

# Baldwin County Georgia



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8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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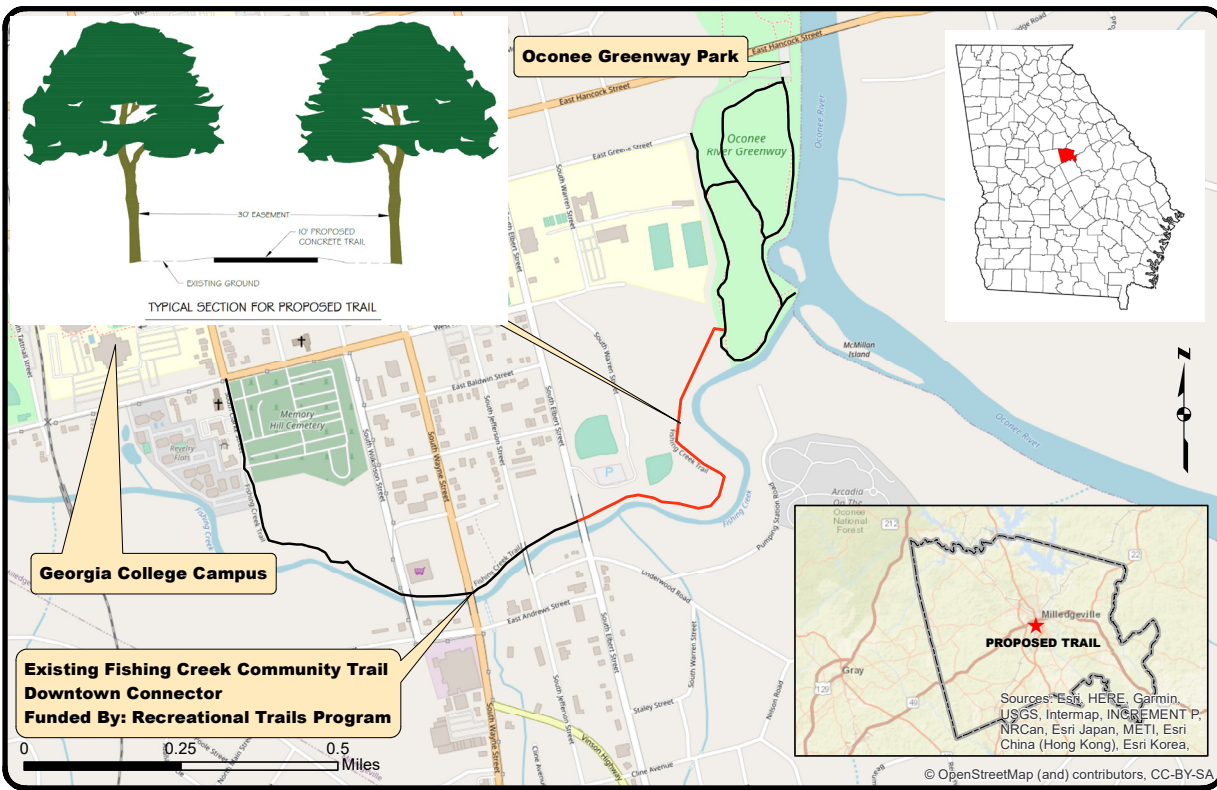
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# DNR Awards \$200,000 Grant to Complete Fishing Creek Trail

The Department of Natural Resources has awarded the Oconee River Greenway Authority a \$200,000 grant project to complete the Fishing Creek Trail. The county also allocated SPLOST funds for this endeavor. The grant and SPLOST funds will cover the estimated \$760,000 project to complete the trail.



