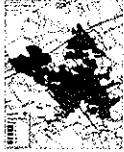


City News

Dear Residents, Business Owners and Visitors,

Welcome to the new City Newsletter! To keep you informed of upcoming community events and important information the City of Jefferson will be producing a city newsletter. Each quarter it will be included in the utility billing statements and available online on the City of Jefferson website.

New Voting Districts



In May the Jefferson City Council voted on and approved new council districts for the city. Shortly after, the U.S. Department of Justice approved the new maps. Normally, redistricting occurs once every 10 years, after the official U.S. Census, in an effort to ensure that voting districts contain the same number of voters. Jefferson has experienced a rapid population growth over the past 10 years. In 2000 Jefferson's population was 3,825 and by 2010 Jefferson had grown to 9,432. While there were changes to all districts, most of this growth impacted the western and southern areas represented by District #3 and District #4.

Prior to the November 8th City Council election each voter who is effected by the change will receive a new voter registration card in the mail from the Jackson County Board of Elections and Registration. If your voting district stayed the same you will not receive a card. The Jackson County Board of Registrars manages all voter registrations using as guidelines the Georgia Elections Code and the U.S. Justice Department Regulations. City-wide maps and individual district maps are available on the City of Jefferson website at www.cityofjeffersonga.com.

November 8, 2011 City Council Election

VOTE Two of the three council seats will be decided November 8, 2011. When qualifying ended, incumbent Steve Kinney and Robert Yates qualified for the District 1 council seat. In District 5, incumbent Roy Plott and David Parks qualified. In the District 3 council race, Steve Quinn was the only candidate to qualify. Incumbent C.D. Kidd is not seeking re-election. In the three school board seats up for re-election, the incumbents were the only ones to qualify. They are: Angela McKinney, District 1; Willie Hughey, District 3; and Guy Dean Benson, District 5.

The last day to register to vote is 10/11. Early voting will be held 10/17 - 11/4 at Jefferson City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM. Election day voting will be at the Jefferson Fire Station at 129 Athens Street between the hours of 7AM and 7PM. City Clerk Priscilla Murphy will serve as City Election Superintendent.

I hope that you find the information in our first newsletter helpful. I also encourage you to join our email list so that you will have access to the most up to date information and announcements as possible. If at any time I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at City Hall by phone at 706-367-5121 Ext. 4 or by email at: jward@cityofjeffersonga.com.

Sincerely,
John A. Ward III, City Manager
City of Jefferson, Georgia

Please remember to VOTE
in the November 8, 2011
Election!



For more up to date news and information, access to our online municipal codes, budget information and detailed contact information please feel free to visit the City of Jefferson's website at www.cityofjeffersonga.com

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