



The City News Express

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Connecting Austell Government With Its Citizens

Fall



From The Mayor and Council



Dear Residents,

Fall is almost here, and the weather is just perfect for coming out to enjoy Collar Park. Your Mayor and Council have renovated the park for your use, and if you haven't visited it recently, you are in for a treat!

A new volleyball court and refurbished tennis courts are available for all the family, and youngsters are delighted with our new playground.

The concession stand and pavilion provide space for family reunions and other outings. The new gazebo is a wonderful addition to the City for concerts, plays or just for sitting and enjoying the day.

For your convenience, we have also installed a spacious restroom designed to resemble a train station, in keeping with Austell's railroad history.

In the near future, there will be an official groundbreaking for our new fifty acre park named to honor women's tennis great, Louise Suggs who is from Austell. The park entrance is located on Spring Street at Frog Rock.

When it comes to financial matters, we are always concerned about spending wisely on your behalf. In keeping with our commitment to fiscal responsibility, the Mayor and Council passed a balanced budget in July of this year with no tax increase.

We are proud of the planned growth in our city and look forward to continuing our tradition of a high standard of service for the citizens of the City of Austell.



Your Public Servant,

Joe Jerkins



Council Members

- Ward 1 - Kirsten Anderson
- Ward 2 - Scott Thomas
- Ward 3 - Beverly James Boyd
- Ward 4 - Virginia Reagan
- At Large Post 1 - David O. "Bo" Traylor
- At Large Post 2 - Randy Green

POLICE Department

Virginia Reagan, Chairman



Deputy Chief Natalie Poulk Honored by South Cobb Chamber

Chief Bob Starrett announced that Deputy Chief Natalie Poulk has been chosen as Officer Of the Year by the South Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy Chief Poulk has been with the City of Austell since July 1999. She began in Dispatch and worked her way to Patrol Officer and Investigator. Because of her outstanding abilities, Natalie was promoted to Sergeant then to Lieutenant and ultimately was named Deputy Chief.

Congratulations to Natalie Poulk for commendable work with the City of Austell. We are proud of you!



Public Works Department

David O. "Bo" Traylor, Chairman



Winter is on the way, and cold weather can be harsh on household plumbing. Don't wait until the last minute to learn how to protect your water meter and pipes from freezing.

Pipes on outside walls, in basements or crawl spaces are particularly vulnerable. They can freeze easily and break during periods of extreme cold, leading to costly repairs. If you plan ahead of time, you can avoid the inconvenience of not having water and the expense of repairs: *protect your water meter, eliminate drafts, insulate pipes, leave faucets dripping and open doors below sinks.*

For further information on this topic or for services offered by the City of Austell Public Works Department, visit our website at www.austell.org

Community Affairs Department

Beverly James Boyd, Chairman



Collar Park Gets Facelift

Collar Park has been a hub of activity for our residents for a long time. The green space has been a wonderful place for children to play; the Community Center building has provided rooms for meetings and parties and the tennis courts have been available for many years.



The Gazebo at Collar Park

Your Mayor and Council decided to update the park, and the renovation of the Community Center in 2004 was the beginning of the project that has recently been completed. With the addition of a gazebo, a pavilion, a concession stand, a volleyball court and refurbished tennis courts, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

If you are interested in renting the gazebo, the pavilion or the Community Center, please call Community Affairs at 770-944-4312.

Lighting of the Great Tree

December is just around the corner, and it's not too early to plan a family evening to welcome Santa and the Christmas Season to Austell.



Date: Friday, December 5th
Place: Gazebo at Collar Park
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Austell Primary, Clarkdale Elementary and Garrett Middle School will perform. A great time for the entire family!



Come join us for free hot dogs
cake, cookies and candy...hot
chocolate, coffee and soft drinks!

FIRE Department

Scott Thomas, Chairman

Mayor and Council purchased a new Smeal Fire Rescue Engine in the Spring to better serve the citizens of Austell. The new engine serves as an Advanced Life Support Unit and has all the bells and whistles!

2008 has been a banner year for "MDA Boot Drive" and "Give Burns the Boot" in Austell! Our Firefighters collected \$5,846 for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation and \$6,094 for the Burn Foundation. Thanks to the Firefighters for their work and thank you to the citizens of Austell for your support.



Austell Recognized by South Cobb Chamber

Austell's Firefighter/Paramedic Met Clark has been named by the South Cobb Chamber of Commerce as the Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations to Met for a job well done!



Two Employees Commended for Years of Service

Captain Robert Woodard has completed twenty-five years of service with the City of Austell and **Captain Young Malcom** has been with us for fifteen years. Thanks for your service!

In addition to recognizing senior employees, we welcome new Firefighter/ EMT **Mitch Parrott** who was formerly with the East Point Fire Department.

Please remember that a statewide outdoor burning ban has been lifted until May 2009. Please abide by our city Ordinance which allows attended burning of leaves and small yard debris Monday through Saturday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. No burning is allowed on Sunday.

We continue to offer free blood pressure checks at each fire station in the city. Please visit our website at www.austell.org/fire for fire safety and related information.

