

Baldwin County Georgia

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Baldwin County Animal Control & Services (BCACS)

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✚ The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners has allocated \$220,000 to re-purpose the old jail for a new facility
- ✚ BCACS takes in more than 1,200 animals every year just from Baldwin County
- ✚ BCACS has an 85% adoption and rescue rate for ALL dogs and 73% for ALL cats
- ✚ BCACS does all of this with only 3 full-time employees, 3 part-time employees and countless volunteers
- ✚ BCACS is required by law to take in any animal that is brought in or reported, even if the shelter is full

✚ BCACS not only has beautiful mixed breeds but also has beautiful pure breeds



Check out former resident Chunk, a black Lab, and Morgan, a Pit Bull mix who is the shelter mascot.

- ✚ Any found or lost animal is required by law to be turned into BCACS
- ✚ Most of the ordinances were written in 1999; however, several were updated this year. Are you in compliance? [To read the new ordinances, click this link.](#)

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Want to save money on prescriptions?

Your county government is here to help! Through a partnership with Coast2Coast Rx Card, Baldwin County provides a FREE prescription discount card that provides annual savings up to 55%. Savings on a single prescription range from a few percent up to 75% (sometimes more) off the retail price of the drug. Cardholders save on both brand name and generic drugs. All members of a family can use the card. It is always FREE and the card can be used immediately. There are no age, income or other exclusions.

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- Save Up To 15% On Hearing Care
- Save Up To 25% on Veterinary Services
- Save Up To 70% On Diabetic Supplies
- Save 50% to 80% On Lab Work

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Go online to

coast2coastrx.com

Click on Participating Counties. Scroll down to Baldwin County, GA and click to get started.

Road paving will be slow for county residents without TSPLOST funds

Department works to keep roads maintained, safe

The conditions of Baldwin County's roads are declining as funds available to repair roads fall behind the ever-increasing cost of asphalt.

The Board of Commissioners funds road repair through SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) collections, which are shared with other agencies and state funds. A contractor can only pave 6-7 miles of road per year with state funds and matching county funds through SPLOST.

Maintenance is done in-house with about 20 employees, but County Engineer Brian Wood is in the process of bidding out all road repair work for the year to get the best price. The county doesn't have an asphalt spreader, an expensive piece of equipment that patches roads most effectively.

When county workers repair roads, the process is labor intensive and less effective.

The current funding level is just under \$1 million for road maintenance, but that budget also has to include purchasing equipment. This year, the county has had to buy a \$100,000 backhoe, \$145,000 mower and \$30,000 pickup truck.

On average, one mile of road that has a good foundation costs \$120,000 to repave. Many of the county roads were just paved over existing dirt roads. Over time, cracks and water have washed the base out from underneath the pavement.

The cost to repair those roads comes closer to \$200,000 per mile.

Another contributing factor is the cost of asphalt, which has increased as the cost of oil and gas increases. A couple of decades ago, asphalt would cost \$20-25 per ton. Today, the price is closer to \$90-95 per ton.

In addition to repaving, the road department works to preserve 15-20 miles of roads per year through processes like crack sealing and chip sealing, which prolongs the life of the road for about 5 years but doesn't permanently repair it. These repairs only work on cracks that have not sunk into the ground.

Roads to be repaved in 2019

Road Name	From:	To:	Length:	# of Homes:	Estimate:
Scott Hill Street	Vinson Hwy.	Dead End	0.139	10	\$20,000
Snyder Road	Linton Road	Dead End	1.17	35	\$135,000
Valley Circle	Valley Drive	Valley Drive	0.3	31	\$50,000
Hammock Road	N. Columbia St.	Dead End	0.52	14	\$65,000
Hidden Hills Drive	Horace Veal Road	Dead End	0.758	15	\$86,000
Meeks Road	Hwy. 212	Dead End	0.36	4/Soccer	\$50,000
Black Springs Road	Lake Laurel Road	Hwy. 22	2.7	129	\$300,000
Lockwood St.	N. Main St.	Cul-de-sac	0.3	43	\$38,000
Cape Harbour Lane/Ct.	Cape Harbour Drive	Cul-de-sac	0.252	10	\$30,000

The future of our roads

Baldwin County has 414 miles of roads. At the current funding level, each road will be **repaved every 64 years.**

What's the average lifespan of a road?
More like 20 years.

A Transportation SPLOST – which voters defeated during the last attempt – could add up to \$6 million to road repairs. Wood says, with a TSPLOST, the county would be looking at a 20-year plan, meaning every road would be repaved every 20 years.

