

From City Hall

This month's **City Council Meeting** will be held at the **Historic Ag Building** on **Monday, January 4 at 7pm**. Please join us to support our Mayor and other City Council members as decisions are made for the good of our community. We ask that you wear a mask and prepare to social distance.

RECYCLE dates are Tuesday, January 12 & January 26.

City Hall and Maintenance will be closed on Monday, January 18 for ML King holiday. Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, January 19.

In the Community

A.C.T.S. (E. Thompson St.) is open on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 am-1 pm... A Food Pantry and other assistance is available for those in need. **DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

Our local **FIRE DEPARTMENT** will provide free smoke alarms for senior citizens and families with children who need them. Please contact Glen at ltgcain@yahoo.com for more information or to apply for this free service.

The Friends Bookstore on Main Street is staffed by volunteers from Friends of the Bogart Library. All proceeds from sales at the Bookstore go to our Bogart Library to fund programs and materials. We are in desperate need of volunteers in order to reopen the Bookstore. Please contact Dee (770)725-0483 or the Library if you are interested and available.

Washing Cars

When you wash your car on the driveway or in the street, all of the wash water runs down to a curb and into the nearest storm drain which leads right to a river or stream. If you must wash your vehicle, try to use products that do not harm the environment, and consider washing the vehicle on grass, gravel or a porous area in your yard that will absorb the water rather than carrying it to a storm drain.

Trash and Litter

Litter collects on top of drains causing potential flooding by not allowing water to enter the drain fast enough during a storm. When litter is washed into creeks and streams, it has harmful effects on the drinking water supply, on recreational water use, and on wildlife. Make sure your trash is properly disposed of and avoid littering. When you see trash and debris in your neighborhood, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Rain Gardens

Every time it rains, fertilizers, pesticides, debris and other pollutants wash across lawns and driveways and down into the streets and into the nearest storm drain. From there these pollutants go directly into a river, lake or stream. A Rain Garden holds the water on the landscape so the water soaks into the ground instead of running into the storm drain. Information for making a rain garden can be found at

www.pierce.wsu.edu/Water_Quality/LID/Planting_the_raingarden.pdf

"Keep it Clean, Drains to Stream"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"May your 2021 come with a jar full of peace, prosperity, love, care, compassion, and success."

At the Bogart Library

Stop in the Bogart Library for in-person browsing during limited "Grab & Go" hours. During this time, all of our shelves are available for browsing and some computers will be available. Unvented face coverings are required for everyone over two years old. For limited contact, pick up your holds on the hold shelf and use the self-checkout by the door.

Please limit your visit to one hour per CDC guidelines.

Grab & Go hours are:

Tuesday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursday 3:30pm-8pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

We will still offer **curbside service**

Monday and Fridays 10am-6pm

Wednesday 2-6pm

Thursdays 10am-2pm.

See more details and see our virtual event calendar on our website at athenslibrary.org. We look forward to seeing you!

EXCITING NEWS!

The Bogart Library is now collecting blankets and clothing for ACTS until February 1.

Please put all donations plastic trash bags and leave in the library foyer. We will sanitize the bags and quarantine the items before taking them to ACTS.

The Bogart Library is proud to now be off a drop off site for the Athens Area Diaper Bank

All programs are free and open to the public. Call the Library (706)310-3515 or visit www.athenslibrary.org/bogart

