City Council Meetings are held the Second Monday of the Month at 7PM at Historic Ag Building

> Mayor Janet Jones Jon Payne David Kilpatrick John Larkin Greg Maddox

City Information: City Hall 770-725-7386 / 678-979-2224 text Beverly Young, City Clerk Crystal Brock, Asst. City Clerk

#### **City Services**:

Trash Pick-up: Each Monday\* Recycle Pick-up: alternating Tuesdays\* Limb pickup: call 678-726-3244 (Jeff) \*except for legal holidays

#### **Believe in Bogart**

It is our heartfelt message in promoting our City in everything we do. We do this by providing citizens with excellence in all services. Our Leadership Team is committed to being fiscally responsible; to work in tandem with our County and neighboring governments; and to always demonstrate integrity and respect in carrying out our shared responsibilities. We will strive to behave in a manner that reflects the above values with being accountable to our Citizens whom we serve, and to each other in promoting a team spirit for the betterment of our City.

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# City of Bogart

January 2024 Main Street News



Flag Plaza on Main Street Our beautiful USA flag flanked by the flags of our Armed Forces and one honoring POW servicemen. www.cityofbogart.com

### From City Hall

**City Council Meeting** will be held at the Historic Ag Building on Monday, **Jan. 8 @ 7pm.** See website for 2024 council dates. Meetings will be held on the second Monday going forward. Please join to WELCOME to our new council member Jon Payne. Jon is known around Bogart with deep family roots in the community.

#### A Note of Thanks

Thank you, City of Bogart and her residents, for the opportunity to have been a part of City Council these past five years. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such an amazing team and I look forward to all the wonderful things our Mayor, Council and city employees will accomplish in the future. Happy New Year and God Bless.

#### Brenda Acton



City Hall and Maintenance will be closed on Mon., 1/15 for the MLK holiday. Garbage pick-up will be Tue., 1/16. **RECYCLE** dates are Wednesdays, 1/3 & 1/17 (because of holidays & Tuesday, 1/30.

**Preparing for 2024**. We are beginning the process for Budgets and Calendar. Please contact City Hall or any of the Council members with suggestions or requests for improving our beautiful city.



#### Mayor's Moment:

"That which was meant to leave you broken can be used by God to make you brave." Nona Jones

#### **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/WaterQuality/LID/planting theraingarden.pdf

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



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

At the Bogart fibrary

Saturday, January 6th @ 2 pm: Tea & Tolkien! Celebrate the great J.R.R. Tolkien's 131st birthday with tea, goodies, games and discussion. Best for ages 11 and up, but all are welcome. Toddler Time-Wednesdays at 10am and 11am Beginning January 10!

Little ones: ages 12-36 months are invited to join Ms. Donna for interactive story-time with rhymes, songs, puppets, and a simple story. Registration suggested. **READ TO ROVER**...Thursday, January 18 @ 4pm **For ages 4 and up**... here's your chance to read aloud to a therapy dog! <u>NEW:</u> Tuesday, January 30th, 12:30-2 m ESOL for Adults! Would you like to learn or polish your English? Join Donna for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 30th. We'll meet weekly from 12:30 - 2 pm to learn English, using the library's popular Mango Language app, as well as lots of in-person learning and practice. Call the library or drop by for more information.

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

#### Serving our community:

The Bogart Library continues to collect blankets and clothing for ACTS until January15. Please put all donations in plastic trash bags and leave in the library foyer. The Bogart Library is proud to continue to host a drop-off site for the Athens Area Diaper Bank. Diapers of all sizes are needed.

## The Library will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in Observance of the MLK Holiday



BOGART HISTORICAL MUSEUM Bogart Historical Museum will be open Saturday, January 27 from 10-12. Come walk through the history of Our beautiful little town.