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BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEEKS AQUATIC CENTER GRANTS



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BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners is working to complete a Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) application for the aquatic center at Walter B. Williams Park at the site of the old state prison. The site was cleared for the aquatic center construction by the State Office of Historic Preservation. Securing this



grant, and other grants, will allow construction of both phases of the aquatic center at one time. Quality recreation centers are valuable assets to communities. Community support will help our chances of scoring highly on the application. Please consider a donation and a letter of support to the aquatic center by October 20. Letters of support should be addressed to Baldwin County Chairman, Henry Craig. Checks can be made payable to Baldwin County Board of Commissioners (Check Memo: Aquatic Center; 1601 North Columbia Street Suite 230 Milledgeville, GA 31061). Please contact Carlos Tobar, Baldwin County Manager if you have any questions.

Georgia Department of Transportation Considering Roundabout At Intersection of SR 22/Sparta Highway and SR 24



The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is considering the intersection of SR 22/Sparta Highway and SR 24 for a roundabout. GDOT is providing Baldwin County with information on the proposed roundabout project, and providing an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The proposed project would consist of a 3-way T-Intersection at SR 22 and SR 24 in Baldwin County being converted into a single-lane roundabout to address crash frequency and severity.

The proposed project is approximately 0.6 miles in length and is located approximately 4 miles East of Milledgeville. The proposed roundabout has an inscribed diameter of 150' with a 15* truck apron. State Route 24 is part of the State Bicycle Network Route 35. Therefore, an 8' wide multi-use path will also be constructed to allow cyclists to avoid the roundabout. A traffic engineering study has determined that this intersection does not qualify for a traffic signal. The study analyzed traffic with factors such as traffic volumes at peak periods; roadway geometry; number of pedestrians who cross the intersection, including children at school crossings; and crash history. The study has shown that a roundabout at this intersection would contribute to better traffic flow and create a safer environment for motorists as well as pedestrians. Additionally, solar-powered lights will illuminate the roundabout. The modern roundabout is a circular intersection that promotes safe and efficient traffic flow in which vehicles travel counterclockwise around a raised center island and traffic entering the roundabout yields the right-of-way to vehicles already in the roundabout.

All roundabouts have three essential characteristics:

- Counterclockwise flow Vehicles travel counterclockwise around a center island.
- Yield control Vehicles entering the roundabout yield to traffic already circulating.
- Low speed Geometry that results in low vehicle speeds throughout the roundabout.

Roundabouts have been demonstrated to provide a number of safety, operational, and other benefits when compared to other types of intersections, with reductions in fatal and injury crashes of 60 to 87 percent. GDOT wants to ensure that all members of the community are adequately notified and able to access project information to provide input on projects. A project notification letter with a project comment card were sent to residents in the vicinity of the project area requesting their feedback on the proposed project. If you have questions or comments, please contact the project manager, Jonathan Dechko at 404-865-3476 or JDechko@dot.ga.gov.



CodeRED[®] is the FREE community notification system available to local residents that will send you alerts concerning timesensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. Milledgeville Baldwin County Emergency Management encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location to receive targeted notifications that directly impact your home or business.

The CodeRED system will be used to send critical and time-sensitive communications such as:

- Missing Persons/Children
- Emergency Preparedness
- Natural Disasters
- Evacuation Notices
- Boil Water Advisories
- Inclement Weather Warnings
- Wildfire Alerts
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity
- Road Closures/Traffic Alerts
- Shelter in Place/Lockdowns

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Baldwin County Held Meetings For Residents Interested in Community HOME Investment Program Grant

On September 13th, Baldwin County held two public meetings with residents interested in applying for the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) grant.

County staff was on hand to assist residents complete the pre-application. Community members held a lottery and drew names on September 23rd to move to the full application process.

The county's inspector will now contact the potential recipients and schedule a pre-inspection of the home. The purpose of the pre-inspection is to determine if it is financially feasible to rehabilitate the house.



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Baldwin County Receives \$1 Million for Sewer Infrastructure Improvements

Commissioner Christopher Nunn announced today that 40 Georgia communities will receive more than \$35 million in federal grants to help grow their local economies. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated the annual funds to the State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Baldwin County received \$1 million to make sewer infrastructure improvements east of



Vinson Highway. "Community Development Block Grants are impactful tools that benefit all parts of the state, especially rural Georgia," stated DCA Commissioner Christopher Nunn. "These awards represent local-driven city and county solutions that will improve the quality of life for many Georgians." This year's grant awards will fund \$30.5 million in infrastructure projects, \$3.8 million in housing projects, and \$3 million in various building projects. The CDBG grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Georgia's Department of Community Affairs received 66 applications requesting more than \$59 million, according to Kimberly Carter, DCA's Director of Community Finance. The applications are scored, rated, and ranked with grants awarded based on the applicant's overall ranking.

Kinetic Fiber Groundbreaking Ceremony Held on September 1st



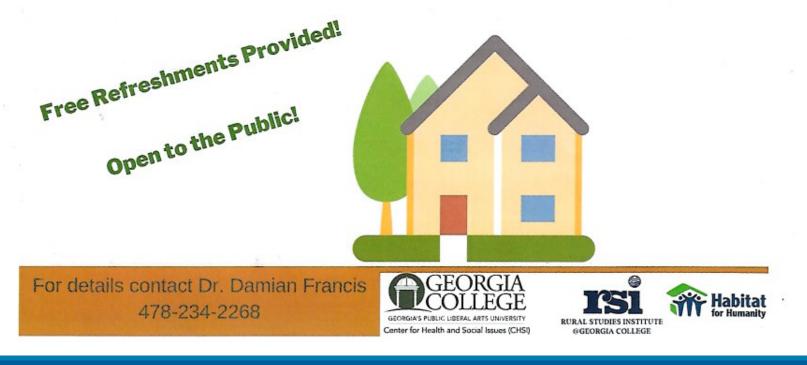
Baldwin County and Kinetic are excited to bring ultra-fast Fiber Internet to Baldwin County, as a part of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Baldwin County held a special groundbreaking ceremony on September 1st with Senator Jones, Representative Williams, and other community leaders. Pictured left to right: Michael Foor, Kinetic, Commissioner Emily Davis, Chairman Henry Craig, Commissioner John Westmoreland, Commissioner Kendrick Butts, State Senator Burt Jones, Representative Rick Williams, State Senator Max Burns.

Property Title Seminar Funded by Community Donations

Need help with heirs property, deed, or probate for property handed down by family will or trust? This **FREE** seminar is for you.

Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 5PM Collins P. Lee Community Center 237 Harrisburg Rd. SW, Milledgeville, GA 31061

> Presenters: Veronica McClendon - Attorney Max Crook - Financial Advisor



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