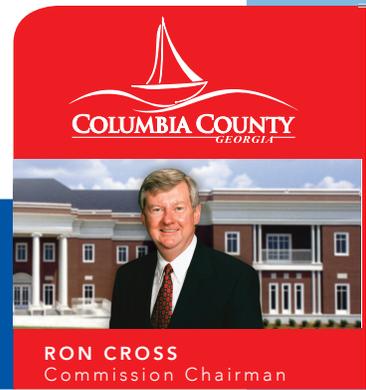


# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## THE END IS NEAR!!! JULY 1, 2018



**No, this is not about the end of the world or some drastic shift of world power or even about the potential disaster than can be prevented only by the Atlanta Falcons winning the Super Bowl.** No, this is more important. It is about the end of another personal freedom. Naturally we are losing it, once again, because of personal freedom abuse. I will be the first to admit that while driving I have on occasion fiddled with my cell phone, punched in numbers, returned text, and other things that are, without a doubt, distracting. How many of you have set in a line of traffic and wondered why the car in front is not moving when the light goes green? But only when someone blows their horn does the person look up and see that the light change and then charges through the intersection, and only the first two cars can clear the light. Makes you very not happy! Fortunately, the blue tooth technology in my vehicle is working great since I learned how it operates; probably more difficult for me than it is for most of you.

Last month we talked about legislation that affects us in Columbia County, and in this case the entire state. House Bill 673 is enacted to prohibit distracted driving while operating a motor vehicle, also called the "Hands Free Law". Well, new laws can be very confusing and maybe distracting. Please do not attempt to read it while driving.

In an effort to educate our county employees, our Risk Management Director, Darlene Bartlett, did an excellent job of reviewing this legislation and explaining it both as law and as practical application. This message is done so well that I would like to share it with you. Please take time to read it and pass along to any family member or friend that drives or will soon be driving, it might save some lives, including ours.

### HOUSE BILL 673- "HANDS FREE LAW"

House Bill 673 also known as the "Hands Free Law" was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Nathan Deal. The Hands Free Law will take effect on July 1, 2018. The following is a brief description what the law states and some frequently asked questions. A link to the complete law can be found at [www.gahighwaysafety.org](http://www.gahighwaysafety.org).

- A driver cannot have a phone in their hand or use any part of their body to support their phone. Drivers can only use their phones to make or receive phone calls by using speakerphone, earpiece, wireless headphone, phone is connected to vehicle or an electronic watch. GPS navigation devices are allowed.
- Headsets and earpieces can only be worn for communication purposes and not for listening to music or other entertainment.
- A driver may not send or read any text-based communication unless using voice-based communication that automatically converts message to a written text or is being used for navigation or GPS

- A driver may not write, send or read any text messages, e-mails, social media or internet data content
- A driver may not watch a video unless it is for navigation.
- A driver may not record a video (continuously running dash cams are exempt)
- Music streaming apps can be used provided the driver activates and programs them when they are parked. Drivers cannot touch their phones to do anything to their music apps when they are on the road. Music streaming apps that include video also are not allowed since drivers cannot watch videos when on the road. Drivers can listen to and program music streaming apps that are connected to and controlled through their vehicle's radio.

### EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Reporting a traffic crash, medical emergency, fire, criminal activity or hazardous road conditions.
2. An employee or contractor of an utility service provider acting within the scope of their employment while responding to an utility emergency.
3. A first responder (law enforcement, fire, EMS) during the performance of their official duties.
4. When in a lawfully parked vehicle—this DOES NOT include vehicles stopped for traffic signals and stop signs on the public roadway.

### ENFORCEMENT

When the Hands-Free law takes effect July 1, the Georgia Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement have the option to issue warnings for violations as part of the effort to educate and to help motorists adapt to the new law. However, citations can and will be issued starting July 1 for any violation of the Hands-Free Law, including those where the violation involves a traffic crash. There is not a 90-day grace period provision in the Hands-Free Law.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why is this law needed in Georgia?** Our state has seen significant increases in vehicle traffic crashes, fatalities and bodily injury. The vast majority of these increases have been in rear-end crashes, single-car crashes and crashes by drivers from 15 to 25-years-old. State and local law enforcement have stated that these incidents are a clear indication of driver inattention. The 15 states that have passed hands-free driving laws saw a 16 percent decrease in traffic fatalities in the two

years after the law was passed. In addition, traffic fatalities were reduced even further in subsequent years.

