

## From City Hall

This month's **City Council Meeting** will be held at the Historic **Ag Building** on **Monday, January 3 at 7pm**. Please join us as we welcome our new Council Member, Greg Maddox.

We thank Jenny Bridges for her service to our community and for all she did while on the City Council.

We also welcome Beverly Young to City Hall as Assistant City Clerk. Beverly is a native of Bogart and brings a wealth of knowledge about our community and much experience to this position.



**RECYCLE** dates are  
Tuesday,  
January 11 & January 25.

City Hall and Maintenance will be closed on Monday, January 17 for the ML King holiday. Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, January 19.



### In the Community

Area Boy Scouts will participate in the yearly **Clean-up of our creeks and streams** on Monday, January 17. Please call City Hall for time and place to meet if you wish to help with this project.

**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 keep the Bookstore open. Please contact Dee (770)725-0483 or the Library if you are interested and available. The Bookstore is open on Friday 2-4 and Saturday 10-2.

## STORM WATER DRAIN CONCERNS 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](http://www.pierce.wsu.edu/Water_Quality/LID/Planting_the_raingarden.pdf)

**"Keep it Clean, Drains to Stream"**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Mayor's Moment:

*"The only way we can get by in this world is through the help we receive from others. No one can do it alone."*

## At the Bogart Library

**Toddler Time Wednesdays at 10am** is back! Little ones ages 12-36 months are invited to join Ms. Donna for interactive storytime with rhymes, songs, puppets, and a simple story. Registration is required - parents can register in person or by calling us and may register for the winter session (January 12 - February 23) or as a drop-in visitor. A Toddler Time Open House will be held Wed, Jan 5 @ 10am for parents to decide if this is right for them.

**Monday Funday: Mondays at 10am:** Little ones ages 30 months to 6 years are invited to join Ms. Donna for songs, fingerplays, stories, and hands-on STEAM fun every Monday morning! Registration is required for this indoor storytime; parents may register in person or by calling us. Register for the winter session (January 10 - February 28) or as a drop-in visitor.

### Tween Saturday: January 15 @ 2pm

9-12 year olds are invited every third Saturday of the month for a time just for you! This month: an interactive mystery movie! Join us for a movie based on a book. Registration is strongly encouraged.

**Bob Ross Paint-Along: Tuesday, January 25 @ 6pm:** Adults ages 18+ are invited to come paint along to a wintry Bob Ross tutorial. All supplies will be provided, and registration is required. Register in person or by calling us.

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

### EXCITING NEWS!

The Bogart Library is continues to collect blankets and clothing for ACTS until February 1. Please put all donations plastic trash bags and leave in the library foyer.

The Bogart Library is proud to continue to be a drop-off site for the Athens Area Diaper Bank. Diapers of all sizes are needed.