 <p>WATKINS &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC CONSULTING ENGINEERS</p>	<p>FISHING CREEK TRAIL BALDWIN COUNTY GEORGIA</p>	<p>PROPOSED PROJECT MAP</p>	<p>DATE: 10/2023</p>
			<p>PROJ. NO.: W0200-008-01</p>
			<p>FIGURE 1</p>

## Commissioners Thank Coach Barry Havior

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners extended its gratitude to Track and Field Coach and Baldwin County native Barry Havior in February for his time and talents toward coaching and mentoring not only his track athletes, but also underserved and underprivileged youth and their families in the community.

Thank you, Coach Havior, for your service and dedication to the Baldwin County community!



## Baldwin County School District Secures \$225,000 Grant for Enhanced School Safety and Security



The Baldwin County School District secured a safety grant of \$225,000 to advance the technological capabilities for both the school district and local first responders.

The grant, known as the “Safer Georgia Schools Grant,” is administered by the Office of Whole Child Supports through the Georgia Department of Education. This grant will specifically fund the

installation of multiple police band radios in every school in the district, providing school and district administrators direct access to these radios. These radios will significantly enhance communication in emergency situations and bridge the gap with first responders.

## Baseball and Softball Fields Receive Upgrades



This winter has been busy for the Baldwin County Parks & Recreation Department staff. They added 160 tons of infield mix and laser graded all eight baseball/softball fields to improve drainage. All netting and shade structures at both facilities will be replaced for the upcoming season.

# Pickleball and Aquatic Center Bid Updates



Proposals and bids for both pickleball courts and the aquatic center will be accepted starting on Friday, March 15th. Proposals for the pickleball courts will open at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15th, with aquatic center bids opening at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15th at 1601 N Columbia St, Suite 230.

Contracts for both projects will be awarded at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

## Blight Reduction Making Major Strides

The Baldwin County Code Enforcement Office recently announced that the county has demolished 256 structures over the past five years.



We are grateful to Officer Lisa Marks (pictured above) for her dedication to making Baldwin County a much better place to live and work.

## Sales Tax Increase Set for April 1st

Attention Baldwin County Businesses!

Please note that the sales tax in Baldwin County will increase from 7% to 8% effective April 1, 2024.

# Baldwin County Fire & Rescue Awarded Grant to Help Keep First Responders and Community Safe



The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners received a \$24,493 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation® to ensure Baldwin County Fire & Rescue first responders have the necessary equipment to keep community members and themselves safe. The grant will be used to purchase seven TXS thermal imaging cameras and accessories, fulfilling a critical need within the department.

“By providing Baldwin County Fire & Rescue with new TXS thermal imaging cameras and accessories, our first responders will be better equipped to help the people of Baldwin County during emergency situations, as this equipment enables a firefighter to “see” through total darkness and smoke while combatting interior structure fires,” shared Baldwin County Manager Carlos Tobar.

## Station Seven Adds Atrium Health Navicent Ambulance and Crew



As of February 16th, Fire & Rescue Station Seven at Log Cabin and Airport Roads now has an Atrium Health Navicent EMS ambulance and crew. Having an ambulance at Fire & Rescue Station 7 should reduce ambulance response times to north side residents.

# Join US FOR A GIRLS



**Date:** March 12, 2024

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Baldwin County Recreation Department  
Walter B Williams Junior Park (59 GA-22)  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

**Hosted by:** The Baldwin County Solicitor's Office SAFE  
Program

***J. Skye Gess - Solicitor General***

**Please RSVP by:** March 8, 2024 (for girls 12 & up)

**Call - (478-445-4445) reserve your slot with**

**Ms. Latimore or Mrs. Tucker**

**Limited slots available**



**BALDWIN COUNTY SOLICITOR'S  
OFFICE  
SAFE PROGRAM  
HOSTS**

OUR **4TH** ANNUAL



**Boys Building Bash**

**Date: March 19, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 p.m.**

**Place: Walter B. Williams Jr. Park  
(Baldwin County Recreation Center)**

**59 GA Highway 22 West  
Milledgeville, GA 31061**

**J. Skye Gess, Solicitor General**

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