**Could I still talk on my phone while driving?** Yes, as long as it is done hands-free. Drivers would be able to use their phone's speakerphone, Bluetooth technology, an earpiece, a headphone or other device to allow them to communicate on a hands-free basis.

**Could I touch my cellphone to dial a**



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**number or receive or end a call?** Yes. The law would simply prohibit drivers from holding or supporting the phone.

**Would I be required to purchase a hands-free accessory, such as a mount or bracket?** No. The proposed law simply states that a driver cannot hold or support a mobile phone. A phone can be left on a vehicle's console, a front seat, etc. However, for the safety of all Georgians, state and local law enforcement recommend the purchase and use of a hands-free device if using a mobile phone while driving.

**My vehicle does not have Bluetooth technology/capability. How could I comply with the law?** Many online retailers offer a Bluetooth adapter for vehicles without Bluetooth or similar technology built into the vehicle. These adapters can be found at local retailers or online by searching "Bluetooth hands-free car kit" in an internet search engine.

**What would the fines/penalties be?**

- First conviction: \$50, one point on a license;
- Second conviction: \$100, two points on a license;
- Third and subsequent convictions: \$150, three points on a license.

**Could I listen to online radio apps while driving?** A driver cannot touch their phone to activate or program a radio app while they are on the road (the road includes being stopped for traffic signals and stop signs). A driver can activate a radio app before getting on the road and listen to the programming. A driver can also listen to programming from their app if it is connected and controlled by the vehicle's stereo (radio), and the driver is not touching their phone while driving. We caution drivers that music streaming apps that also include video do violate the new law which specifically prohibits drivers from watching videos. The rule of thumb here is you can listen to your radio app as long as you do not touch your phone when driving on the road AND its use does not distract the driver in any

manner in the safe operation of their vehicle.

**Could I listen to music stored on my mobile phone, thus not requiring an internet connection?** Yes, as long as the driver is not holding or supporting the phone.

**Could I talk to someone via video telephony apps, such as FaceTime or Skype, if doing so "hands-free?"** No. The proposed hands-free driving law states that a driver shall not "record or broadcast a video" on any mobile phones, iPads, computers, etc. while operating a vehicle.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is not only about cell phones. As part of the GA Code: Uniform Rules of the Road: "A driver shall exercise due care in operating a motor vehicle on the highways of this state and shall not engage in any actions which shall distract such driver from the safe operation of such vehicle..." While further provisions of this code specifically address cell phones and similar devices, we must remember that any distraction can reduce our ability to safely operate a vehicle. Driving can be dangerous. Make a conscious effort every time you get behind the wheel of a vehicle: choose to avoid all distractions and focus on your driving.

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**FREE EVENT!**

**JULY 4TH**

**PATRIOTS PARK**

5445 COLUMBIA RD, GROVETOWN, GA

GATES OPEN AT 5PM

PARK PASS HOLDERS IN AT 4PM

\$5 CARNIVAL RIDE WRISTBAND

CARNIVAL RIDES, LIVE MUSIC, FIREWORKS & FOOD VENDORS!

PARK PASS HOLDERS PARTICIPATE FOR FREE

PARKING AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

## SUMMER CAMPS AT REED CREEK PARK

**CSRA ADVENTURE CAMP (AGES 12-14) • JULY 9-13**  
**CAMP HOURS: 9AM-3PM • COST: \$150/CHILD**

**SIZZLING SUMMER SATURDAYS (AGES VARY BY CLASS) FREE • JULY 7 & 21**

- **7-8AM:** Birding (teens & adults) \*quiet children may join us
- **9-10AM:** Pond Exploration (ages 4-6)
- **11AM-12PM:** Wetland Walk (all ages)
- **1-2PM:** Really Cool Rreptiles (ages 5+)
- **4-5PM:** terrific turtles (ages 7+)

**NOCTURNAL THURSDAYS 8:30-9:30 PM (AGES 5+) FREE**

\*Insect repellent may be needed. Must wear closed-toe shoes, NO CROCS.

