendant
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 26-V-0118
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

To: Victoria Ruiz De La Pena
By Order of Service by Publication dated 12th day of June, 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of March, 2026, the above named Plaintiff filed suit against for Petition for Divorce.

You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, and to serve upon the Plaintiff Alicia Lindsey Gill at this address 119 Alabama Street, Fort Valley GA 31030 an Answer to the Complaint in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication. Witness, the Honorable Ken Smith, Judge of this Court.

This 12th day of June, 2026.
Whitney Nelson
Clerk, Superior Court of Peach County
Deputy

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

LT26-147
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Peach COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Bernard Frank Borah, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-PRO-7232
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of Gayle Kersey Borah for a year's support from the estate of Bernard Frank Borah deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse)(and) (minor child)(ren), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before July 22 2026, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church St
Fort Valley GA 31030

478-825-2313
Telephone Number

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-151
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH

All creditors of the estate of WILLIE REID, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

LOREA REID, Executor of the Estate of WILLIE REID
5008 Haddon Place
McDonough, GA 30253
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-141
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Gail D. King and Carl H. King to Middle Georgia Bank, dated April 6, 1987, and recorded in Deed Book 93, Page 7, Peach County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded May 3, 2012 in Book 474, Page 146 in the amount of Six y-Nine Thousand Eighty-Seven and 70/100 (\$69,087.70) Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to FV-I, INC. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC by assignment recorded May 26, 2026 in Book 768, Page 195 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Forty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two and 5/100 dollars (\$41,642.05), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract of land lying in Land Lot 51 of the 5th District of Peach County, Georgia, being known as Lot 15, Block "D", Kewanee Farms Subdivision, Section Two, all as shown by a subdivision plat made from a survey by Gary W. Witherington, Registered Land Surveyor No. 1930, on March 7, 1978, which plat is recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 47, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more complete description and reference thereto should be made for the metes and bounds of said property.

Said property is conveyed subject to restrictive covenants applicable to the Kewanee Farms Subdivision which covenants are recorded in the above referred Clerk's Office. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance, L.P. they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, Texas 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gail D. King or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 802 East Seminole Dr, Byron, GA 31008. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

FV-I, INC. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC as Attorney in Fact for Gail D. King and Carl H. King.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 21-09544

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LT26-167
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OR RIGHT TO REDEEM
GEORGE R. SPOONER

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described properties, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, and in land Lot 36 of the Fifth Land District herein containing 1.00 acre, more or less, being identified as Lot 13A in the Tucker Estates Subdivision, and being more particularly described as follows: From the point of intersection between the southeasterly boundary of Tucker Drive and the Easterly boundary of Boy Scout Road in Land Lot 4 of said 5th Land District, run in a North-easterly direction along the Southeasterly boundary of Tucker Road 165.0 feet to an iron pin which is the Point of Beginning; run thence North 53 degrees, 1 minute 00 seconds East 200 feet along the Southeasterly boundary of Tucker Drive to an iron pin; run thence South 24 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East 357.24 feet; run thence North 64 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West 138.72 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 84 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West 82.00 feet to an iron pin; run thence 36 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds West 169.80 feet to an iron pin which is the point of the place of beginning., shown in Plat

Book 15, Page 66, described in Deed Book 299, Page 181, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on State Route 49 Road. Map & Parcel No. 055A038A
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 12th day of August, 2025, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 748 at Page 786.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 14th day of August, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 100 Sumter Street, P.O. Box 178, Oglethorpe, Georgia 31068. Please be governed accordingly.
JON L. COOGLE
Attorney at Law

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

LT26-166
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF OVEDIA W. TAYLOR, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7302
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: DERIC AMANDO WOODARD has petitioned for TERRANCE WRIGHT to be appointed administrator of the estate of OVEDIA W. TAYLOR, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before August 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with our objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

KIM WILSON,
Judge of the Probate Court
By: KATRINA CORBIN,
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

LT26-155
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by CHARITY NIESHA SOLOMON to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ATLANTIC BAY MORTGAGE GROUP LLC in the original principal amount of \$157,102.00 dated October 8, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 661, Page 199, Peach County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION EBO TRUST in Deed Book 738, Page 293, Peach County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 8/4/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 60 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10, BLOCK "C" PHASE 1, THE PRESTON SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PREPARED BY BROOKS SURVEYS CO., DATED JANUARY 3, 2005, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGES 209-210, CLARK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY.
MAP/PARCEL: 062A 040

