



***SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING
November 18, 2022***

Good afternoon,

City offices will be closed from noon on November 23rd until November 28th at the normal business hour to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Trash normally picked up on Thursday will instead be taken care of on Friday.

Many thanks to the Grovetown Garden Club for their role in obtaining the Blue Star Memorial Marker for the City of Grovetown. This marker honors veterans across America, and we are pleased to have it posted in Veterans Park.

The Grovetown Christmas Parade will be held on December 3rd, 2022, at 10AM. It will begin at John Huffman Way near Augusta Tech and will conclude at the Neighborhood Walmart. The Christmas Festival will be at 4PM on the same day at Liberty Park, where the tree lighting will take place at dark. Everyone is invited to attend!

Thanks to all voters who approved the referendum for redevelopment powers and the SPLOST for the City of Grovetown.

Please be reminded that curb-side pickup is for bulk garbage and yard waste, not for household trash. Be sure yard waste is placed at the curb on Sunday night in the appropriate week for pickup in your neighborhood. Also be reminded that we do not pick up tree debris when it is cut by a company; it is the responsibility of the company to move it.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO RESIDENTS:

The CDC has recently revised its guidelines for COVID-19, helping communities determine steps to take based on the most current data by introducing COVID-19 Community Levels (Low, Medium, and High). Currently, Grovetown is at a **LOW** level. This means that the CDC recommends staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and getting tested if you have symptoms. You may choose to mask at any time; mask recommendations may change if cases and hospitalizations in the area begin to rise. The pandemic has impacted City operations at all levels, including some of our third-party providers. Various departments may at times operate

with smaller crews due to COVID-19. Employees are required to quarantine according to CDC guidelines after contracting or being exposed to the virus. Their absences, while temporary, may negatively affect the City's ability to provide on-time services. The City would like to thank residents in advance for their understanding during this time.

Please be aware that there is an ordinance against illegal parking and this ordinance is being enforced. Also be aware that our City has a tree ordinance. Before cutting a tree, please contact Planning and Community Development for guidance on this matter.

If your trash can is missed during pickup, please contact Grovetown City Hall at 706-863-4576, Ext. 450.

Citizens are encouraged to submit comments about the City's Zoning Code Revision project to jbush@cityofgrovetown.com. Follow this link for the information page on the City's website:

- <http://cityofgrovetown.com/304/Zoning-Code-Revision>

We have several job openings in the City. For those who may be seeking employment, please visit our website at www.cityofgrovetown.com.

Human Resources

Personnel Count

- 152 full-time number authorized
- 130 full-time number employed
- 1 part-time (Museum)
- 6 part-time/as needed (Firefighters)
- 6 temp. agency employees in Streets and Sanitation
- 4 temp. agency employees in Water/Sewer

Vacancies (22)

- 1 Human Resources Technician
- 1 Utility Billing Clerk
- 1 Road Patrol Officer
- 2 Traffic Officer
- 3 Public Safety Dispatcher
- 1 Firefighter/EMT
- 1 Utility Services Director
- 1 Sewer Plant Operator Class 3 License
- 1 Sewer Plant Operator Trainee
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Recreation)
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Sewer)
- 2 Light Equipment Operator (Streets)
- 1 Heavy Equipment Operator 2 (Streets)
- 1 Meter Maintenance Technician Coordinator
- 4 ***Positions to be advertised at a later date***
- 3 Part-Time Firefighter/EMT

Safety/Training/Wellness

- Safety Talk: **Managing Your Stress**

Hiring Actions

- 1 Firefighter-Fire Dept. potential start date of 11/30/2022

Worker's Comp Claims

- Nothing to report

Additional Information

- Processed additional applications and preparing for interviews
- Scheduling additional interviews for other jobs as we receive enough completed applications from qualified applicants
- Processing pre-employment paperwork and backgrounds on several potential employees
- Preparing conditional job offers for several applicants

Finance

- Continued working on year-end audit

Police Department

- Police Dept. arrested 8 subjects during this period:
 - 1 for DUI Less Safe and Child Endangerment (x2)
 - 2 for Grovetown Warrants (Driving with a Suspended License, Suspended Registration, Speeding, and No Insurance)
 - 1 for Simple Battery
 - 1 for Shoplifting
 - 1 for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Codeine, and Giving False Name to a Law Enforcement Officer
 - 1 for Exploitation, Neglect, and Trafficking of an Elder Adult
 - 1 for State of Georgia Probation Warrant
- Criminal Investigation Division had 3 cases assigned and closed 1 case
 - Made 3 arrests, conducted 1 search warrant, and recovered 1 gram of methamphetamine
- Inv. Patrick Brown and Inv. Randell Kiefat are taking part in a 40-hour Sexual Assault Investigations course
- Cpt. Christopher Powell and Sgt. Michael McDaniel are taking part in a 40-hour Computer Voice Stress Analysis course
- K-9 Officer William Jenkins graduated from the 160-hour Basic Narcotic Handlers course on 11/18
- Kudos to Sgt. Donald Carrol and Officer Karlton Williams for their assistance in helping Richmond County Sheriff's Office Investigators solve a theft case
- Police Dept. would like to wish Fire Chief Kent a speedy recovery