**JULY 5: THE WORLD OF OWLS**

**JULY 19: BENEFICIAL BATS**

**JULY 26: ALL ABOUT FROGS**

**SIMPLY SCIENCE FRIDAYS 1:30 - 2:30 PM (AGES VARY BY CLASS) FREE**

**JULY 20TH: EGG DROP OR BUST! (AGES 5+)**

**JULY 27TH: EXPLORING ACIDS & BASES (AGES 8+)**

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT REEDCREEKPARK.COM**

*We are no longer taking registrations by phone or email. Pre-registration is required through our website [reedcreekpark.com](http://reedcreekpark.com). Due to space limitations walk-ins are not permitted. All children must be accompanied by an adult while attending classes.*

## PUBLIC HEALTH BACK TO SCHOOL CLINICS

**BACK TO SCHOOL CLINIC • JULY 30 & AUGUST 1-AUGUST 10 8AM-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 AM-3:30 PM**

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

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

VISIT US TODAY! [www.ColumbiaCountyGa.gov](http://www.ColumbiaCountyGa.gov)

## Children's Programs

### Columbia County/Evans Library

Call 706-863-1946 ext 3 for information or to register for children's programs.

#### Book A Bunny!

Tuesdays & Thursdays in July • 10:30-11:30am  
Book an appointment to read to Reggie the library bunny this July! This program is best for young readers in rising grades 1-5. Appointments are required and will be available each Tuesday and Thursday in July between 10:30-11:30am. Appointments last 20-25 minutes. Please call or visit the children's desk to book an appointment!

#### Dance Party

Tuesday, July 3 • 11:00 am  
Shake and wiggle your sillies out! Ages 2-5.

#### Young Authors Program

Tuesday, July 10 • 6:00 pm  
Join us for this club for aspiring young authors in grades 1-5.

#### Meet Pete the Cat!

Thursday, July 12 • 5:30 pm  
Rock in your school shoes with Pete the Cat! Ages 2+.

#### Storytime with the Morris Museum

Monday, July 16 • 11:00 am  
A story & craft with the Morris Museum, hosted at the library! Ages 2-5.

#### Family Movie Night

Tuesday, July 17 • 5:30 pm  
Watch *Ferdinand* on the big screen! All ages.

#### Baby Explorers

Wednesday, July 18 • 10:30 -11:30 am  
Drop in for this playtime for babies and toddlers! Ages 0-2.

#### Reptile Show

Wednesday, July 25 • 2:00 pm  
Revisit reptiles with Savannah River Ecology Lab! Ages 2+.

### Eucler Creek Library

#### Child Enrichment:

• Baby & Me: Tues • 10:30 am

#### Pete the Cat Visit

Friday, July 13 • 2:00 pm  
Meet Pete the Cat in the library children's area!

#### Minecraft Club

Saturday, July 14 • 11:00 am -3:00 pm  
Bring your own device or laptop with Minecraft already loaded.

#### Rock & Roll Photo Booth

Friday, July 20 • 2:00 pm  
Bring in the kids for a Rock & Roll photo.

#### Family Game Night

Monday, July 23 • 4:30 pm  
Games for the whole family. No registration required.

#### Savannah River Ecology Lab

Friday, July 27 • 2:00 pm  
Local wildlife brought in by Savannah River Ecology Lab.

### Harlem Library

#### Savannah River Ecology Lab Reptile Show

Tuesday, July 10 • 10:30 am  
Join Sean Poppy and the crew from SREL as we watch their wildlife presentation on area reptiles, such as alligators and snapping turtles.

#### Meet Pete the Cat!

Friday, July 13 • 11:00 am  
Join us for a stories and a surprise visitor!

#### Shaker Story Time

Tuesday, July 17 • 10:30 am  
Join us for stories and a music related craft! Register by calling 706-650-5009.

## Teen Programs

### Columbia County/Evans Library

#### Young Makers Program

Monday, July 2 • 4:00-5:30 pm  
This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.

#### Table Top Gaming Group

Tuesday, July 10 • 12:00-3:00 pm  
Join us for a casual afternoon of table top gaming. Beginners welcome!

#### Beginner's Guitar Class

Tuesday, July 10 • 4:00 pm  
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. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.

#### Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, July 12 • 4:00 pm  
Help us decide what programs to offer this year while getting volunteer credit.

#### Makerspace

Monday, July 16 & Thursday, July 26 • 4:00-5:30 pm  
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.

#### Web Maker Mini-Series (Part 2)

Saturday, July 21 • 11:00 am  
Make your own simple webpage using a Raspberry Pi. This class is for ages 8-12. Register at [educode.io/register](http://educode.io/register).

