



***SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING
September 2, 2022***

Good Afternoon,

The City of Grovetown will celebrate Labor Day and will close today at noon; we will not reopen until next Tuesday at our regular office hours.

On September 8th, 2022, the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Grovetown will be participating in the State of the Community Address. The event will be held at the Columbia County Performing Arts Center in Evans. Tickets are available to the public, and more information is available by contacting the Columbia County Chamber office at 706-651-0018.

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.

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 **MEDIUM** level. This means that if you are a high-risk or immunocompromised individual, the CDC recommends staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, getting tested if you have symptoms, and talking with your doctor about wearing a mask indoors or in public; 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.

Several interviews were held throughout the week to fill vacancies within the City. We are still seeking applicants for various positions. Please visit our website for more information at www.cityofgrovetown.com.

Human Resources

Personnel Count

- 152 full-time Number authorized
- 119 full-time Number employed
- 1 part-time (Museum).
- 5 part-time/as needed (Firefighters)
- 6 Temp. Agency Employees in Streets & Sanitation
- 4 Temp. Agency Employees in Water/Sewer

Vacancies (33)

- 1 Human Resources Technician
- 1 Accounting Clerk
- 1 Road Patrol Sergeant
- 2 Road Patrol Officer
- 1 Traffic Officer
- 3 Public Safety Dispatcher
- 1 Police Investigator (CID)
- 1 Police Investigation (CID) Sergeant
- 1 Police Operations Lieutenant
- 1 Firefighter/EMT
- 1 Public Works Director
- 1 Sewer Plant Operator Class 3 License
- 1 Sewer Plant Operator Trainee
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Recreation)
- 2 Light Equipment Operator (Sewer)
- 5 Light Equipment Operator (Streets)
- 2 Heavy Equipment Operator 2 (Streets)
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Stormwater)
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Water)
- 1 Meter Maintenance Technician Coordinator
- 4 ***Positions to be advertised at a later date***
- 4 Part-time Firefighter/EMT

Hiring Actions

- Interviewed 2 applicants for Light Equipment Operator-Leisure & Recreation on 8/30
- Interviewed 8 applicants for Light Equipment Operator-Streets & Sanitation on 8/30
- Interviewed 1 applicant for Light Equipment Operator-Sewer System on 8/30
- Interviewed 1 applicant for Light Equipment Operator-Water System on 8/30
- Interviewed 1 applicant for Light Equipment Operator-Stormwater on 8/30

- Interviewed 4 applicants for Light Equipment Operator-Water on 8/31
- Interviewed 2 applicants for Light Equipment Operator-Stormwater on 8/31
- Interviewed 1 applicant for Light Equipment Operator-Sewer System on 8/31

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

Police Department

- Police Dept. arrested 3 subjects during this period:
 - 1 for DUI
 - 1 for Cruelty to Children (x3) and False Imprisonment.
 - 1 for Failure to Appear Warrant (Driving While License Suspended)
- Criminal Investigation Division had 3 cases assigned and closed 19 cases
- Special thanks and appreciation to TAC Officer Naise Gordon and Cpt. Christopher Powell for their dedicated service to the City of Grovetown by filling in during shift shortages
- Congratulations to Cpt. Christopher Powell for achieving the Emergency Medical Specialized Instructor Certification
- Chief Kitchens, Inv. Brown, Inv. Rodman, Sgt. Carroll, Officer Plyler, Officer Jenkins, and Councilman Blair participated in the "Hands Across the Border" safety initiative on 8/31

Fire Rescue

- Fire Dept. responded to 15 calls:
 - 10 medical
 - 5 fire
- Conducted hydrant testing in the areas of Old Wrightsboro Rd., Whiskey Rd., and Harvestwood Townhomes
- Firefighter II training continued this week with classes on Fire Origin and Cause Determination

Leisure and Recreation

- Leisure and Recreational Shop: Cleaned shop, washed vehicles, and cut grass
- Kiddie Park: Cut grass
- Goodale Park: Cut grass
- Liberty Park: Cut grass
- Grovetown Trails at Euchee Creek: Cut grass and cleaned trails
- 2nd Ave. Cemetery: Cut grass
- Municipal Court: Cut grass

- Wildflower Garden: Cut grass
- City Hall: Cut grass
- Historical Park: Cut grass

