



RON CROSS  
Commission Chairman

# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## COUNTY PROJECT & FUNDING UPDATE >>>

As everyone already knows, there is so much going on in the county that it is very difficult to keep up. Roads are being improved throughout the county and building is happening everywhere. Thanks to the support of our citizens, Columbia County has adequate funding to make major, long term improvements in roads and facilities. The following is a list by funding source of present projects and their status.

### 2011-2016 SPLOST PROGRAM:

The only remaining major project in this list of county improvements is the widening of Washington Road from Gibbs Road to William Few Parkway, and boy, what a project. We have all suffered the delays and inconvenience of this project. However, the end is in sight. County engineers tell us that this project will be completed this calendar year, and hopefully all the inconvenience and harsh words will be forgotten.

This program also included many projects now completed and in use: the new County Health Department, the State Patrol Office, the Recycling Center, and the new Animal Services Facility, all located on William Few Parkway. Other projects completed included the addition to Building C, the renovation of Building B, both at the government center in Evans; a new wing for the jail, a new Fleet Facility in Appling, and the completion of the Exhibition Center at the Gateway in Grovetown. Additional public safety projects completed include two new fire stations and three new fire trucks. Other infrastructure projects included were over ten million dollars spent in storm water and water-sewer improvements. A very impressive list completed in a very short time thanks to citizen support.

### 2017- 2022 SPLOST PROGRAM:

Revenue for this program began accumulating this January, but with issuing bonds for a portion of these projects, we were able to really accelerate some needed projects.

Completed already in this program is the new Harlem Library. Dedication was held on May 31, 2017. This beautiful new facility is now open to the public who so graciously supported the replacement of the existing library. Also completed is the purchase of the new digital radio system for Columbia County

Fire Rescue. Those radios are now in service.

Additional projects in Tier 1 of this program are well under design including the Performing Arts Center and Museum, which should be out to bid by fall, and the Justice Center expansion. This SPLOST Tier 1 also includes thirty million dollars for our portion of a new hospital once the legalities are settled. Many smaller infrastructure projects are also under way. Once revenue starts accumulating the design of Tier 2 and 3 projects will begin including a new dorm for the Detention Center, a complete replacement of Building A, a new building and tower facilities for our Broadband network, and replacement buildings for two fire stations. Infrastructure projects in Tiers 2 and 3 include over ten million dollars in water and sewer

improvements, over four million in park improvements, one million for updates to our 911 system, four million for small transportation projects, and one million in small building upgrades. Needless to say, we are totally and completely busy; but, that is not all.

### 2017 GO BOND PROGRAM:

Once again the citizens came to the rescue of our collective vision for the future of Columbia County with the approval of a list of much needed additions not funded elsewhere. First and foremost is the construction monies for the Performing Arts Center mentioned earlier. The second is

parking facilities, road improvements, and a new park for The Plaza public-private project with the Meybohm Development Company to establish a downtown for Evans. The first building is already out of the ground with completion expected next spring and the park design and road plans are well underway.

With monies for this bond issue in the bank, work is progressing rapidly. A new ladder truck for the fire department is ordered at a cost of 1.2 million dollars. The much needed new software for the Tax Commissioner is ordered. Plans for the three new county regional parks and the Euchee Creek Greenway addition are under contract. The City of Grovetown is finalizing the location of their new library, and several projects for the Sheriff's Office including range protection, training center improvements and a storage building are in the planning stage. The expansion of the Gateway Boulevard to Wrightsboro Road is under design. Other

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

projects in this bond issue include the completion of the City Center in Harlem near the new library, building improvements and the connection of Patriot's Park facilities, and 1.5 million dollars for small transportation improvements. Well, only one more funding program to go.

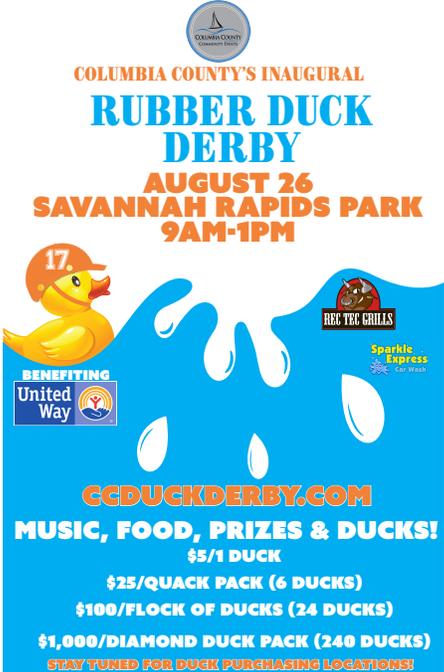
**TIA OF 2010:** This state regional program known as the Transportation Improvement Act came to the voters in 2010, and while Columbia County voted no the remainder of the Central Savannah River Area voted yes and thankfully so. We were one of three regions in the state that approved this and the other nine have been extremely jealous ever since. All nine have been very busy trying to fund transportation needs for the past seven years since GDOT cannot provide adequate monies. Since the start of collection in 2012, we have received over nine million dollars in discretionary funds for local road projects not listed on the original constrained list. The largest on the list is The Riverwatch Parkway which should be completed this year, and not a minute too soon. Our total allotment in this program will exceed 200 million dollars. Nobody likes taxes, but this is truly one of the best one cent taxes on goods because everyone pays to use Columbia County roads.