#### Guitar Club

Tuesday, July 24 • 4:00 pm  
Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.

### Eucler Creek Library

#### Making Music

Monday, July 9 • 11:00 am  
Learn to make music using a keyboard & special software.

#### Anime Club

Monday July 16 • 4:30-6:30 pm  
Screening this season's most popular anime. No registration required.

### Harlem Library

#### Scratch

Monday, July 9 • 2:30 pm  
Come have fun and learn basic coding and animation. Please pre-register for this class.

#### Teen Crafternoon

Wednesday, July 11 • 3:00 pm  
Come have fun and learn how to make a Pool Noodle Launcher. Register by calling 706-650-5009.

## Adult Programs

### Columbia County/Evans Library

#### Camp Nano

Every Sunday in July • 2:00-4:00 pm  
Have you ever said "Someday, I'd like to write a book?" Turn that "someday" into "today" and join us for a fun, informal introduction to National Novel Writing Month, an annual writing challenge for authors of all stripes.

#### Doodle Hour-Adult Coloring

Monday, July 2 • 6:30 pm  
Coloring books are perfect for stressed out adults. You've seen the trend, now try it!

#### Fiber Arts Craft & Chat

Thursday, July 5 • 5:30-7:30 pm  
This group meets the first Thursday of each month in the café area and is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. This low-key crafting meet-up is open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.

#### Gadget Help with Alex

Friday, July 6 • 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.

#### Chess Tournament

Friday, July 6 • 1:30-4:30 pm  
You've learned the basics, now join us for putting those to use and have fun with a tournament! All ages and skills are welcome, attending the previous classes is not a requirement.

#### Acorn Media TV Demo

Sunday, July 8 • 2:30-4:30 pm  
Learn about our new streaming program, then watch a show!

#### Genealogy Club

Monday, July 9 • 3:00 pm  
Whether you're a genealogical expert or just learning about your roots, this is the group for you. No registration required.

#### Pub Fiction Book Club

Monday, July 9 • 7:00 pm • Pizza Central, Evans  
Join us at Pizza Central in Evans for this month's book selection: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey.

#### AARP Driver Safety Class

Wednesday, July 11 & Thursday, July 12 • 1:30-4:30 pm  
Open to those over 25. You may receive a possible discount on your car insurance. Must register with AARP by calling 706-228-4467 after 7:00 pm. There is a fee for the required workbook.

#### Adult Guitar Club

Thursday, July 12 • 6:00-7:30 pm  
Experienced adult players, this is a chance to get together with other adult guitar players to swap tips and songs.

#### Estate Planning and Elder Care

Friday, July 13 • 11:00 am  
Hear legal strategies to protect your family and estate including: wills & trusts, estate planning, probate avoidance, powers of attorney, Medicaid and VA planning, as well as the VA Aid & Attendance Benefit. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Monday Night Book Discussion

Monday, July 16 • 6:30 pm  
This month's book selection is *From Sand and Ash* by Amy Harmon.

#### eBay

Tuesday, July 17 • 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
This online auction site class will walk you through the basics of both buying and selling items on the site and how to fine tune it to your personal needs. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Chess Tournament

Tuesday, July 17 • 1:30-4:30 pm  
You've learned the basics, now join us for putting those to use and have fun with a tournament! All ages and skills are welcome, attending the previous classes is not a requirement.

#### Veterans History Project- WWII

Tuesday, July 17 • 6:00-7:00 pm  
Join us in welcoming the editors of *In Their Own Words: Augusta and Aiken Area Veterans Remember World War II*. There will be a talk related to the title and a sampling of the documentary as well.

#### Environmental Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, July 18 • 11:30 am  
Here's your chance to ask County Agent, Tripp Williams, for valuable eco-gardening and lawn care tips. Eco-Lady, Margarete Alligood presents this program with featured speakers every month through August. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

#### Bookkeeping, Payroll, and Business Financial Seminar

Wednesday, July 18 • 12:00-2:00 pm  
A bookkeeping, payroll and business finance seminar is being presented by Tabitha Hollimon, MBA, EA and owner of Avail Bookkeeping and Tax Services. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Brown Bag Book Discussion

Thursday, July 19 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
This month's book selection is *Radio Girls* by Sarah-Jane Stratford.