Fire Rescue

- Fire Dept. responded to 22 calls:
 - 7 medical
 - 15 fire
- Lt. McFatrige attended a cancer awareness Train the Trainer course in Macon, GA
- Hose testing was conducted by an outside vendor at Liberty Park

General Services

- Leisure and Recreational Shop: Cleaned and organized shop, washed vehicles, and cut grass
- Planning and Community Development: Cut grass
- Grovetown Trails at Euchee Creek: Cut grass, blew off trails
- Municipal Court: Cut grass
- Kiddie Park: Cut grass
- Working on Christmas lights

Rental & Member Updates

- 11 new rental contracts and 4 returned with payment
- Facilities and fields were utilized a total of 95 hours
- 1 new gym membership

Fleet Maintenance

- **Stormwater/Sewer Dept.**
 - Ford F-250: Routine service
 - Hustler Mower: Routine service
- **Streets and Sanitation Dept.**
 - Hawke U-Dump Trailer: Installed new battery
 - Ford F-750 Dump Truck: Routine service
 - Silverado 1500: Routine service
- **Police Dept.**
 - Chevrolet Tahoe: Routine service, replaced tires
 - Ford Interceptor SUV: Routine service, installed computer stand
- **Leisure and Recreation Dept.**
 - Ford F-550: Routine service, checked hydraulic system
 - John Deere Mower: Routine service
 - Chevrolet Silverado: Repaired flat tire
- **Fire Dept.**
 - E-One Fire Rescue Truck: Replaced batteries

Facility Maintenance

- A total of 13 work orders for this week:
 - 3 at City Hall, 4 at Liberty Park, 1 at Fire Dept., 2 at Museum, 1 at Fleet Maintenance, and 2 at Streets and Sanitation Department

Streets and Sanitation Dept.

- 1 service order
- Picked up 35 bags of litter on main thoroughfare
- Picked up 15.71 tons of bulk and yard waste

- Cleaned 2nd Ave., Barbara St., and Williams St. with Street Sweeper
- Repaired pothole on Newmantown Rd.
- Continued working on Christmas lights around City

Upcoming Events/Programs

- Maverick's Fitness: Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15PM–7:15PM
- Martial Arts Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6PM–7:30PM
- Old-Fashion Christmas Parade: 12/3/2022 at 10AM starting at John Huffman Way
- Christmas Festival: 12/3/2022 from 4PM-8PM at Liberty Park

Information Technology

- Finished all preparations for upcoming branded City cellphone app
- Replaced computer in computer life cycle replacement bringing numbers to 9 of 22
- Continued preparing computers for installation leaving our prepared number at two for next week
- Conducted successful livestream of November's City Council and Planning Commission meetings
- An IP phone was installed for Lt. Cross at the Police Dept.
- Ordered 2 SIM cards for Police Dept. and Fire Rescue
- Informed Columbia Community Broadband that fiber network expansion project at Wastewater Treatment Plant is indefinitely on hold
- IT Manager David Nile attended an event for the Georgia Networking User Group in Sandy Springs, GA
- Calls for service numbers were normal at 15
 - Tickets were spread across the spectrum with log-in problems a leading issue

Utility Services

- Please be advised to put your trash can out the night before your pick-up day

Infrastructure Inspections

- 2 service orders
- 11 developmental inspections
- 1 FOG inspection/pump out
- Performed grease trap inspection and pump out at Domino's Pizza

Deer Hollow Section 3A

- WM Ventures contractors on-site installing underground powerlines and conduit for Comcast and AT&T

Deer Hollow Section 3B

- McElmurray contractors starting to flush out sewer gravity mains

Rivercrest Townhomes

- Gamto Southern contractors on-site utilizing GPS technology to map out and flag location of where water line and services will sit

109 Old Thomson Rd.

- Contractors on-site dressing up around fire hydrant, continuing to work on lots, and addressing another construction entrance/exit

Stormwater Dept.

- Assisted Water Dept. with manual read water meters
- Assisted Water Dept. in repairing water leak on Newman Ln.
- Worked on sink hole behind storm drain box on Parkridge Dr.
- Assisted Water Dept. with clean-up at Dodge Ln. water tank

Water Dept.

- 118 locates
- 79 service orders
- 1 history
- 1 water leak repaired
- 5 state samples completed
- Radio read and manual read meters completed
- Continued cutting/cleaning underbrush along fence line at Dodge Ln. water tank
- Cut grass at WWTP

Sewer Dept.