Said property being known as: 119 PRESTON LN, BYRON, GA 31008
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are CHARITY NIESHA SOLOMON or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

Selene Finance LP
3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500,
Dallas, TX 75019
877-768-3759

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LT26-168
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Peach COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Grady Frank McDaniel, Jr., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7272
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Any and all interested parties and to whom it may concern:
Grady Frank McDaniel, III has petitioned for Grady Frank McDaniel, III to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Grady Frank McDaniel, Jr. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before August 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley Georgia 31030
478-825-2313

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

LT26-165
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq., 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: JESSICA ALLEN
CITY OF FORT VALLEY, Mayor Jeff Lundy
Occupant 205 CARVER DRIVE, Peach County, Georgia.
RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on August 20, 2026 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later.

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, being shown as Lot 12A on a plat of survey prepared for SunMark Community Bank, filed of record in Plat Book 27, Page 236, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.
That property known as 205 CARVER DRIVE, according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number FO4A 120.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated July 1, 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia in Deed Book 748 Page 780.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
ZINC PROPERTIES LLC
c/o Carolina D. Bryant Esq.
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.892.2599

Please be governed accordingly.

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

LT26-149
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Eileen T. Zemo late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 24th day of June, 2025
Name: Erin Eileen Waters-McMahon c/o Broel Law, LLC
Title: Administrator
Address: 3361 North Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30060

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-142
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Peach COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Louise W. Evans, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7289
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Reedis Walker, Charles Christopher Walker, Charlie Max Walker and to whom it may concern:
Alexis Gibson Jolly has petitioned for Alexis Gibson Jolly to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Louise W. Evans deceased, of said county. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Ken Wilson

Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley Georgia 31030
478-825-2313

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2026

LT26-146
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY D. HARDISON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-PRO-7226
NOTICE

The petition of personal representative for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before JULY 22, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Kim Wilson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-172
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at the Peach County Courthouse, 205 West Church Street, Ft. Valley, Georgia 31030, a presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Peach County will hear the case of STATE OF GEORGIA vs. THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PEACH COUNTY and DICK'S MERCHANDISING & SUPPLY CHAIN, INC., in the Superior Court of Peach County, the same being a proceeding to confirm and validate The Development Authority of Peach County Taxable Revenue Bond (DSG Real Estate Project), Series 2026, in the maximum principal amount of \$220,000,000 (the "Bond"), which is to be issued by the Development Authority of Peach County (the "Issuer") pursuant to the terms of a resolution adopted by the Issuer (the "Bond Resolution"), for the purpose of acquiring and leasing the below described Project and thereby furthering the public purposes of the Act, which are to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and the general welfare within the territorial area of the Issuer and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia.

The Bond shall be issued for the purposes of financing or refinancing the cost of acquiring, leasing, and constructing an industrial warehouse, distribution, and merchandising facility (the "Project") and paying the costs of issuing the Bond. The Project will be leased by the Issuer to Dick's Merchandising & Supply Chain, Inc. (the "Company"), an Ohio Corporation, pursuant to a Lease Agreement (the "Lease"), all in accordance with the Bond Resolution.

The project consists of (i) the land owned or to be owned by the Company underlying the Facility, which portion is described in Exhibit A attached to the subject Lease (the "Leased Land"), which is incorporated into and made a part of the State's Petition and Complaint filed in the present action; (ii) the production equipment or other personal property owned by the Company that was or will be installed on the below-defined Leased Improvements (the "Leased Equipment"); and (iii)(a) the building(s) and any structures owned or to be owned by the Company that are or will be constructed or installed on the Leased Land; and (iii)(b) building fixtures and building equipment that is or will be installed in such building(s) and structures (the "Leased Improvements"), all of which is more fully described in the below-defined Economic Development Plan.

