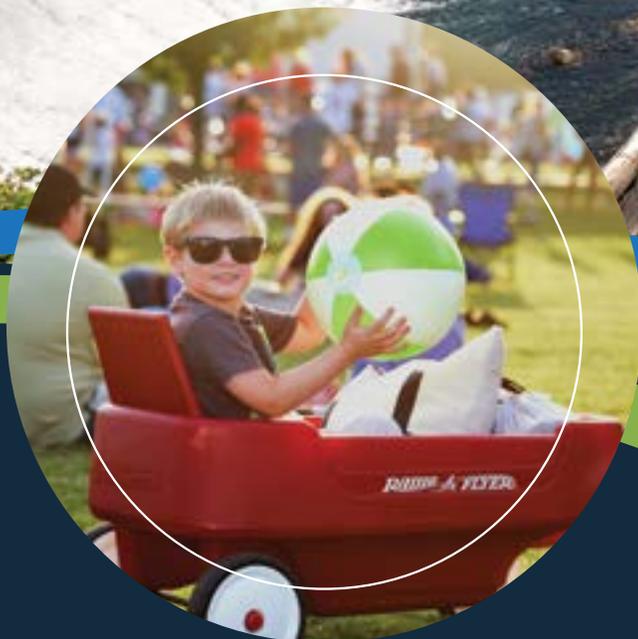


Fall/Winter 2018

the COMMUNITY & LEISURE Current guide



YOUR
COMMUNITY

**Programs
& Events**

CALENDAR INSIDE



COLUMBIA COUNTY
GEORGIA

Dear Reader,



Thank you for picking up this edition of the *The Current* - your guide to the programs, events, and facilities Columbia County has to offer. The Community and Leisure Services Division manages and operates a variety of parks, facilities, and venues, which in 2017 had a combined attendance of over two million patrons. Whether you're at Patriots Park for a baseball game, Lady A Pavilion for a concert, Savannah Rapids for a wedding, camping at Wildwood, or even looking for your next family pet at Animal Services, we've got you covered! We hope you find *The Current* helpful in navigating all the program options and services the division has to offer for the Fall/Winter of 2018.

For additional details on the information in *The Current*, I encourage you to visit ColumbiaCountyGA.gov, or contact the appropriate department directly. If I can ever assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

We take great pride in serving you and the community and look forward to seeing you soon!

Best Regards,



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Rental Facilities
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What do Parks & Recreation, Community Events, Rental Facilities & Venues, Animal Services, and Libraries all have in common?

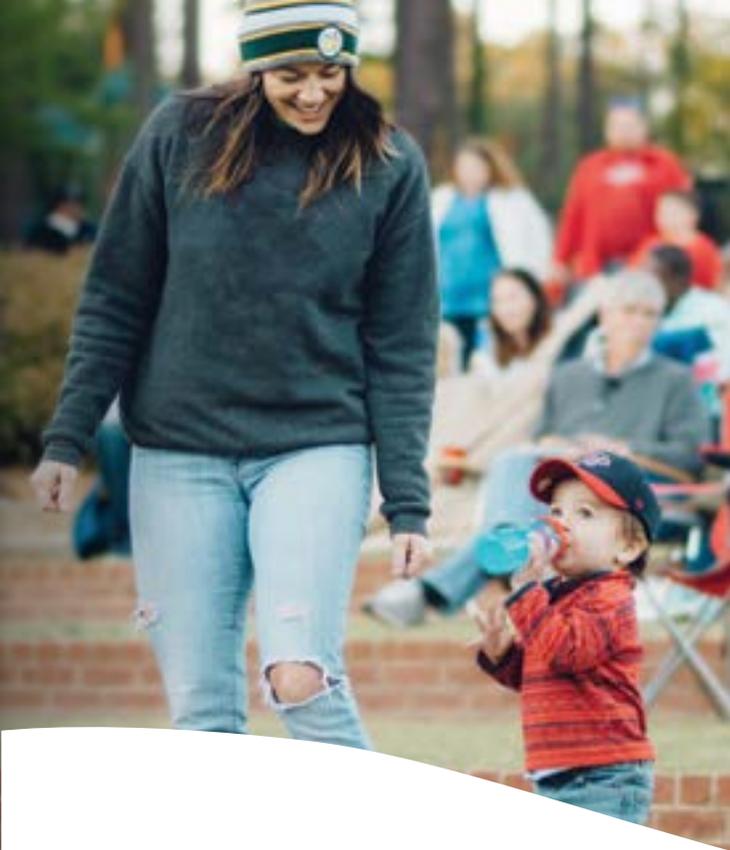
These are a few of the departments in Columbia County's Community & Leisure Services division that serves over 2.1 million patrons per year.