Subdivisions that have roads that were not paved to county standards are also causing problems. The Preserve on Meriwether Road and The Oaks on Lowe Road are examples.

The county has taken over the roads after developers abandoned them, but it will eventually cost a lot of money to fix them.

With TSPLOST, however, that wouldn't be a problem.

Other functions of the road department

In addition to road maintenance, the department handles vegetation control along the county's 414 miles of roads. The work is strenuous and requires heavy equipment and manpower.

Trees have to be cut back to keep the roads safe.

At best, the five workers can get one mile done in a day. Once limbs are cut down, they have to either be chipped or hauled away. The crew can't cut vegetation on rainy days, so those opportunities are used to maintain and clean equipment.

The ditching crew is also focused on safety by keeping water flowing and off of roads. In some subdivisions, there are clay or metal pipes running underneath roads that collapse, making it even harder to keep water runoff where it should be.

If those drainage pipes are on private property, the county is legally prohibited from working on them.

>> See full road paving priority list at the end of this newsletter, which includes a score for the condition of each road. The GDOT says any road that scores under 30 should be repaved.



County, City, Library Board approve funding agreement

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners approved the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that the Twin Lakes Library System Board and the City of Milledgeville approved that adds the Hancock Branch and satisfies the state's requirement for maintenance of effort. The county will fund the library with General Fund dollars as it has for the last 10 years.

The agreement was approved by the City of Milledgeville July 23, Baldwin County July 24

and the Twin Lakes Library System Board July 25.

The funding split keeps the county funding 58% of library operations while the city funds 42%. The agreement is valid through Dec. 31, 2020.

The county wants to thank the City of Milledgeville, State Librarian Julie Walker, Twin Lakes Library System Director Stephen Houser and the library board for providing input and suggestions to create this document.

Solid Waste Facility Hours

103 Frank Bone Rd. SW

Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 7:00am - 2:00pm
Friday: 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

411 Meriwether Rd. NW

Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday: 7:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday: 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

184 Log Cabin Rd. NE

Thursday: 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

960 Carrs Station Rd. NE

Sunday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Monday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

595 Sparta Hwy. SW

Tuesday: 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Friday: 7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

170 Union Hill Church Rd.

Saturday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

It's Tornado Season!

Sign up to help protect you and your family with **HyperReach!**

All residents should sign up for HyperReach, a free service that will alert Baldwin County residents to severe weather. In the case of tornadoes, there are two sirens on the Georgia College campus.

Beyond that, alerts will come via phone. That decision has been made because of surveys that show how people want to be alerted.

A Channel 13 survey showed that 72 percent of respondents prefer notification by mobile phones, with 14 percent preferring TV coverage and 14 percent preferring sirens.

Using HyperReach has several advantages. First, the alerts are based on geographical boundaries that are defined by the National Weather Service. That means a warning in one part of the county will not cause an alert in other areas where there is not a threat.

HyperReach can also send other alerts that are helpful for residents, like boil water advisories if there is a problem with the water system.

To get updates by phone, call 478-200-9006 or [click here](#).