Rental & Member Updates

- 7 new rental contracts with 11 contracts returned with payment
- Facilities and fields were utilized a total of 44 hours
- 1 new gym membership

Fleet Maintenance

- **Stormwater/Sewer Dept.**
 - Gravely Mower: Replaced PTO switch
 - Ford F-250 Utility truck: Routine service
- **Street Dept.**
 - Ford F-750: Routine service
 - Hustler Mower: Routine service
 - International Leaf Truck: Addressed electrical issues and replaced trailer light plug
- **Police Dept.**
 - Chevrolet Tahoe: Routine service
- **Leisure and Recreation Dept.**
 - Ford F-150: Replaced battery
 - John Deere Mower: Routine service
 - John Deere Mower 72: Replaced blades
 - Silverado 3500: Routine service

Facility Maintenance

- A total of 12 work orders for this week:
 - 4 at City Hall, 1 at Police Dept., 1 at Streets Dept., 4 at Liberty Park, 1 at Museum, and 1 at the Sewer Plant

Upcoming Events/Programs

- Maverick's Fitness: Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15PM–7:15PM
- Martial Arts Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6PM–7:30PM
- Trunk or Treat: 10/28 from 6PM-9PM
 - Registration is now open: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/grovetown-ga/catalog>

Information Technology

- Conducted several meetings
 - 1 meet and greet with City's Verizon representative
 - 1 with Pollock to discuss several projects and issues
- Received and turned over new firewalls for configuration to Pollock
- Conducted livestream for 8/30 Zoning Code Kick-Off Meeting
- Focused on scheduled RCM upgrade issues from Tyler Technologies
- Made change to network servers that captures addition and deletion of computer files for forensics
- Setup and delivered 2 new phones for City workers
- This week's call for service volume was high at 17

Public Works

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

Environmental Compliance

- Pressed over 25 tons of sludge
- Conducted permit-required and process control testing of raw and treated wastewater
 - All treated water samples were in compliance
- Took monthly samples to CSRA Analytical Labs for offsite testing
- Decanted digester twice
- Assisted with daily inspections of 8 lift stations
- Continue stream monitoring of Euchee Creek following sanitary sewer spill
- Ongoing work on lime chemical feed system
- Issued boil water advisory for water main break on Lottie Lane
- Provided procedural review related to repairs and maintenance on AC pipe

Water Dept.

- 34 locates
- 135 work orders
- 5 histories
- 1 water leak repaired
- Removed old carpet from future Water Dept. office
- Attended Jefferson Energy high voltage demonstration
- Installed new meter in Caroleton
- Cut grass at lift stations, ponds, water tanks, WWTP, and well house
- Located 2 buried valves and lowered a service line
- Performed cutoffs for non-payment
- Repaired a leaking water main on Wadsworth Ct.

Streets and Sanitation Dept.

- Bulk and yard waste was up this week to 20.61 tons
- Crews picked up 19 bags of litter on the main thoroughfare
- Grass was cut on:
 - Wrightsboro Rd.
 - Robinson Ave.
 - Harlem Grovetown Rd.
 - Whiskey Rd.
 - Old Wrightsboro Rd.
- Crews cut low hanging limbs at:
 - Dodge Ln.
 - Wrightsboro Rd.
 - Woodward Dr.
 - James St.
 - Phinazy St.
 - Walton Dr.
- Ran Street Sweeper on:
 - Spring St.
 - Newmantown Rd.

- Woodward Dr.
- Ran litter detail throughout week and weekend

Sewer Dept.

- Worked on Pump #1 at Lewiston lift station
- Worked on the Dodge Ln. lift station
- Worked to fix a manhole ring and lid that had been damaged
- Ran the route daily

Stormwater Dept.

- Assisted Water Dept. with activations and cutoffs
- Assisted Water Dept. with 2 water main breaks

Infrastructure Inspections

- Completed 16 developmental infrastructure inspections
- Maintained quality control for ongoing Comcast fiber boring at:
 - Bryan's Cove
 - Shephard's Square
 - E Robinson Ave.

Caroleton Townhomes

- Contractors on-site building homes, framing, roofing, siding, etc.; while on-site, some BMP issues were discovered (silt fence, washout area, and SD2's were being maintained); spoke with Jason (Ivey Homes) and notified him of issues

Deer Hollow Section 3A

- SEC contractors on-site installing 2" gas main line throughout this section of project

Deer Hollow Section 3B

- McElmurray contractors on-site installing 24" storm drainpipe and setting storm manholes

2nd Ave. at E Robinson Ave.