RACHAEL ENFINGER
Community Events Manager

The **Community Events** department puts on the Columbia County Events Series and expects to welcome over 100,000 individuals to their events this year. From signature holiday events, like the Easter Egg Scramble, Cinco Saturday, BOOM! in the Park, Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat and Christmas in Columbia County, to Boots, Brews & BBQ, there is a strong possibility you have visited one of the numerous events run by the team. In addition to the Events Series, the events team also works closely with local and national promoters and partners to help host events and concerts like the 2018 Grand Ole Rager featuring Keith Urban, Thunder Over Evans, REC TEC Academy and more! If there is fun being had in Columbia County, our Community Events team probably has a role in it!

Our **Parks & Recreation** department manages 10 parks that have 1.7 million visitors each year. Many of our parks have been named as the “best around” by Columbia County and metro Augusta residents. **Wildwood Park**, a spacious 75-acre park, is voted continuously “Best Campground”, and **Evans Towne Center Park** has been named “Best Public Park” and



“Best Concert Venue” in the area. In addition to these parks, there is **Reed Creek Nature Park & Interpretive Center**. This park is home to a raised wetland boardwalk and trail as well as an Interpretive Center that features ambassador animals and a back porch that overlooks the wetland.

In addition to our parks, Parks & Recreation also manages the county’s athletic programs, both youth and adult. The sports programming supports over 5,800 youth registrations each year. The staff also works closely with the **Columbia County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)** to promote our sporting venues to national organizations for championship play.

Thanks to the support of our CVB, Parks & Recreation department, and the Peach Belt Conference, **Blanchard Woods Park** hosted the NCAA Division II National Championships for soccer in 2011 and 2012. Along with soccer, tournaments frequently use **Patriots** and **Riverside Parks** for baseball/softball events; Wildwood for

Last year, the CVB helped attribute an estimated economic impact of \$3.3 million dollars to Columbia County.

SHELLY BLACKBURN
Executive Director, Convention & Visitors Bureau



archery and fishing events; and this upcoming February, the **Columbia County Exhibition Center** will host the American Cornhole Augusta Major event. Last year, the CVB helped attribute an estimated economic impact of \$3.3 million dollars to Columbia County.



Columbia County boasts many rental venues, but two of the more popular venues are the Columbia County Exhibition Center and the **Savannah Rapids Pavilion**. The Columbia County Exhibition Center, located off Exit 190 in Grovetown, is a 47,000 square foot facility that has hosted a variety of events, such as basketball, company

dinners, trade shows, the circus and conferences. This versatile facility can be quickly transformed from an open space to break-out seminar style rooms and recently hosted The Mustang Club of America's "Georgia on My Mind National Show" in May, which had an overall attendance of over 3,000 and an economic impact of over \$227,000.



MARY LIN MANER
Columbia County Libraries Manager



Another venue that you may have visited is **Hardin Auditorium**. Hardin seats 294 guests and shares a roof with the **Columbia County Library**. In addition to the Columbia County Library, located in Evans, we also have two other libraries in the county – **Euchee Creek Library** and the **Harlem Library**. Our libraries are part of the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System and feature public computers, WiFi, meeting room space, and of course, a collection of books, DVDs and audiobooks.



TRIPP WILLIAMS

County Coordinator Agriculture
& Natural Resources Agent

Did you know that the University of Georgia has a home right in our backyard? **UGA Extension** has a Columbia County office and is part of our Community & Leisure Services division. The office extends lifelong learning to our citizens and visitors through unbiased, research-based education focusing on agriculture, gardening and the environment, 4-H youth development programs and food, health, communities and families.

Speaking of *dawgs*... **Animal Services** is also a department of Community & Leisure Services. You will find an article recognizing the team about their outstanding service and dedication in this issue and in Georgia Trend magazine's June edition. Find out more about animal services on page 12.