In such proceeding, the Court will also (a) hear and determine the validity of instruments relating to and providing security for the Bond, and (b) hear and determine such other questions of law and fact pertaining to the right of the Issuer to issue the Bond and to provide the security therefor. The Bond shall be a special and limited obligation of the Issuer, payable from funds provided by the Company or its successors and assigns, shall not be payable from taxes or other public funds, and NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BOND ISSUE. Any citizen of the State of Georgia residing in the County, or any other person wherever residing who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to these proceedings.
This 14th day of July, 2026.
/s/ SHERRY GONZALEZ

Clerk, Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia

July 15, 22, 2026

LT26-153
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Henry Larry Davis, deceased, late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This is the 25th day of June 2026.
Clarice Davis, EXECUTRIX OF Henry Larry Davis, Estate
2565 Burnett Rd., Byron, GA 31008
Clarice Davis (478) 397-4402

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

LT26-139
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF PEACH
STATE OF GEORGIA
ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7288
IN RE: ESTATE OF WAYNE GIBSON

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: CARLOS GIBSON and any and all interested parties and to whom it may concern: Alexis Gibson Jolly has petitioned for Alexis Gibson Jolly to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Wayne Gibson, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 15, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

This June 18, 2026
Kim Wilson, PROBATE JUDGE
By: Katrina Corbin
Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
(478) 825-2313
ATTORNEY: Tim J. Thompson
(478) 471-9900

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2026

LT26-160
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Jamal Moody to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, dated September 29, 2022 and recorded on October 10, 2022 in Deed Book 687, Page 130, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine and 00/100 dollars (\$164,089.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, recorded in Deed Book 00767, Page 0847, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

Said property is described by metes and courses as follows: STARTING at a point lying on the West right-of-way line of Willow Lake Road, which point is South 1 degree 30 minutes East 946.2 feet from the intersection of the West right-of-way line of Willow Lake Road and the South-east right-of-way of the Old Marshallville Road; thence North 68 degrees 26 minutes West, 83 feet; thence South 27 degrees 17 minutes West, 150 feet; thence South 68 degrees 32 minutes East, 161 feet to a point lying on the West right-of-way line of Willow Lake Road; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West, along the West right-of-way line of Willow Lake Road 162 feet to the point or place of beginning. Said conveyed property is known and describes as Lots Nos. 9, 11 and 12, Block "C" Allen Subdivision, Peach County, Georgia, as shown by plat of the same recorded in Plat Book No. 5, Page 22, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Located on said property is one newly constructed house.

Said property and the house thereon are more particularly shown and described in a plat entitled, "A survey of Lots 11 and 12, Block "C", Allen Subdivision, in Land Lots 233 and 234, Ninth District, Peach County, Georgia, showing a residence thereon surveyed as property of Jerry L., Sr., and Louise D. Powell," as made by Milton B. Beckham, Surveyor No. 1031, on February 5, 1963. A copy of said last described plat is recorded in Plat Book No. 5, Page 69, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, and said recorded plat and the description contained therein is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto.



Food

FACT:

This food is made by blending milk, cream and sugar together before it is cooled and churned.

Answer: Ice cream

Crossword Puzzle

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Solve the code to discover words related to the grilling. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = O)

A. 16 14 17 21 2 17 15

Clue: Popular grill food

B. 3 26 23 25 2

Clue: Fire

C. 7 6 23 17 7 20 23 26

Clue: Grill fuel

D. 20 14 22 10 20 20 17 15

Clue: Not in the house

Answers: A. burgers B. flame C. charcoal D. outcoors

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to grilling.

SBNU

Answer: Burns

NEW WORD

CHURN

turn in a machine to produce butter

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Answer: James Brolin

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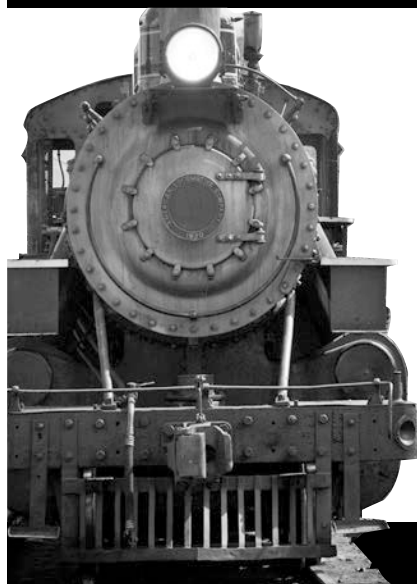
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American Legion Post 76 Holds Flag Raising Ceremony Honoring Veterans and Community



Submitted by Ricardo E Marshall, Public Relations Officer, Post 76

FORT VALLEY, GA — American Legion Post 76 in Fort Valley held a special ceremony to raise a new United States flag and POW/MIA flag at the post's newly improved flagpole area. The project marks a meaningful enhancement to the grounds and reflects the post's ongoing commitment to honoring veterans and serving the local community.