The remaining list of constrained (mandatory) projects in this program for Columbia County includes the widening of two sections of Lewiston Road from Columbia Road to Grovetown including intersection improvements at I-20. And WOW, is this needed! Other projects also in design include the widening of Fury's Ferry Road and Flowing Wells Road; and intersection improvements at I-20 and Highway 221. Another project well underway in this program is improvements to Robinson Avenue in Grovetown.

This funding source, known as T-SPLOST, is truly a blessing

to Columbia County. These funds advanced our road improvements by at least twenty years since no other funds were available from GDOT. The state government established an excise tax on gasoline statewide in 2016 to try to assist transportation needs in counties that did not approve TIA, mainly in metro Atlanta. We are also getting some of these funds for our road maintenance programs.

A small update of improvements in our county, but a tremendous move forward in becoming the county that we all envision. The Board of Commissioners and the staff of Columbia County cannot adequately express our appreciation for your support. As stated many times, we are truly blessed to live where we live and enjoy the many advantages we have. Having the financial resources to provide needed and desired improvements makes us very unique in the state, and all the credit goes to you, our citizens.



COLUMBIA COUNTY'S INAUGURAL  
**RUBBER DUCK DERBY**  
AUGUST 26  
SAVANNAH RAPIDS PARK  
9AM-1PM

17  
BENEFITING  
United Way

RBC TEC GRILLS  
Sparkle Express

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\$25/QUACK PACK (6 DUCKS)  
\$100/FLOCK OF DUCKS (24 DUCKS)  
\$1,000/DIAMOND DUCK PACK (240 DUCKS)  
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## REED CREEK NATURE PARK SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES

For More Info call 706-210-4027 or  
email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov)

### Tiny Tot Story Time at Reed Creek (ages 2-4)

A special story and craft time for children ages 2-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Members:** Free;

**Non-members:** \$2/child

Space is Limited and Pre-registration is required. Call 706-210-4027 or email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov)

**Tuesday, August 15th 9:30 am - 10:30 am:** Dot & Jabber and the Acorn Mystery by Ellen Walsh

**Tuesday, August 29nd 9:30 am - 10:30 am:** Mouse's First Fall by Lauren Thompson

**FREE Special Story Time Event** presented by Spark Academy (K-5th) Spark Academy, a STEM enrichment learning academy will be at Reed Creek Park for a special science story time. You won't want to miss this. Space is Limited and Pre-registration is

required.

Call 706-210-4027 or email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov)

**Saturday, August 5th**  
10:00 am - 11:00 pm

### Oh Deer! (ages 5+)

Join us to learn what living things need to survive. We will have a short indoor class followed by a fun game outside! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Members:** Free;

**Non-members:** \$2/child

Space is Limited and Pre-registration is required. Call 706-210-4027 or email [reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov)

**Saturday, August 19th**  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm



# SAFE DEAL ZONE

Do you need a safe location to conduct your Craigslist, Facebook, LetGo, Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Kijiji, Pinterest, Etsy, GunBroker, ArmsList, local classifieds or other face to face transactions?

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has arranged 4 locations for your use when conducting these types of transactions. Follow these guidelines to protect yourself when conducting this type of business:

1. Agree to meet the buyer or seller at any one of these four locations located in Columbia County.
  - Columbia County Sheriff's Office Detention Center:  
2273 County Camp Road, Appling, Georgia 30802
  - Columbia County Sheriff's Office Substation:  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, Georgia 30809
  - Harlem Department of Public Safety:  
110 West Milledgeville Street, Harlem, Georgia 30814
  - Grovetown Department of Public Safety:  
306 East Robinson Avenue, Grovetown, Georgia 30813
2. You can meet in the parking lot or the lobby of any location.
3. Personnel at these locations normally won't be involved in the transactions or oversee them.



## COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR JULY-AUGUST

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
(County offices will be closed on July 4th)  
Tuesday July 18th  
Tuesdays August 1st and 15th  
6:00pm

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### **MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, July 11th, 8:30am

#### **PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, July 25th, 8:30am

### **MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Tuesday, August 8th, 8:30am

### **PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Appling Courthouse, Appling, GA  
Tuesday, August 22nd, 8:30am

### **COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Building A Auditorium,  
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA  
Thursdays July 6th and 20th  
Thursdays August 3rd and 17th  
6:00pm

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**  
EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK  
a celebration of the imagination!  
FREE EVENT

<b>ART</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>
<b>MATH</b>	<b>HOMEROOM</b>
<b>LUNCHROOM</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
<b>NURSE'S OFFICE</b>	<b>READING</b>

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# JULY

Date	Time	Program	Branch	Description
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Harlem Library	Each week we will read stories and do crafts geared to help children fall in love with reading.
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	Eucler Creek Library	This special class is designed especially for babies under two.
Tuesdays	10:30 AM	ESL	Evans Library	This class is free and open to adults whose first language is not English. Come and practice your conversational English with us!
Tuesdays	4:15 PM	Child Enrichment	Eucler Creek Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Wednesdays	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Eucler Creek Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Monday, July 3, 17	4:00 PM	Young Makers Program	Evans Library	This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.
Monday, July 3, 17	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Tuesday, July 4, 17	All Day	All Columbia County Library Branches Closed	All Branches	All Columbia County Library branches are closed for Independence Day.
Wednesday, July 5, 17	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Thursday, July 6, 17	3:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Evans Library	Teens can take a break and play video and board games.
Saturday, July 8, 17	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Eucler Creek Library	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.
Monday, July 10, 17	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Evans Library	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!
Monday, July 10, 17	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Eucler Creek Library	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.
Monday, July 10, 17	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction	Pizza Central, Evans	The July selection is <i>1984</i> by George Orwell.
Tuesday, July 11, 17	3:00 PM	Teen Crafternoon	Harlem Library	Make your own Slime! (Grades 6-12 and must pre-register due to limited spots.)
Tuesday, July 11, 17	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Evans Library	Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required.
Wednesday, July 12, 17	2:00 PM	Arts & Crafts Buffet	Evans Library	Drop in and choose from a variety of crafting materials and art supplies to experiment with and create your very own artwork. Dress for a mess! Children of all ages welcome. No registration required.
Wednesday, July 12, 17	2:00 PM	Children's Rock Painting	Harlem Library	Join in the newest craze in the CSRA and paint your own rocks! Children ages 5-10. Registration required.
Thursday, July 13, 17	1:00 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Eucler Creek Library	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.
Thursday, July 13, 17	2:00 PM	Crochet Stitch Washcloth	Harlem Library	Learn to make a crochet wash cloth. Registration is required.
Thursday, July 13, 17	6:00 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.
Monday, July 17, 17	11:00 AM	Crafts with the Morris Museum	Evans Library	Bring your creativity and enthusiasm for an art-filled program with special guests from the Morris Museum of Art!
Monday, July 17, 17	3:00 PM	Intro to Zumba	Harlem Library	Learn to dance your way to fitness with Zumba!
Monday, July 17, 17	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Evans Library	Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Monday, July 17, 17	6:30 PM	Monday Night Book Discussion	Evans Library	The July selection is <i>The Silver Star</i> by Jeannette Walls.
Tuesday, July 18, 17	10:30 AM	Baby Explorers	Evans Library	Bring your little explorers to this sensory playtime for babies and toddlers! Ages 0-2. Children's classroom. No registration.
Tuesday, July 18, 17	2:00 PM	Adult Doodle Hour	Harlem Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Wednesday, July 19, 17	2:00 PM	Reptile Show	Evans Library	Join us for a visit from our expert guests from Savannah River Ecology Lab and their critter companions!
Wednesday, July 19, 17	2:00 PM	Teen Rock Painting	Harlem Library	Join in the newest craze in the CSRA and paint your own rocks! Ages 11-18. Registration required.
Thursday, July 20, 17	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	Eucler Creek Library	The July craft is DIY Cards & Envelopes.
Thursday, July 20, 17	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Evans Library	The July selection is <i>Tell the Wolves I'm Home</i> by Carol Rifka Brunt.
Thursday, July 20, 17	4:00 PM	Harlem Book Club	Harlem Library	The July selection is <i>90 Minutes in Heaven</i> by Don Piper.
Monday, July 24, 17	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Eucler Creek Library	Join us for games for the whole family.
Tuesday, July 25, 17	2:00-4:00 PM	Open Sewing Hour	Harlem Library	Bring your sewing projects and use our machines.
Tuesday, July 25, 17	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.
Wednesday, July 26, 17	11:30 AM	Environment Matters Lunch and Learn	Evans Library Café	Bring your lunch and learn with the Eco-Lady about how you can impact our area.
Wednesday, July 26, 17	2:00 PM	Adult Rock Painting	Harlem Library	Join in the newest craze in the CSRA and paint your own rocks! Registration required.
Thursday, July 27, 17	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	Eucler Creek Library	The July selection is <i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia.
Thursday, July 27, 17	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Evans Library	Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Monday, July 31-Wednesday, August 2	11:00 AM-8:00 PM	Harry Potter Movie Marathon	Evans Library	Join us to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with a movie marathon! We'll have birthday cake and snacks and a costume contest with prizes!