LINDA GLASSCOCK
Animal Services Manager

From animal services, venues and entertainment, promotion and books, our division has it all! Make sure to check out the department specific pages in *The Current* for more information on what each department can offer you!



COLUMBIA COUNTY GEORGIA



Sports Offered

Fall Offerings – registration July 30th – Aug. 10th

Baseball: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 (Age as of May 1, 2019)

Football: 5-6 Flag Football / 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 Tackle (Age as Sept 1, 2018)

Girls Volleyball: 9-12, 13-15 (Age as of Sept 1, 2018)

Soccer: 4-5 (coed), U8, U10, U12, U14, U18 (Age as of January 1)

Softball: 7-8, 9-11 (Age as of August 31, 2018)

Tennis: 6-18 (Age as of Sept 1, 2018)

T-Ball: 5-6 (coed) (Age as of Sept 1, 2018)

Spring Offerings – registration Jan. 21 – Feb. 1

Baseball: 5-6 yo, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13, 14 (Age as of May 1, 2019)

Girls Volleyball: 9-12, 13-15 (Age as of September 1, 2019)

Soccer: 4-5 (coed), U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-18 (Age as of September 1, 2019)

Softball: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 (Age as of August 31, 2019)

Tennis: 6-18 (Age as of September 1, 2019)

T-Ball: 4 (Age as of January 1, 2019)

Parks Information

Columbia County

1
BLANCHARD PARK
 4541 Dewey Drive, Martinez

Baseball/Softball	Restrooms
Football/Lacrosse	Soccer
Tennis Court	Tennis
Playground	Walking/Jogging Trail

2
BLANCHARD WOODS PARK
 4600 Blanchard Woods Road, Evans

BMX Biking	Cross Country Course
Soccer	Pavilion Rentals
Skatepark	

3
EUCHEE CREEK GREENWAY
www.ecgreenway.com

4
EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK
 7016 Evans Towne Center Blvd, Evans

Lady A Pavilion	Pavilion Rentals
Playground	Bike Rentals
Splashpad	Dog Park
Running/Walking Path	

5
HARLEM PARK
 385 Church Street, Harlem

Baseball/Softball	Playground
Tennis Court	Pavilion Rentals

6
LONNIE MORRIS, SR. PARK
 1951 Appling Harlem Highway, Appling

Baseball/Softball	Playground
Basketball	Tennis Court
Picnic Rentals	

7
MEMORIAL GARDENS
 7022 Evans Towne Center Blvd, Evans

Memorial Wall	Pavilion Rentals
Ampitheater	Walking/Jogging Path (around mini lake)
Splashpad	
Playgrounds	

8
PATRIOTS PARK
 5445 Columbia Road, Grovetown

Baseball/Softball (8 fields)	Tennis Courts
Disc Golf Course	Soccer Fields
Gymnasium	Football Fields
Pavilion Rentals	Walking/Jogging Trail
Playgrounds	

9
REED CREEK NATURE PARK & INTERPRETIVE CENTER
 3820 Park Lane, Martinez

Science Center	Back Porch
Nature Walk – boardwalk like Garden	

10
RIVERSIDE PARK
 4331 Hardy McManus Road, Evans

Baseball/Softball	Pavilion Rentals
Dog Park	Playground
Kayak/Canoe/Paddle	Tennis Courts
Boarding/Fishing Pier	Sand Volleyball Court
Boat Launch	

11
SAVANNAH RAPIDS PARK
 3300 Evans-to-Locks Road, Martinez

Biking/Walking/Jogging Trail	Pavilion Rentals
Fishing	Rentable Rooms/Venues
Kayak/Canoe/Paddle Boarding	Playground
Canal	Historical Site

12
WILDWOOD PARK
 3780 Dogwood Lane, Appling

Beach	Fishing
Boating/Boat Launch	Lake
Camping	Pavilion Rentals
Disc Golf	

Fees*

Baseball, Girls Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, T-Ball
 \$80 – 1st Child, \$70 – 2nd Child, \$60 – Each Additional
Football
 \$90 – 1st Child, \$80 – 2nd Child, \$70 – 3rd Child
 *Out-of-County Residents add \$65 per child

Easy Online Registration: Columbiacountyga.gov/sports

- Early bird registration discount available
- In-Person registration is also available at Patriots Park during the registration period from 8 AM – 5 PM
- Convenient Leagues & Regions
- Patriots and Riverside regions offered for Softball and certain Soccer leagues
- More information at website or call (706) 863-7523