Commander Jimmy Yancey, Eagle Scout Gabe Hodges, and Fort Valley Mayor Shakeena Reeves were among those in attendance, along with Post 76 members, families, and support-

ers. The improvements to the flagpole area were completed as part of Hodges' Eagle Scout project. During the ceremony, Gabe was asked what inspired him to take on the work. He shared, "I wanted to give back to all the men and women that have served and are still serving our country. I wanted to show patriotism and pride with being an American." When asked about his role models, Gabe credited his parents, saying, "My parents are definitely my biggest role models, and they inspire me to do my best and help me with life in general." Looking ahead, Gabe expressed a strong desire to continue serving his country. "My future plans

are to join the military and serve my country," he said. Gabe also praised the American Legion Post 76 facility, calling it "a wonderful facility that supports veterans and the local community." Mayor Reeves echoed that sentiment, describing the ceremony as "amazing" and noting that Post 76 is "a wonderful veterans facility that is full of love." The event served not only as a flag raising but also as a celebration of service, patriotism, and community partnership. The new flags now fly proudly over Post 76 as a symbol of honor for all who have served and a reminder of the values that unite Fort Valley.

Summer League Tournament Approaches

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The teams are working hard each game to better position themselves for the playoffs at the end of this month. Each team's wins or losses during the regular season games will be tallied, and the teams ranked from most wins to the least. The regular season rankings through 8 July are listed in the chart below. These rankings, along with the remaining regular season games, will be used to set the playoff brackets for the one-day single elimination playoff tournament scheduled to start

on Friday, 24 July. Saturday, 25 July, there will be two games. A consolation game will start the evening off as a warmup for the culminating championship game, where the last team standing will be crowned the 2026 H. E. Bryant Summer League Basketball Champion. Come on over to Spruce Street gym, check out the sensational action, eat some concession food and support the young aspiring ballers showing off their skills each Monday and Wednesday evenings. The first game begins at 7:00pm.

Division	Teams	Wins	Losses
Youth Boys 13U	PCHS Class of '75	0	4
	Fantastic Smiles	3	1
	Critter Fixers	4	0
	Trinity Baptist Church	1	3

T-SPLOST

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population and regular visitors, whether they're visiting or passing through. "There has been a large increase in traffic (revenue) flow coming through our county; Peach County is in the top 15 in the state on sales tax collection (per capita). The revenue from sales tax ties directly into helping offset property taxes while keeping county and municipal services, and infrastructure (repairs, maintenance and expansion) on track. Half of the sales tax revenue collected in Peach County comes back to the county, its municipalities and the school system," Yoder said. "We should also see the effects of the property tax penny (FLOST) starting to lower property taxes this fall." Yoder explained that he, along with other government officials of the Fort Valley City Council and Peach County Board of Commissioners, believes the voters were uninformed about the T-SPLOST, thinking it was an additional tax. He said that he felt that there wasn't enough information available to the voters about the T-SPLOST before the election. "I believe informed voters make the right decisions on ballot matters for the elected officials who work for them. I believe when a community sees enough value in something, they will vote accordingly. I do not believe we communicated enough about the value of the TSPLOST for our community and its network of roads and streets that the people of Peach County own. There should also have been more clarity in that this is not a new tax, but it is also not a continuation of the old TSPLOST. It is a new one with new roads and streets project list," Yoder said. "The \$18 million bond (an advance on a portion of expected TSPLOST revenues) was only around half of the projected amount that the TSPLOST penny has a proven track record of bringing in. Getting these projects kickstarted and done faster (instead of several years later), can save the county money on the inflationary costs of projects. This can really help in offsetting interest on the bond." Yoder took a moment to recognize his fellow government officials for their hard work both at the state and local levels. "I would like to say that it is an honor to serve an awesome community of folks, and it is also an honor to serve alongside the other elected officials (county, municipal and state) representing you, that are working hard to make sure you like Peach County even more in the future!" Yoder said. "For more information on the TSPLOST list of roads, streets, and new infrastructure work (as well as the completed projects), you can go to the county website PeachCounty.gov >Commissioners tab >County Administrator and Clerk's tab >click on the TSPLOST information tab. If you have any questions, please reach out to us!"