- Ran and cleaned belt press at WWTP
- Washed filters at effluent
- Cleaned pumps at Dodge Ln. lift station

Planning and Community Development

- The City of Grovetown Department of Planning and Community Development held an informational meeting in the Council Chambers of Grovetown City Hall, 103 Old Wrightsboro Road, on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 6:00 PM to discuss the City's zoning code revision. Video of the event is on the City's Facebook. Citizens are encouraged to submit comment throughout the process to jbush@cityofgrovetown.com. Follow this link for the information page on the City's website:
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- City Council approved Ms. Khristy Murray's nomination to the Planning Commission at the 11/14 meeting. She joined the Planning Commission for her 1st meeting on 11/17. Congratulations, Ms. Murray, we are excited to work with you!
- The City's Redevelopment Powers Referendum passed in this year's election with support of approximately 65% of our citizens! We are excited to see what doors this opens for the City and our citizens in the future.
- Director Ronnie Kurtz attended the German-Italian Memorial Ceremony at Ft. Gordon on 11/13.
- Director attended the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Greater Augusta-Ft. Gordon Chapter's monthly Breakfast and Briefing on 11/15. The speaker was LTC Sloan McLaughlin, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Dental Laboratory, who spoke about ADL's mission and how they leverage digital technology in the industry.
- Director attended the Rotary Club of Columbia County West's weekly luncheon on 11/15, as well as their annual dinner in honor of District Governor Gerry Taylor's visit.
- Director virtually attended the Augusta Regional Transit Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting on 11/17.
- 4 total building inspections

Meeting Update

- Planning Commission
 - 11/17 Meeting:
 - Approved preliminary plat and variance for 401 E Robinson Ave.
 - Approved preliminary plat and variance for 610 Katherine St.
 - 12/15 Meeting: No Agenda
- BZA
 - 12/1 Meeting: No Agenda

Code Enforcement Update

- 2 signs removed from public ROW
- Inoperative/Abandoned Vehicles
 - 2 NOVs
- Parking Violations
 - 4 warnings
- Property Maintenance
 - 1 NOV
- 1 response to civil concerns
- 2 cases deemed in compliance

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS CHART

DATE: November 18, 2022

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME And Project Details</u>	<u>Building Permits Issued</u>	<u>CO Issued</u>	<u>% of Project Completed</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Commercial					
<u>1</u>	<u>Dunkin Site (4 Unit Building)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>Tasty Wings and Seafood buildout underway</u>
Residential					
<u>1</u>	<u>Grove Landing, Section 5 (64 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>92%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Brighton Landing, Section 2 (67 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>90%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>McCoy's Creek Section 6 (52 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>94%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Deer Hollow Section 2 (110 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>82%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Deer Hollow Section 3A (54 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Caroleton Phase 3 (103 townhomes)</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Robin Landing Townhomes (47 Townhomes)</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>74%</u>	<u>No change</u>

<u>8</u>	<u>Brighton Park Apartments (134 Units in 29 Buildings)</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>Rivercrest Townhomes (45 Units in 18 Buildings)</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Site work in progress</u>
	<u>Renovation Permits Issued</u>	<u>12</u>			
	<u>New Construction Permits Issued</u>	<u>0</u>			
	<u>Total Permits Issued</u>	<u>12</u>			
	<u>New Business Licenses Issued: 0</u>				
	<u>Renewal Business Licenses Issued: 2</u>				

Public Information Officer

- Observed Veterans Day holiday via social media
- Attended 10/12 Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication ceremony and Veterans Luncheon
- Updated digital sign at City Hall to reflect Thanksgiving holiday hours
- Updated bulletin board at City Hall
- Synced City social media profiles to upcoming branded City cellphone app
- Photographed 11/14 City Council meeting
- Submitted content deliverables for upcoming website redesign
- Created campaign for Happiest Holiday Home contest
- Updated City website
- Alerted public to Thanksgiving holiday hours via City website and social media
- Shared information on early/absentee voting in Columbia County via social media
- Highlighted City employees via social media
- Submitted December 2022 Mayor's Corner newsletter for printing
- Assisted with Christmas decorations at City Hall
- Alerted public to 11/17 website outage
- Promoted events in/around Grovetown via social media

Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

- *City Council Meeting: 11/14/2022 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall*
- *Planning Commission Meeting: 11/17/2022 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall*
- *Old-Fashion Christmas Parade: 12/3/2022 at 10AM starting at John Huffman Way*
- *Christmas Festival: 12/3/2022 from 4PM-8PM at Liberty Park*

Closing Comments

Christmas lights and decorations have gone up all over the City, and in just a few days, the light show will begin. Stay tuned! I hope you all have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Gary E. Jones, Mayor