Programs & Events

Columbia County

- Community Events
- Animal Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Libraries
- Other

*Rented Event or Outside Promoter

^Registration Required Prior to Attendance

AUGUST	
1	Fall Youth Sports Registration Online
1 & 6	Doodle Hour Columbia County Library
1 & 15	Soakin' Summer Series Evans Towne Center Park
2	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Columbia County Library
2 & 16	Adult Guitar Club Columbia County Library
3	Friday Flicks Hardin Auditorium
5	Local Author Group Therapy Columbia County Library
6	Young Makers Columbia County Library
7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29	Child Enrichment EuChee Creek Library
7, 14, 21, 28	Baby & Me EuChee Creek Library
7, 14, 21, 28	Child Enrichment Harlem Branch Library
8 & 22	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat EuChee Creek Library
9	Columbia County Genealogical Society EuChee Creek Library
9 & 23	Crochet Class: Pencil Pouch Harlem Branch Library
10	Estate Planning & Elder Care Columbia County Library
13	Genealogy Club Columbia County Library
14	Beginner Guitar Class Columbia County Library
14 & 28	Open Sew Harlem Branch Library
15	Crafternoon Harlem Branch Library
15	Environment Matters Lunch^ Columbia County Library
16	Score Workshop Series Columbia County Library
16	Book Club Harlem Branch Library
17	Bingo for Books Harlem Branch Library

20	Columbia County Libraries Closed
22	Bookkeeping, Payroll and Business Seminar Columbia County Library
23	On the Same Page Book Club EuChee Creek Library
25	Columbia County KidsFest Evans Towne Center Park
25 & 26	Wedding Expo "My Unreal Wedding Expo" Col. County Exhibition Center
27	Your Money, Your Future Columbia County Library
28	Teen Guitar Club Columbia County Library
28	English as a Second Language^ Columbia County Library

SEPTEMBER	
3	Offices Closed - Labor Day
4, 11, 18, 25	English as a Second Language Columbia County Library
4, 11, 18, 25	Child Enrichment Harlem Branch Library
5	Doodle Hour Columbia County Library
6	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Columbia County Library
6 & 20	Adult Guitar Club Columbia County Library
8	Rubber Duck Derby Evans Towne Center Park
8	Saturday Adoption Event Animal Services
10	Genealogy Club Columbia County Library
11	Beginner Guitar Class Columbia County Library
11 & 25	Open Sew Harlem Branch Library
12	Bookkeeping, Payroll and Business Seminar Columbia County Library
12 & 26	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat EuChee Creek Library
13	Columbia County Genealogical Society EuChee Creek Library
13 & 27	Crochet Class: Swiffer Cover Harlem Branch Library

14	Estate Planning & Elder Care Columbia County Library
15	KanDo Adventure Race Savannah Rapids Park
19	Crafternoon Harlem Branch Library
20	Score Workshop Series Columbia County Library
20	Book Club Harlem Branch Library
21	Bingo for Books Harlem Branch Library
25	Teen Guitar Club Columbia County Library
27	On the Same Page Book Club EuChee Creek Library
27 to 30	BMX Gold Cup Blanchard Woods Park*
29	Kiss Family Reunion Evans Towne Center Park
29	Local Author Showcase Harlem Branch Library

OCTOBER	
1	Young Makers Columbia County Library
1 & 3	Doodle Hour Columbia County Library
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Child Enrichment Harlem Branch Library
4	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Columbia County Library
4 & 15	Adult Guitar Club Columbia County Library
5,6,7	Eastmans Gun Show Col. County Exhibition Center
5,12,19	Screen on the Green Columbia County Amphitheater
6	Columbia County Children's Book Festival Evans Towne Center Park
6	FireK 5K Evans Towne Center Park
6	Eastman Gun Show Col. County Exhibition Center*
8	Genealogy Club Columbia County Library
9	Beginner Guitar Class Columbia County Library
9 & 23	Open Sew Harlem Branch Library