All programs are subject to change. Call your local branch for details. Evans: 706-863-1946 Eucler Ck: 706-556-0594 Harlem: 706-556-9795

For a complete list of library programs, please visit [www.gchrl.org](http://www.gchrl.org)

# Columbia County Public Health Department

## 2017 Back-to-School Clinic



**August 1 – August 4**

**August 7 – August 11**

**8:00am - 3:30pm**

If you are new to our clinics, it is helpful to drop off a copy of your child's immunization records prior to your visit. This will permit us to enter the information into the State Immunization Registry System. This also allows the PHD to better serve you in a timely manner. No appointment is necessary for the back to school clinic.

## Walk-in Immunization Clinic

Every WEDNESDAY

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**No appointment necessary!  
Bring all shot records with you!**

Columbia County Public Health Department  
1930 William Few Pkwy, Grovetown, GA 30813  
706-868-3330



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THE ULTIMATE EAGLES EXPERIENCE

**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 8  
2017**



**A TRIBUTE TO THE KING**  
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**TRAVIS LEDOYT**  
"The World's Best Young Elvis"  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017**



An Emmy Win  
**Molly Ringwald**  
Saturday, October 7, 2017



The Evening With  
**Melissa Manchester**  
Friday, October 13, 2017



**Jaimee Paul**  
"There's a time that you come get your  
fill and with you could stand the  
Baby Chicks"

Saturday  
October 21  
2017



ALMOST  
**ELTON JOHN**  
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REMEMBER WHEN ROCK WAS YOUNG

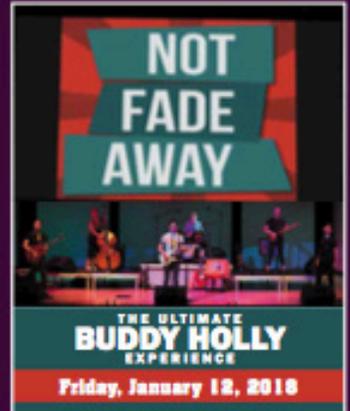
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**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 10  
2017**



**Christmas** WITH THE  
**ANNIE MOSES BAND**

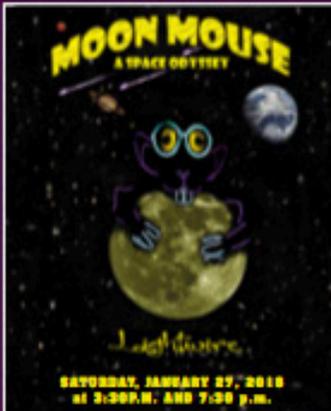
Wednesday, December 20, 2017



**NOT  
FADE  
AWAY**

THE ULTIMATE  
**BUDDY HOLLY**  
EXPERIENCE

Friday, January 12, 2018



**MOON MOUSE**  
A SPACE OUTFIT

Just Moore

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018  
at 3:30P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.



Skatetacular  
**Dreams On Ice**

**ICE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018**



THE **BLACK MARKET TRUST**  
"...Visually playful, beautiful harmonies, and fun lyrics with the soul!" - Q107

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018



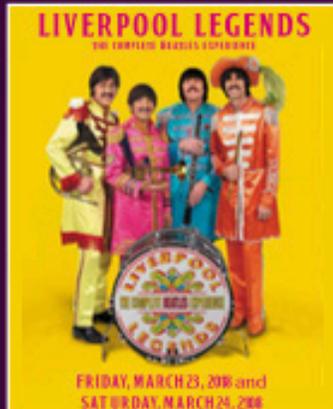
**Southern Fried  
Chicks**  
A GEORGIA  
COMEDY TOUR

Saturday, February 17, 2018



**OlateDogs**  
Winners of AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

**Friday, March 9, 2018**



**LIVERPOOL LEGENDS**  
THE GREATEST BEATLES EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 and  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018



**Ray On My Mind**  
With Kenny Waxman

Friday, April 27, 2018



**I AM KING**  
The Michael Jackson Experience

SATURDAY  
MAY 5, 2018

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ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 7:30 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE NOTED