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West Jackson Streetscape Progress Continues

Big things are happening as the West Jackson Streetscape project moves right along for completion in November. Some of the highlights are listed below:

- On the north side of the 200 block of West Jackson Street, sidewalks are almost complete and are now tied into Madison Street. Only a small amount of brick inlay work remains.
- Concrete will soon be poured between the granite curbing and retaining wall in the area of the 200 block.
- Work is also continuing at the mid-block crosswalk. Steps are being installed and grading has begun. Once additional grading is done and the street is cleaned up, historic brick pavers will be re-installed.

- On the north side of the 300 block of West Jackson Street, seven new trees have been installed. This type of live oak tree will grow upward instead of out, but still supply shade to the sidewalk areas.
- #ShopToItWestJack promotion is ongoing through August. We encourage you to get out and support the local businesses in this area.

For more information and continued updates on this project, please click [here](#).



We Can't Wait to Show You What's Next!

For more than 20 years, Community Network Services (CNS) has been the telecommunications and broadband service leader in southwest Georgia. With a history of providing Internet, telephone and digital television services to the communities of Thomasville, Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, Pelham, Baconton, Doerun and Norman Park, CNS is now poised to move into a new era of providing key technological services to both residential and business customers. Beginning this month, CNS will be branded as CNSNext, signaling the introduction of many new service offerings that will soon be available.



CNSNext symbolizes a step into the future, and the new brand shows our continuing commitment to offering the best customer experience possible through new and improved products and unparalleled customer service. In addition to our new look, we also have some exciting product offerings launching in the near future. One of the first products to be launched by CNSNext is an in-home managed Wi-Fi service, Next Connect. Next Connect offers the best in maintenance and support for home Wi-Fi networks. Next Connect allows CNSNext to remotely troubleshoot and improve your network's performance. Customers will also have the option to access an easy-to-use app to set parental controls, manage Wi-Fi extenders, receive security alerts and more. To learn more about CNSNext or Next Connect, contact our Customer Care team at 227-7001.



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Remington Avenue Streetscape Project Open House Brings More Ideas

On July 16th, over 45 citizens joined the City of Thomasville at the Thomas County Library to review preliminary concept designs for the Remington Avenue Streetscape project. The project is broken into several segments based on the width of the right of way, and concept designs were presented for each section of the project based on previous public input sessions. Additional information was gathered at the open house session that will be used to create the final concept plan.

Once the final concept of the improvement project is complete, the project will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then to City Council for vote. If approved, the project will then move to Engineering for final design, with construction possible in 2021. The project is anticipated to take 12-18 months to complete.

For more information about the Remington Avenue Streetscape Project, contact Sherri Nix, Public Outreach Manager, [here](#), or Dominic Ford, Community Relations Officer, [here](#). You can also view project updates [here](#).

Protecting Your Home During Hurricane Season

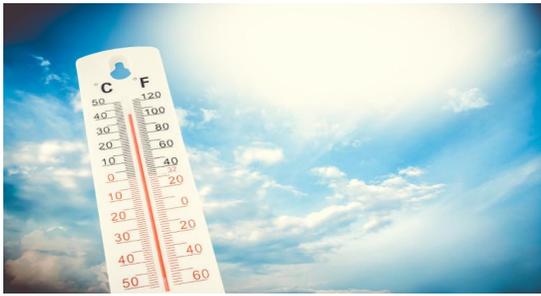
With hurricane season here until November 30th, it's important to make sure that your home and your property is prepared. One of the ways you can do that is to help the City with the maintenance of the stormwater system.

Some things property owners can do to best protect their property include:

- Reporting clogged ditches and culverts.
- Cleaning out gutters and extending downspouts.
- Removing all yard items or debris from obstructing storm drains and ditches.

To learn more about hurricane preparedness, click [here](#).





Energy Efficiency During Hot Summer Months

It only takes a short time outside to realize the temperatures are rising. With the rise in temperature, we may be nudging our thermostat a bit more than usual, causing an increase in our utility bills. The City of Thomasville offers **free** services to help increase energy efficiency within your home, thus reducing the

impact on your wallet.

The Home Energy Calculator, available [here](#), allows customers to become more informed on easy, low or no cost changes they can make within their home to reduce their electric consumption. It provides residential customers with a complete analysis of their energy use based on simple information they provide. Customers who are interested in a more personalized, hands-on analysis of their utility consumption may want to consider a free in-home energy audit. The in-home audit takes a closer look at your home's energy efficiency, including the HVAC unit, insulation, and numerous other factors that affect energy utilization. Once the audit is complete, a detailed analysis and possible solutions are provided.