10	Bookkeeping, Payroll and Business Seminar Columbia County Library
10 & 24	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Eucler Creek Library
11	Columbia County Genealogical Society Eucler Creek Library
11 & 25	Crochet Class: Hot Pad Harlem Branch Library
12	Estate Planning & Elder Care Columbia County Library
12	Light the Night Evans Towne Center Park
13	Saturday Adoption Event Animal Services
17	Crafternoon Harlem Branch Library
18	Score Workshop Series Columbia County Library
18	Book Club Harlem Branch Library
19	Bingo for Books Harlem Branch Library
19 to 21	26th Annual Hispanic Festival Evans Towne Center Park
20	Howlin' Hounds 5K Run Savannah Rapids Park
23	Teen Guitar Club Columbia County Library
25	On the Same Page Book Club Eucler Creek Library
27	Party in the Park Evans Towne Center Park
31	Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat Evans Towne Center Park

NOVEMBER

1	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Columbia County Library
1,8,15	Columbia County Farmers Market Evans Towne Center Park
1 & 15	Adult Guitar Club Columbia County Library
5	Young Makers Columbia County Library
5 & 7	Doodle Hour Columbia County Library
8	Columbia County Genealogical Society Eucler Creek Library
8 & 29	Crochet Class Harlem Branch Library
9	Estate Planning & Elder Care Columbia County Library

9, 10, 11	Junior League of Augusta Holiday Market Col. County Exhibition Center
10	Saturday Adoption Event Animal Services
12	Offices Closed Observance of Veterans Day
13	Beginner Guitar Class Columbia County Library
13, 20, 27	Child Enrichment Harlem Branch Library
13 & 27	Open Sew Harlem Branch Library
14 & 28	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Eucler Creek Library
15	Score Workshop Series Columbia County Library
15	Gadget Help with Alex Eucler Creek Library
15	Book Club Harlem Branch Library
16	Bingo for Books Harlem Branch Library
16	Bookkeeping, Payroll and Business Seminar Columbia County Library
17	Augusta Coin Club Col. County Exhibition Center*
17	Gobble Fest Evans Towne Center Park
21	Crafternoon Harlem Branch Library
22	Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day
23	Offices Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
27	Teen Guitar Club Columbia County Library
29	On the Same Page Book Club Eucler Creek Library

DECEMBER

1	Christmas Tree Lighting Evans Towne Center Park
1 to 31	Christmas in Columbia County Evans Towne Center Park
2	Chanukah Celebration Evans Towne Center Park
3	Young Makers Columbia County Library
3 & 5	Doodle Hour Columbia County Library
4, 11, 18	Child Enrichment Harlem Branch Library

5	Crafternoon: Christmas Ornament Craft Harlem Branch Library
6	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Columbia County Library
6 & 12	Adult Guitar Club Columbia County Library
6 & 13	Holiday Market Evans Towne Center Park
7 & 14	Movie Night Evans Towne Center Park
8	Saturday Adoption Event Animal Services
8 & 15	Saturday with Santa Evans Towne Center Park
10	Genealogy Club Columbia County Library
11	Beginner Guitar Class Columbia County Library
11 & 18	Open Sew Harlem Branch Library
12	Bookkeeping, Payroll and Business Seminar Columbia County Library
12 & 26	Fiber Arts Craft and Chat Eucler Creek Library
13	On the Same Page Book Club Eucler Creek Library
13	Columbia County Genealogical Society Eucler Creek Library
13 & 27	Crochet Class Harlem Branch Library
14	Estate Planning & Elder Care Columbia County Library
20	Book Club Harlem Branch Library
24	Offices Closed Christmas Eve
25	Offices Closed Christmas

JANUARY

1	Offices Closed New Years Day
7	Young Makers Columbia County Library
12	Saturday Adoption Event Animal Services
21	Offices Closed Martin Luther King, Jr Day



Soakin' Summer Series

10 AM – 2 PM

Evans Towne Center Park



Kidsfest

10 AM – 2 PM

Evans Towne Center Park



Rubber Duck Derby

10 AM – 2 PM

Evans Towne Center Park



Screen on the Green

6 PM

Columbia County Amphitheater



Children's Book Festival

10 AM – 4 PM

Evans Towne Center Park



Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

6 PM – 9 PM

Evans Towne Center Park



Christmas In Columbia County

Evans Towne Center Park

12/1 – Tree Lighting

12/7 & 14 – Movie Night

12/2 – Chanukah Celebration

12/8 & 15 – Saturday w/ Santa

12/6 & 13 – Holiday Market

For more information visit:

evanstownecenterpark.com/events



Columbia County Libraries: Where Books are Just the Beginning

You may have heard someone say before “no one actually visits the library anymore, right?” While that’s certainly a common refrain, it doesn’t reflect the vibrant, active reality of the Columbia County Libraries.