- Shockley contractors on-site and tying all water service lines into new 6" PVC water main; also preparing to start final tie-in at Katherine St.

Planning and Community Development

- The Dept. of Planning and Community Development held an informational meeting in the Council Chambers of Grovetown City Hall on 8/30 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 jbsuh@cityofgrovetown.com. See below for the information page on the City's website:
 - <http://cityofgrovetown.com/304/Zoning-Code-Revision>
- Director Ronnie Kurtz, conducted an interview with Columbia County Magazine about growth and development over the past year for their annual "What's New" issue on 8/29. Look out for the feature in their October issue!
- Our Director conducted an interview on the Austin Rhodes Show on WGAC Radio on 8/30 to discuss exciting developments in Grovetown like the code revision and Depot Project.
- 66 total building inspections

Meeting Update

- Planning Commission
 - 9/15 Meeting: Request to approve final plat for 111 Old Thompson Rd.
- BZA
 - 10/6 Meeting:
 - Request to approve the following for 105 E Robinson Ave.:
 - Conditional Use Permit to allow an Automobile Repair & Service Station.
 - Variance to allow street-facing garage bay doors.

Code Enforcement Update

- Overgrown Vegetation
 - 1 NOV
 - 30 warnings
- Inoperative/Abandoned Vehicles
 - 7 NOVs
 - 1 warning
- Parking Violations
 - 1 warning
- Property Maintenance
 - 2 warnings
- Solid Waste/Trash
 - 8 warnings
- 6 signs removed from public ROW
- 2 responses to civil concerns
- 18 cases deemed in compliance

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS CHART

DATE: September 2nd, 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>
<u>Commercial</u>					
<u>1</u>	<u>Dunkin Site (4 Unit Building)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>25%</u>	
<u>Residential</u>					
<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>44</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Deer Hollow Section 2 (110 Single Family Homes)</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>66%</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Caroleton Phase 3 (103 townhomes)</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>13</u>	13%	<u>2 C/Os</u>

6	<u>Robin Landing Townhomes (47 Townhomes)</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>74%</u>	<u>No change</u>
7	<u>Brighton Woods Townhomes Section 2 (66 Townhomes)</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>No change</u>
8	<u>Brighton Park Apartments (134 Units in 29 Buildings)</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>33</u>	25%	<u>4 C/Os</u>
9	<u>Rivercrest Townhomes (45 Units in 18 Buildings)</u>	=	=	=	<u>Site work in progress</u>
	<u>Number of Renovation Permits Issued</u>	<u>13</u>			
	<u>Number of New Construction Permits Issued</u>	<u>0</u>			
	<u>Total Number of Permits Issued</u>	<u>13</u>			
	<u>New Business Licenses Issued: 1</u>				
	<u>Renewal Business Licenses Issued: 0</u>				

Public Information Officer

- Attended and photographed high voltage demonstration by Jefferson Energy
- Alerted public to hydrant testing via social media
- Informed public of delay in trash pickup during week of Labor Day via social media
- Gave phone interview to Columbia County Magazine
- Updated digital sign at City Hall to reflect Labor Day holiday hours
- Alerted public to 8/30 and 8/31 water service shutoffs/restorations at Lottie Ln., Charlotte Ave., and Wadsworth Ct. via social media
- Alerted public to boil water advisory/lifting of advisory via City website, local media, and social media and issued correction to local media
- Updated City website
- Alerted public to 8/31 water service shutoff/restoration on Katherine St.
- Highlighted City employees via social media
- Promoted events in/around Grovetown via social media

Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

- *Columbia County Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Address: 9/8/2022 from 4PM-8PM at Columbia County Performing Arts Center*
- *City Council Meeting: 9/12/2022 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall*
- *Planning Commission Meeting: 9/15/2022 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall*
- *Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: 10/6/2022 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall*
- *Trunk or Treat: 10/28/2022 from 6PM-9PM at Liberty Park Community Center*
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Closing Comments

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894. Peter McGuire was the Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor and began the movement around 1887, when a parade was held in New York City to honor trade and labor unions. Please take time to enjoy the weekend. If you are traveling, please observe all traffic rules and buckle up. Be Safe!

Gary E. Jones, Mayor