Even without a formal energy audit of your home, there are many ways to incorporate small, inexpensive or no-cost changes to assist with lowering your energy consumption. Such small changes can yield big savings overall, and include:

- Setting your thermostat between 76 - 78 degrees Fahrenheit when you're home during cooling season.
- When you're away from home, turn your thermostat 5 - 10 degrees higher than when you're home. Otherwise, you're using precious energy to cool a home no one is in. Save that money for comfort when you are home!
- Utilize fans when possible. Keeping the air moving is key to greater comfort in hot weather, and an electric fan is much less expensive to run than an air conditioner.
- If a room is not in use, close the air supply register in that room and keep the door closed. There's no need to use extra energy cooling a room that no one is utilizing.
- Keep blinds closed and curtains drawn when it's sunny out. The rays from the sun can bring extra heat to your home.
- Ensure your filters are cleaned or replaced often, typically every 1-3 months, as recommended by the manufacturer. A clogged or dirty filter will cause a unit to run longer than it needs to.
- Clear any obstructions. This means keeping furniture, drapes, toys, and any other items away from air registers. When a register is covered, it can't release air throughout a room in an efficient way.
- Check for leaks or cracks around windows or doors. If you can feel warm air coming in, you may want to consider re-sealing or caulking those areas.

If you'd like more information on becoming more energy efficient, we encourage you to call our Customer Care department at 229-227-7001.

Join us for Let's Discuss... Economic Development

The City of Thomasville will launch a three-part public outreach session that is designed to help citizens understand the multiple components that help to build a strong local economy. The first session, in conjunction with the Payroll Development Authority, will kick off this month with "Let's Discuss...Economic Development: Unraveling the Mystery." The event will be held on Tuesday, July 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Thomasville Municipal Building, located at 144 E. Jackson Street.



In the first session of the series, Andy Goodwin, City of Thomasville Business Development Manager and Shelly Zorn, Thomasville Payroll Development Director, will discuss the process of attracting and retaining businesses and industries to Thomasville, and the impact it has on the economy of Thomasville and surrounding communities. For more information about the "Let's Discuss..." series, please contact [Sherri Nix](#), Public Outreach Manager.



Gun Violence Awareness Community Forum Brings Citizens and TPD Together to Work Towards a Resolution

On Thursday, July 18th representatives from the Thomasville Police Department along with several concerned citizens met to discuss a common goal: reducing gun violence in our community.

In his opening, Chief Troy Rich spoke on gang activity, drug use, social media influences, and recent violence. He spoke about specific neighborhoods and trouble areas, and how

property managers and citizens can help by working together with the police. He also talked about identifying possible gang activity in our area, and how calling in suspicious activity can prevent violent crimes from occurring. After Chief Rich's presentation, the floor was open for citizens who wanted to speak. The night concluded with Chief Rich discussing a gun buy-back program offered by TPD.

For more information on the community event, including the gun buy-back program, call the Thomasville Police Department at 229-227-3249.

Join the Team!

Team Thomasville is looking for team members! We are proud to offer competitive pay and excellent benefits in a rewarding environment serving our local community. To learn more about our current job openings and to apply online, click [here](#)!



Current Openings:

- Civil Tech III, Engineering
- Financial Accountant
- Information Technology Support Tech I

Public Meetings & Events Calendar

7/24: 2:30 p.m. - Risk Management Committee Meeting
7/24: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
7/29: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
7/30: 6:00 p.m. - Let's Discuss... Economic Development
8/2: 12:00 p.m. - Housing Authority Meeting
8/5: 5:30 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
8/6: 8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board Meeting
8/6: 11:00 a.m. - Planning Committee Meeting
8/7: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting
8/7: 10:00 a.m. - Land Bank Authority Meeting
8/7: 11:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee Meeting
8/7: 1:00 p.m. - Solid Waste Committee Meeting
8/7: 2:00 p.m. - Public Works Committee Meeting
8/7: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
8/8: 9:00 a.m. - Downtown Development Authority Meeting
8/8: 6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Meeting
8/9: 1:30 p.m. - Investment Committee Meeting
8/12: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
8/13: 9:00 a.m. - Pension Board Meeting
8/13: 10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
8/14: 10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review and Zoning Appeals Board Meeting
8/14: 12:00 p.m. - Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority Meeting
8/20: 3:30 p.m. - Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Team Meeting
8/21: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop

A full meeting calendar is available [here](#).

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