In the last year, our three Columbia County Libraries welcomed 544,114 visitors and circulated nearly 550,000 items including books, DVDs, CDs, e-materials, and more.

“Our Columbia County Libraries have adopted the tagline ‘books are just the beginning,’” said Columbia County Libraries Manager Mary Lin Maner. “While our traditional services like books, research, and ancestry are still important and used, we have expanded our services to meet the needs and interests of our community.”

Columbia County Libraries now offer classes for everyone from new parents and their infants, to pre-school children, school-aged children, teens, and adults of all ages. Library classes feature hands-on learning of in-demand skills including robotics, guitar classes, computer-aided design, business and estate-planning, and more. Through a partnership with AARP, over 850 people had their taxes prepared at the Evans branch alone.

For those who prefer to learn on their own time, the library offers online test prep, trainings, and certifications through Learning Express and Universal Class. Language learning is also available online through Mango and Transparent Languages on the library website.

“The libraries are a unique resource in our community because we not only offer high-quality trainings, programs, and both physical and digital content, we offer it all for free with just a library card,” said Maner.

Library classes feature hands-on learning of in-demand skills including robotics, guitar classes, computer-aided design, business and estate-planning, and more.

The Columbia County Library in Evans is open seven days a week, and the Euchee Creek and Harlem locations are both open Monday through Saturday. Digital resources through gchrl.org are available 24/7 and offer thousands of e-books, e-audio books, digital magazines, streaming TV shows and movies, and online courses.

With programming and clubs, special events and over 206,000 books, there is always something going on at our libraries. All you have to do is step through the doors to see why books really are just the beginning!



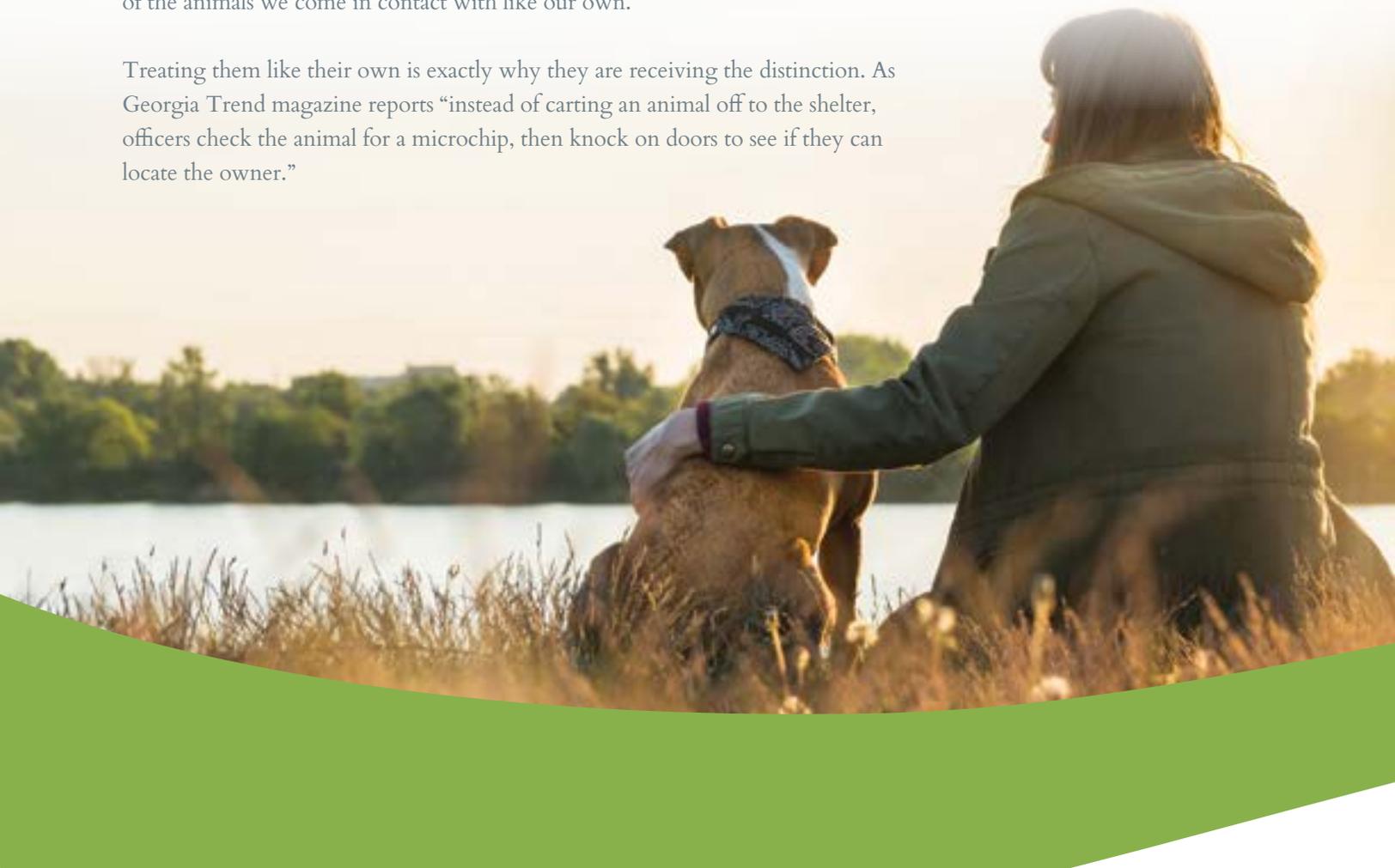
Animal Services Featured in Georgia Trend Magazine