#### Greater Evans SCORE Workshop

Thursday, July 19 • 1:00-3:00 pm  
Thinking of starting a business? These workshops are for you! Learn how to use Mergent Intellect to generate insightful business intelligence. Register at [greateraiken.score.org](http://greateraiken.score.org).

#### Home Buying Series: Home Buying Process

Thursday, July 19 • 6:00-7:30 pm  
In the home buying process session to be held July 19th, terms such as offers, appraisals, due diligence, under contract, insurance, and closing will be explained. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

#### Google School

Friday, July 20 • 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Learn how to search in Google and about its many services such as books, maps, and shopping. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

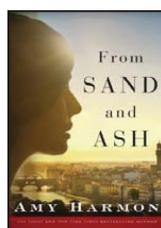
#### Internet Shopping/Digital Couponing

Friday, July 20 • 1:30-3:30 pm  
Learn how to get the best deals online, overview of eBay, store searches and how to use online coupons. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

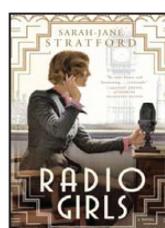
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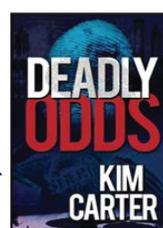
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July 9 • 7:00 pm



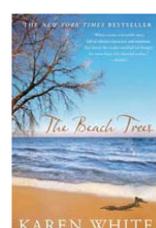
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Brown Bag Book Discussion  
July 19 • 11:30 am



Harlem Book Club  
July 19 • 4:00 pm



On the Same Page Book Club @ Euclhee Creek  
July 26 • 10:30 am

### Adult Programs

**Virginia Willis Author Visit**

Saturday, July 21 • 2:00 -5:00 pm  
 Georgia-born, French-trained chef, Virginia Willis has cooked Lapin Normandie with Julia Child in France, prepared lunch for Pres. Clinton, catered a bowling party for Jane Fonda, and harvested capers in the shadow of a smoldering volcano in Italy. Virginia was named by the Chicago Tribune as one of "Seven Food Writers You Need to Know." Tickets are free-visit virginiawillisecrets.eventbrite.com.

**AARP Driver Safety Class**

Mon, July 23 & Tues, July 24, & Thurs, July 26 • 5:30-7:30 pm  
 Open to those over 25. You may receive a possible discount on your car insurance. Must register with AARP by calling 706-228-4467 after 7:00 pm. There is a fee for the required workbook.

**Raspberry Pi Bootcamp I & II**

Wednesday, July 25 • 10:00 am -3:30 pm  
 Introduction to Raspberry Pi fun projects! Learn the basics of buttons and wiring Physical Computing Projects with Raspberry Pi including Reaction Time Button game and Pi-powered Whoopee Cushion. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

**Sewing Basics**

Friday, July 27 • 10:30 am  
 Come learn the basics of sewing. Learn how to sew on a button and how to hem things. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

**Raspberry Pi Club**

Friday, July 27 • 1:30-3:30 pm  
 Come apply your classes and learn from others. Call 706-863-1946, ext. 4 to register.

**Euchee Creek Library**

**Fiber Arts Craft & Chat**

Wednesdays, July 11 & 25 • 2:00-4:00 pm  
 Bring your own projects-crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc and socialize with others.

**Genealogical Society**

Thursday, July 12 • 1:00 pm  
 Whether you're an expert or just beginning to look into your roots, this club has something to offer everyone.

**Beginner Crochet**

Wednesday, July 18 • 1:30 pm  
 Fun and informal. Supplies provided. No registration required.

**Adult Time-Out**

Thursday, July 19 • 11:00 am  
 Our July craft is TBD. Call 706-556-0594 for details.

**Gadget Help with Alex**

Thursday, July 19 • 1:00 -3:00 pm  
 Do you have a new gadget that you can't figure out? Drop in to have our tech guru Alex show you the basics.

**Birding 101**

Monday, July 23 • 10:00 am  
 Learn the basics of bird watching & photography.

**Facebook**

Monday, July 23 • 1:30 pm  
 Learn the basics to share with family and friends. You must have a Facebook account to attend.

**On the Same Page Book Club**

Thursday, July 26 • 10:30 am  
 The July selection is *The Beach Trees* by Karen White.

**Harlem Library**

**Crochet Class: Octopus**

Thursday, July 12 & 26 • 10:30 am  
 Join us as we learn to crochet an octopus. This class is taught in 2 sessions and you must register for both.

