



***SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING
December 30, 2022***

Good afternoon,

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

City offices will close at noon on Friday, December 30th, 2022, and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at the normal business hour. This is in observance of the New Year holiday.

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

Vacancies (21)

- 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 III License
- 1 Sewer Plant Operator Trainee
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Water)
- 1 Light Equipment Operator (Streets and Sanitation)
- 1 Heavy Equipment Operator 2 (Streets and Sanitation)
- 1 General Maintenance Technician I
- 1 Administrative Assistant-General Services
- 1 Meter Maintenance Technician Coordinator
- 3 ***Positions to be Advertised at a Later Date***
- 2 Part-Time Firefighter/EMT

Hiring Actions

- Extended 1 conditional job offer for Utility Billing Accounting Clerk I – Utility Billing/Finance Dept. on 12/29/2022

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

- 2021-2022 audit is complete
- Happy New Year from Utility Billing and the Finance Dept.

Police Department

- Police Dept. arrested 10 subjects during this period:
 - 2 for DUI
 - 2 for Probation Warrant (Shoplifting, Possession of Marijuana)
 - 1 for Possession of Marijuana and Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
 - 1 for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute and Possession of a Firearm
During the Commission of a Crime
 - 1 for Aggravated Assault (Family Violence) and Possession of a Knife During the Commission of a Crime
 - 1 for Simple Battery (Family Violence)
 - 1 for Driving while Unlicensed
 - 1 for Burglary (1st Degree) and Financial Card Theft
- Criminal Investigation Division had 2 cases assigned and closed 1 case
- We wish a bright and prosperous New Year to the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Administrator, Directors, and all City employees; thanks for all you do to make this such a great City

Fire Rescue

- Fire Dept. responded to 55 calls:
 - 16 medical
 - 39 fire
 - The increase of fire related calls was due to broken water pipes
- Hosted Fire Officer II testing at Fire Station #2 on 12/28; several personnel from Grovetown and Columbia County Fire Rescue were present

General Services

Leisure and Recreation Dept.

- Leisure and Recreational Shop: Cleaned and organized shop, washed vehicles, and cut grass
- Kiddie Park: Removed dead trees
- Grovetown Trails at Euchee Creek: Removed dead trees
- Goodale Park: Cleaned up leaves and cleared underbrush by basketball court

Rental & Member Updates

- 3 new rental contracts and 2 contracts returned with payment

- Facilities and fields were utilized a total of 8.5 hours
- 1 new gym membership

Fleet Maintenance

- **Stormwater/Sewer Dept.**
 - Ford F-350 Utility Truck: Routine service
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- **Street Dept.**
 - Big Tex U-Dump Trailer: Repaired flat tire
 - Elgin Street Sweeper: Replaced water housing
 - Ford F-750: Replaced mud flaps
 - Ford F-650: Repaired tarp support
 - ODB Leaf Vacuum: Replaced starter solenoid
- **Police Dept.**
 - GMC Sierra Truck: Routine service
 - Ford Interceptor: Routine service
- **Leisure and Recreation Dept.**
 - Chevrolet 1500: Routine service

Facility Maintenance

- A total of 6 work orders for this week:
 - 2 at City Hall, 2 at Liberty Park, and 2 at Municipal Court

Streets and Sanitation Dept.

- 6 service orders
- Picked 7 bags of litter
- Picked up 15.2 tons of bulk and yard waste
- Cleaned up Wrightsboro Rd., Horizon S Pkwy., and Harlem Grovetown Rd.
- Street Sweeper cleaned Newmantown Rd. and Spring St.

Upcoming Events/Programs

- Maverick's Fitness: Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15PM–7:15PM
- Martial Arts Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6PM–7:30PM

Information Technology

- Ordered new computer for new position of Admin. Assistant for General Services
- Resolved all IT issues at newly renovated Facility Maintenance Building
- Installed Life Cycle replacement computer
 - This brings total to 12 of 22
- Calls for service were low to average for a short week at 9
 - Email issues lead the way in ticketed issues

Utility Services

- Happy New Year from the Utility Services Dept.

Planning and Community Development

- The Dept. of Planning and Community Development held an informational meeting on 8/30 at 6PM to discuss the City's zoning code revision. Video of the event is on the

City's Facebook and 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 Planner Jonathan Bush conducted a pre-construction meeting with the development team for the new Dollar General at Pepperhill Dr. on 12/28. We expect site work to begin mid-February.
- 31 total building inspections

Meeting Update

- Planning Commission
 - 1/19 Meeting: No Agenda.
- BZA
 - 1/5 Meeting:
 - Request to approve variance for Horizon W Pkwy. (parcel# 062 3140) for reduction in parking stall size.

Code Enforcement Update:

- Parking Violations
 - 2 warnings
- 2 responses to civil concerns
- 1 case deemed in compliance

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS CHART

December 30, 2022

Sr. No.	PROJECT NAME And Project Details	Building Permits Issued	CO Issued	% of Project Completed	Comments
Commercial					
1	Dunkin Site (4 Unit Building)	3	1	25%	Tasty Wings and Seafood buildout underway
2	Dollar General (Pepperhill)	-	-	-	Site work expected February.
Residential					
1	Grove Landing, Section 5 (64 Single Family Homes)	64	59	92%	No change
2	Brighton Landing, Section 2 (67 Single Family Homes)	68	60	90%	No change
3	McCoy's Creek Section 6 (52 Single Family Homes)	50	49	94%	No change
4	Deer Hollow Section 2 (110 Single Family Homes)	105	90	82%	No change
5	Deer Hollow Section 3A (54 Single Family Homes)	14	1	2%	1 permit, 1 C/O
6	Caroleton Phase 3 (103	42	27	26%	No change

	townhomes)				
7	Robin Landing Townhomes (47 Townhomes)	47	35	74%	No change
8	Brighton Park Apartments (134 Units in 29 Buildings)	130	106	79%	2 C/Os
9	Rivercrest Townhomes (45 Units in 18 Buildings)	-	-	-	Site work in progress.
	Renovation Permits Issued	5			
	New Construction Permits Issued	2			
	Total Permits Issued	7			
	New Business Licenses Issued: 0				
	Renewal Business Licenses Issued: 9				

Public Information Officer

- Provided winter weather updates via social media
- Shared emergency resources for community during winter weather via social media
- Observed Christmas holiday via social media
- Alerted public to New Year holiday hours via City website, social media, digital sign, and flyers at City Hall
- Alerted public to 12/27 Goodale Park dog park closure/reopening
- Alerted public to 12/27 minor sanitary sewer overflow
- Attended 12/29 virtual meeting regarding City website redesign
- Shared Grovetown Police Dept. post regarding 12/29 hit and run via social media
- Promoted events in/around Grovetown via social media

Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

- **Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: 1/5/2023 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall**
- **City Council Meeting: 1/9/2023 at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall**

Closing Comments

On a sad note, the Columbia County News-Times will be closing in a few days. We'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to them for all the years they served as the legal organ for the City of Grovetown. The newspaper of local circulation is now the Augusta Chronicle, the new legal organ for the City. Thanks to all employees for their coordinated efforts to keep our residents safe and the water flowing. We wish all residents a very happy and productive New Year.

Gary E. Jones, Mayor