A writer, photographer, lights and cameras – that may seem like normal life for a news room, but for a day in May that was the scene in Columbia County’s Animal Services.

Georgia Trend magazine was in town to discuss the county’s commitment to Animal Services and honoring them as a County of Distinction from the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).

“We have a wonderful staff that is committed to the well-being of the animals in our county, and we are truly grateful to the ACCG and Georgia Trend,” said Linda Glasscock, Manager of Animal Services. “We take pride in what we do and treat all of the animals we come in contact with like our own.”

Treating them like their own is exactly why they are receiving the distinction. As Georgia Trend magazine reports “instead of carting an animal off to the shelter, officers check the animal for a microchip, then knock on doors to see if they can locate the owner.”



Congratulations to the 2018 Counties of Distinction

Columbia County
Columbia County's Animal Care and Services department is proud to receive the award of distinction for its outstanding animal care services.

Forrest County
Forrest County's Animal Services is the professional, compassionate, and caring department that has the best interest of the animal and the community in mind.

Liberty County
Liberty County's Animal Services is a professional, compassionate, and caring department that has the best interest of the animal and the community in mind.

Wayne County
Wayne County's Animal Services is a professional, compassionate, and caring department that has the best interest of the animal and the community in mind.

Rockdale County
Rockdale County's Animal Services is a professional, compassionate, and caring department that has the best interest of the animal and the community in mind.

Taylor County
Taylor County's Animal Services is a professional, compassionate, and caring department that has the best interest of the animal and the community in mind.

ACCG
2018 Counties of Distinction Award



County Commitment

Living with a pet is a joy, but it can be a challenge. The Animal Care and Services department is committed to providing the best care for our animals and the community.

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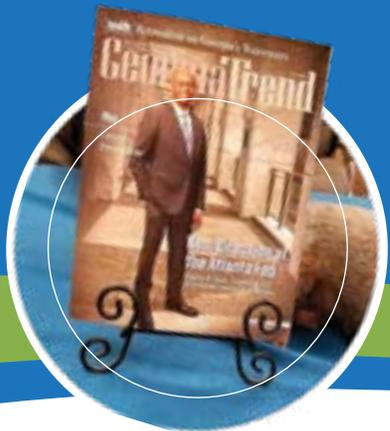


In addition to the field work mentality change, taking to social media, hosting adoption events, visiting schools and partnering with local businesses, Animal Services has seen adoption rates soar. At one of the adoption fairs, an ADP executive offered to pay for the adoption fees for any employee who adopted a pet. Thanks to these types of programs, not a single animal was euthanized in 2017 due to time/space at the facility.

Since the Georgia Trend article, the phones have been ringing, and many times now it is other counties looking to visit. "We have had two or three counties reach out wanting to visit our facility and discuss operations," says Glasscock. "I'm just happy that our

employees and county are getting recognized for their hard work and dedication. This is truly a community award, and we are thankful to our supportive community and the great leadership here in Columbia County."