**Shepard Community Blood Drive**

Tuesday, July 17 • 2:00-6:00 pm  
 Come donate blood and help save a life! The bloodmobile will be set up in the library parking lot on the Hwy 78 side.

**Harlem Book Club**

Thursday, July 19 • 4:00 pm  
 Join us as we discuss *Deadly Odds* by Kim Carter. The author will be here to discuss this book with us!

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

## JULY 24, 2018 VOTING INFORMATION

**ABSENTEE BY MAIL:** June 8 - July 20, 2018

**EARLY/ADVANCE VOTING:** July 2 - 20, 2018 (Only conducted at building G3, Monday-Friday 8 am -5 pm (Closed July 4, 2018 for the holiday)

**ELECTION DAY:** July 24, 2018:

All 46 voting precincts will be open from 7 am to 7 pm.

**RACES ON EACH PARTY BALLOT:**

*Democratic Ballot:* State School Superintendent; *Republican Ballot:* Governor,

Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, County Commission Chairperson

**IMPORTANT:** If one voted in the May primary election, they must vote with the same party for the July run-off election. If one voted non-partisan or did not vote but was eligible to vote - they may vote with either party for the run-off.

**TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION,** locate your voting precinct, view sample ballots, or obtain an absentee request an absentee application, please visit [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov)



## COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER

**NOW HIRING**

**Patrol Deputies**

Starting Salary **\$41,415**

**Deputy Jailers**

Starting Salary **\$29,425**

**Communication Officers**

Starting Salary **\$28,745**

We offer competitive salaries and a comprehensive employee benefit package:

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- Professional Training
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- Medical Insurance

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- Master Deputy Program
- Master Deputy Jailer Program
- 12 Paid Holidays
- Education Reimbursement
- Salary Augmentation

Applications can be submitted online. Join our team today! [www.columbiacountyso.org/jobs](http://www.columbiacountyso.org/jobs)

# EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Agency, Engineering Services Division, Water Utility Services and the GIS Department have come together to provide a proactive, cost efficient and effective public notification system.

Certain situations warrant notification of people based solely on their physical location. Some examples of these situations would be missing persons, suspects at large, hazardous material releases or spills, dam failure, civil emergencies, water service interruptions, severe weather situations, emergency road closures and other important information.

**The CodeRED Emergency Notification System** provides us with immediate, map-driven communication that seamlessly combines all phone and GIS data to rapidly deliver incident-related information or instruction to target audiences. This system also has full TTY/TTD capabilities, ensuring messages are

delivered to the hearing impaired.

Currently, the Emergency Notification System already includes both public and unlisted landline telephone data; however citizens must register mobile phones, SMS Texting, VoIP phones (voice over IP or internet phones) and email addresses



in order to receive these notifications based on validated county addresses. Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Uses** The CodeRED® system will be used to send critical communications, from missing persons, suspects' at large, hazardous material releases or spills, dam failure, civil emergencies, water service interruptions, severe weather situations, emergency

road closures and other important information.

**Caller ID** When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

**Emergency Notifications** 1-866-419-5000  
**General Notifications** 1-855-969-4636  
**Weather Warning Alerts** 1-800-566-9780

**Privacy** Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Join Our Database** To make sure you receive notifications, please register at [public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/95F6A6DAFC0D](http://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/95F6A6DAFC0D)

**CodeRED Mobile Alert App** Download the FREE app at [ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/](http://ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call (706) 868-3303 during normal business hours or email us at [emergencymanagement@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@columbiacountyga.gov).

## ANIMAL SERVICES RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AND DEDICATION

Columbia County Animal Services was recognized by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) as one of six counties in Georgia for their excellent service and dedication to the county's four-legged friends.

The team has achieved astounding results over the years from high adoption rates to reuniting lost pets with owners to extremely low euthanasia rates. The team, along with volunteers, works hard to maintain the shelter, groom the animals when they enter the shelter and during their stay, acclimate animals to young children by allowing them the opportunity to read to them, and actively engage with citizens on social media.



Columbia County Animal Services

# SUMMER IS COOLER WITH A PET!



Join us  
along with the  
Dog Networking Agents for another PAWsome  
Saturday Adoption Event!

## SATURDAY, JULY 14TH 11:00AM - 2:00PM

1940 William Few Parkway, Grovetown, GA  
706-541-4077



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