Baldwin County Pavement Condition Rating

Year: 2019

DOT LMIG formula amount: \$541,063.64

30% Match: \$162,319.09

Total: \$703,382.73

No.	Road Name:	From:	To:	Length (miles):	Width (feet):	# of Homes:	Pushing/ Rutting: 0 to 6	Load Cracking/ Base Failure: 0 to 6	Block/ Transverse Cracking: 0 to 4	Edge Cracking: 0 to 4	Raveling: 0 to 4	Bleeding/ Flushing: 0 to 4	Roughness 0 to 6	Patching/ Potholes: 0 to 6	Total Score:	Estimated Cost to Repair/Resurface
1	Lingold Road	Hwy 49	Browns Crossing Road	1.400	20	13	4	3	0	2	2	2	4	3	20	\$180,000.00
2	Woodbine Avenue	Valley Drive	Cul-de-sac	0.087	22	8	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	20	\$12,000.00
3	Village Way	Penny Lane	Cul-de-sac	0.391	22	16	3	1	2	2	2	2	4	4	20	\$47,000.00
4	Forrest Hill Road	Hwy 49	Dead End	0.940	20	23	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	19	\$100,000.00
5	Roberts Road	Hwy 22	Browns Crossing Road	2.530	22	90	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	\$285,000.00
6	Harmony Church Road	Deepstep Road	New Pavement	4.480	20	144	5	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	19	\$450,000.00
7	Old Plantation Drive	Hwy 212	Dead End	1.800	20	198	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	19	\$200,000.00
8	Horace Veal Road	State Dairy Farm Road	Hwy 22	2.200	20	33	3	2	1	1	2	2	4	3	18	\$558,000.00
9	Stephanie Lane	Dead End	Dead End	0.385	20	19	3	2	1	2	2	2	4	2	18	\$45,000.00
10	Britt Waters Road	Hwy 22	Hwy 22	0.844	24	10	4	0	0	2	2	2	4	3	17	\$170,000.00
11	Bell Avenue	Swint Avenue	South Elbert Street	0.280	20	15	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	2	17	\$28,000.00
12	Sportsman Circle	Sportsman Club Road	Sportsman Club Road	0.220	20	17	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	17	\$23,000.00
13	Forrest Valley Drive	Pancras Road	Hwy 243	2.010	20	59	4	0	1	1	2	2	4	3	17	\$250,000.00
14	Merry Lane/Court	Little Road	Cul-de-sac	0.250	20	18	5	3	3	2	1	0	0	2	16	\$25,000.00
15	Mt Pellier Road	Hwy 24	Stembridge Road	0.230	20	1 church	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	16	\$25,000.00
16	Smith Street	First Street	Dead End	0.060	20	6	4	2	2	2	0	0	2	4	16	\$6,500.00
17	Pineview Road	Carrs Station Road	Cul-de-sac	0.278	20	9	3	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	16	\$35,000.00
18	Ellis Street	Irby Street	Dead End	0.260	20	20	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	16	\$32,000.00
19	Sth/Nth Main Street	Effingham Road	5th Street	1.340	22	150+	4	0	0	2	2	2	3	3	16	\$150,000.00
20	Stewart Avenue	Sinclair Marina Road	Sinclair Marina Road	0.620	20	38	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	15	\$75,000.00
21	Admiralty Way	Hwy 441	Cul-de-sac	1.330	22	80	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	15	\$180,000.00
22	Russel Drive	Nth Columbia	Latta Terrace	0.190	20	10	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	15	\$20,000.00
23	Meriwether Lane	Forte Drive	Cul-de-sac	0.507	20	11	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	15	\$65,000.00
24	Lawerence Road	Nelson Road	County Line	0.700	20	13	5	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	15	\$95,000.00
25	Cabin Creek Drive	Log Cabin Road	Cul-de-sac	0.328	22	16	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	15	\$40,000.00
26	Pineaway Drive	Hwy 441	Cul-de-sac	0.882	20	45	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	15	\$120,000.00
27	Montego Court	Cul-de-sac	Cul-de-sac	0.630	19	43	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	15	\$75,000.00
28	Marshal/Joiner Road	Hudson Drive	Log Cabin Road	1.256	20	38	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	14	\$175,000.00
29	Yucca/Marigold Drive	Island Creek Drive	Dead End	0.460	20	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	14	\$75,000.00
30	Lowe Road	Meriwether Road	Hwy 212	1.120	22	62	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	14	\$160,000.00
31	P.A.Johns Road Area	Sinclair Dam Road	Dead End	1.330	20	80	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	14	\$175,000.00
32	Lair Road	Kildeer Road	Dead End	0.430	20	23	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	14	\$50,000.00
33	Meadow Road/Aspen Ct	Minor Road	Dead End	0.450	20	27	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	\$50,000.00
34	Harriet Circle	Taylor Drive	Grimes Road	0.180	18	7	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	14	\$23,000.00
35	Garrett Way	Nth Columbia	Roberson Mill Road	0.84	22	4,34	4	1	0	0	2	2	2	3	14	\$120,000.00
36	Scott Hill Street	Vinson Hwy	Dead End	0.139	20	10	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	\$20,000.00
37	Snyder Road	Linton Road	Dead End	1.170	20	35	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	14	\$135,000.00
38	Valley Circle	Valley Drive	Valley Drive	0.300	22	31	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	14	\$50,000.00
39	Hammock Road	Nth Columbia	Dead End	0.420	24	14	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	13	\$65,000.00
40	Hidden Hills Drive	Horace Veal Road	Dead End	0.758	20	15	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	13	\$86,000.00
41	Meeks Road	Hwy 212	Dead End	0.360	20	4/Soccer	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	13	\$50,000.00
42	Black Springs Road	Lake Laurel Road	Hwy 22	2.700	20	129	3	0	0	1	1	1	4	3	13	\$300,000.00
43	Lockwood Street	North Main	Cul-de-sac	0.300	20	43	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	\$38,000.00
44	Cape Harbour Lane/Ct	Cape Harbour Drive	Cul-de-sac	0.252	20	10	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	11	\$30,000.00
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