The next time you are in the Grovetown area, consider swinging over to William Few Parkway and take a tour, sign-up to volunteer, say hello or find a pet looking for a lifelong friend - you might be exactly who they need.



4-H and UGA Extension

WEB

Extension.uga.edu/county-offices/columbia.html

LOCATION

6420 Pollards Pond Road, Appling, GA (706) 541-4011

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5 PM



SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Soil Testing - \$9 per sample – for home lawns and gardens. Soil analysis can be either e-mailed or mailed and provides the pH W Potassium Zinc, Lime requirement, Phosphorus Magnesium
- Water Testing – Ponds, House Hold Well, E-Coli test, New Home Loan Closing Test
- Pesticide License Help
- Resources for lawn and garden care
- 4-H Youth Development
- 4-H Clubs – Clay Pigeon Shooting Sports Club, Rabbit & Cavy Club, Archery Club, Trailblazers Equestrian Club, Robotics Team
- Family & Consumer Sciences Resources

Visit our website or stop by to learn more about the great offerings provided by the UGA Extension Office in Columbia County.





Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Dining
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- Accomodations
- Welcome Bags
- Itineraries
- Local Media
- Program Support

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1000
Hotel Rooms!

more than a dozen **venue options**

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Generates
\$138 million
dollars
in direct tourist
spending



Each Columbia
County household
SAVES \$210
PER YEAR
thanks to taxes
generated by tourism



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Columbia County Exhibition Center

212 Partnership Drive, Grovetown, 30813

The Columbia County Exhibition Center (CCEC) is one of the most versatile venues in the Greater Augusta area. The CCEC can transform from a seated conference banquet for roughly 950 patrons to a manufacturing equipment trade show, tournament basketball courts, wedding ceremony and reception, three-ring circus, or even roller derby tracks.

At 15,600 sq. ft., the strong bones and minimalist appearance of the central space allow it to adapt exceptionally well. This partitionable space's simplicity gives a wholly tailored feel to every event that illuminates

the venue. Accompanying the CCEC's central space are pre-function area, breakout or meeting space, an outdoor terrace and ample parking capacity.

Knowledgeable staff, accommodating load-in/out fees and a flexible on-site caterer (the Silver Palm), allow many logistics to effortlessly fall into place when creating your event.



To learn more about the Columbia County Exhibition Center, and all other rental facilities the county has to offer, visit columbiacountyga.gov/venues or call 706.650.5000.

Savannah Rapids Pavilion

3300 Evans-to-Locks Road, Martinez, 30907

Nestled atop a bluff overlooking the picturesque Augusta Canal, Savannah River, and Savannah Rapids Park, the main Pavilion is a well-known facet of the community's charm. Most know Savannah Rapids Pavilion for its Canal-side bohemian weddings in the historic Canal Headgates Buildings, and lux receptions in the pristine wooden-beam adorned Pavilion. Typically the entire Pavilion is booked in full on Saturday's at least a year in advance.

A lesser known feature of the tranquil, multi-purpose facility is its weekday availability. Away from the congestion of the daily grind, Savannah Rapids Pavilion offers significantly reduced daytime meeting rates for company luncheons, corporate retreats, and similar office escapes.

You've heard the benefits of properly executed off-sites, helping teams to break away and think big, and Savannah Rapids makes that even more accessible. From



no on-site caterers, allowing you to pick the perfect cuisine for your team, to an astounding number of breakout rooms, you'll be able to increase your meetings' effectiveness with less effort at a lower cost.



To learn more about Savannah Rapids, please visit savannahrapids.com or call 706.868.3349.

Eubank Blanchard Community Center

6868 Cobbham Road, Appling, 30802

Located just around the Corner from Wildwood Park and Pollards Corner, the Eubank Blanchard Community Center marries a hint of Appalachian ski lodge feels to quaint Southern Charm. The venue offers an intimate setting for smaller gatherings, seating 75 indoors and an additional 28 under the attached pergola. Great for family gatherings, the functioning fireplace, full kitchen, adjacent playground and walking track, all come together to round out your event.



To learn more about the Eubank Blanchard Community Center, and all other rental facilities the county has to offer, you can visit columbiacountyga.gov/venues or call 706.650.5000.



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