NEW REPORT: After Expiration of ACA Tax Credits, Georgians Are Delaying Necessary Care & Paying Thousands More for Insurance

By The Office of Jon Ossoff
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Washington, D.C. — Georgians are delaying necessary care and paying thousands more for health insurance after ACA tax credits expired, a new report from U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff found. Early this year, Sen. Ossoff launched an investigation into the impacts of rising health care costs and cuts to health care services after Republicans in Congress gutted Medicaid and failed to extend the Affordable Care Act's enhanced premium tax credits that millions of Georgians rely upon to afford health care. Today, Sen. Ossoff released a new report with stories of Georgians who report they have been delaying necessary care and are paying thousands more for care after the loss of the ACA tax credits, with some saying they've lost insurance altogether because of the high costs. Recent analysis from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

found that after the ACA tax credits expired at the end of last year, roughly 350,000 Georgians have already lost health care. "The failure of Republicans to extend ACA tax credits has inexplicably hurt Georgia families, leading to hundreds of thousands going without health care, and more seeing huge increases in their premiums. I will continue working to restore these tax credits and to lower health care costs for Georgia families," Sen. Ossoff said. Since the enhanced ACA tax credits expired at the end of 2025, Georgia patients on exchange plans are facing increased monthly premiums, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and medication costs, forcing them to cut back on other items to keep their health insurance and to pay higher costs for less coverage. In some cases, Georgians have lost their insurance altogether. As detailed in the report:

- Holly Personius and her husband, Paul Medlock, based in Atlanta, paid a monthly pre-

mium of \$1,770.18 in 2025 for their Cigna Bronze Plan. In 2026, their premium jumped to a \$2,737.44 monthly premium for that Bronze plan. Mrs. Personius reports that "we downgraded from previous Silver and Gold plans to a more expensive Bronze plan with less coverage," and that their deductibles have become so high that they fear "being surprised with a \$50,000 medical bill if something goes wrong." Mr. Medlock was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, and the couple is concerned that their costs will continue to rise should he need treatment.

- Deborah Tolson, based in Alpharetta, reported that her monthly health insurance premium in 2025 was \$63 for three people: herself, her husband, and her daughter. As of January 2026, that same plan's monthly premium reportedly increased to \$1200—a 1,804% increase—for only her and her daughter. Her husband disenrolled from the plan and has been uninsured since January, since covering all

three family members would have reportedly increased their monthly premium to over \$2,000. He became eligible for Medicare in March, but his coverage will not begin until June. "All this stress for a basic plan," Mrs. Tolson reported, "which doesn't even cover routine screenings, like colonoscopies or mammograms, with doctors in our area." Mrs. Tolson and her husband have "indefinitely" delayed their retirement plans due to rising health care costs. Georgia patients also reported that narrowing coverage and benefits on exchange plans has forced them to forgo medically necessary health care or has delayed their urgent tests, appointments, and treatments. For example:

- Nicole Kelly, based in Atlanta, is diagnosed with lupus, Raynaud's disease, and scleroderma. She reported that her physician referred her to a rheumatologist for urgent testing in December 2025 after she suddenly lost feeling in her left hand. However, her monthly premium under

her exchange plan reportedly rose from \$254 to \$1,571 in January 2026, a 518.5% increase. Because she would be unable to afford this new premium, she disenrolled from her plan and switched to a cheaper, new plan. However, her physician was no longer covered under her new plan, and the earliest she would be able to see a rheumatologist would be five months later in May 2026. Additionally, she would need to travel to Jonesboro or Kennesaw to see a rheumatologist covered by her new plan. "I'd be paying just as much as the old plan premium for transportation, time spent in traffic, and the premium on the new plan," she reported. Ms. Kelly tried to switch back to her old plan in mid-February, but the premium had shot up to \$2,458. Last year, Sen. Ossoff fought repeatedly to extend the ACA tax credits and protect Georgians' health care. In December 2025, Sen. Ossoff spoke on the U.S. Senate Floor urging Republicans in

the U.S. Senate to put politics aside and extend ACA tax credits before they expire, but Republicans refused to extend the credits. In August 2025, Sen. Ossoff sounded the alarm about the impact of losing the tax credits and urged for them to be extended. In June 2025, Sen. Ossoff offered an amendment to the Trump budget bill to extend key Affordable Care Act tax credits, but Republicans blocked Sen. Ossoff's amendment. In February 2025, Sen. Ossoff introduced an amendment to protect children's and maternal care through Medicaid that Senate Republicans blocked. To read Sen. Ossoff's new report: Loss of ACA Tax Credits: Georgians Getting Sicker, Higher Costs, & Loss of Health Care, go to, <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/#inbox/FMfcgzQg-MgQDhsfWnlZrBRNhhPNzK-wxC>



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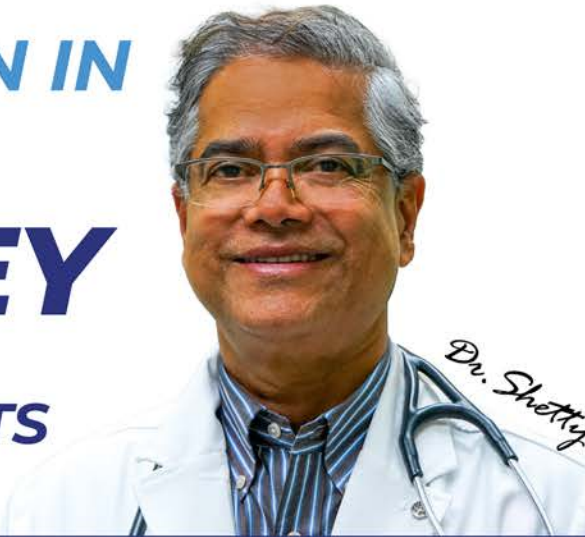
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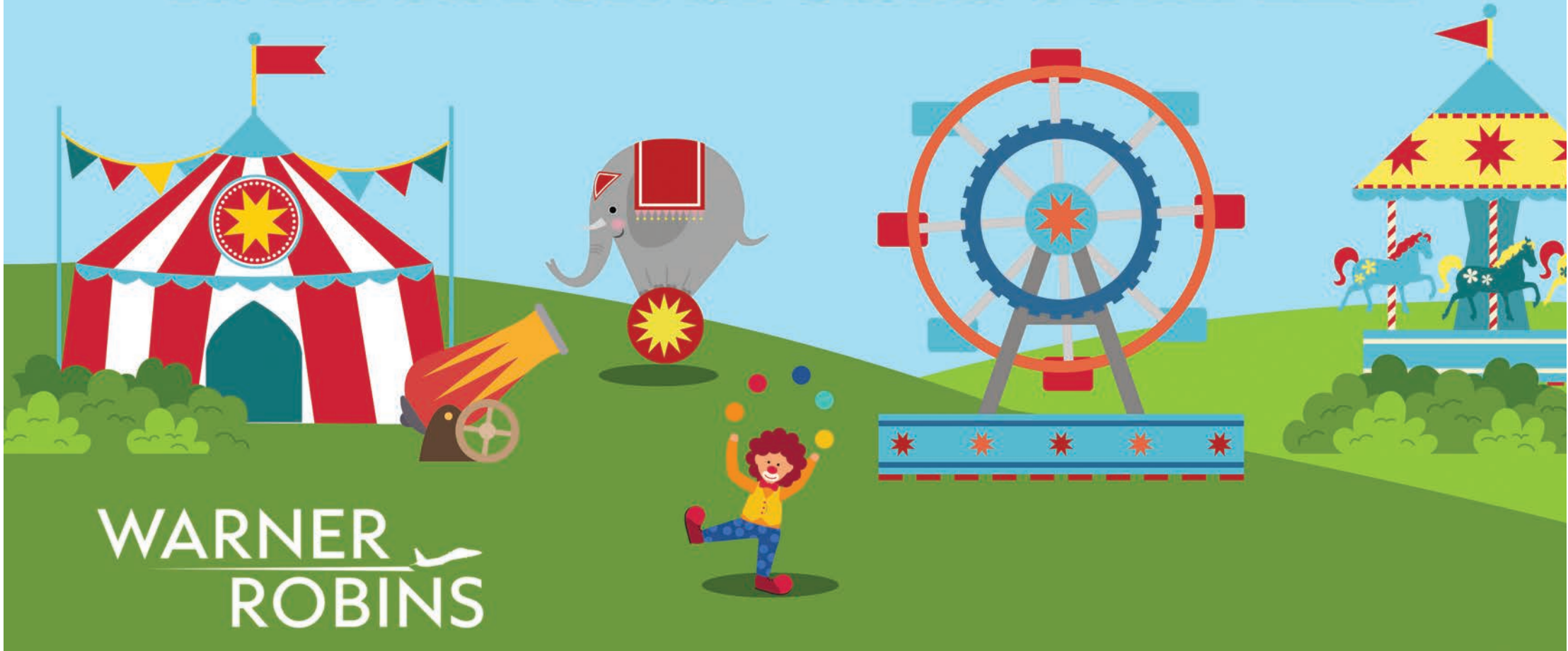
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