

McDonough Matters



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When Information Matters

March, 2009



The fourth annual Georgia Rides to the Capitol took place on Tuesday, March 3rd. Members of the Southern

Crescent Cyclists Club stop each year at McDonough City Hall to unload a bike and helmet for Mayor Billy Copeland enabling him to join the other cyclists for part of the ride to show his support for this event and the purposes behind it.

This year, local cyclists were also joined by Council members Gina Riffey and Monta Brown who made the bike ride most of the way to the Capitol in Atlanta on a bitterly cold morning.

McDonough Council members Gina Riffey (Front, Second from Right) and Monta Brown (Front, Third from Right), along with Mayor Billy Copeland (Back Right), gather with others on the Capitol steps.



The purpose of this popular event is to show support for alternate modes of transportation within the state of Georgia, namely bicycles, and to encourage support for developing bicycle networks throughout the state.

"I'm proud of all three of you for your personal effort and for representing the City in such a positive way," stated City Manager Billy Beckett. Next year.. Ride Number 5.

The Main Street McDonough Program

presents the

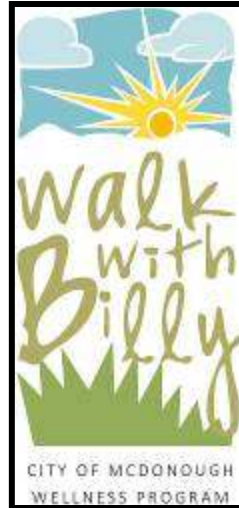
2nd Annual Spring Classic & Open Car Show

Saturday, April 25th
Noon—5:00 p.m.

Behind the Henry County Judicial Center
John Frank Ward Boulevard • McDonough

770-898-9868

Music • Food • Fun



Mayor Billy Copeland has developed a City of McDonough Wellness Program, which will introduce residents to physical, stress-relieving, and health conscious activities that are designed to improve overall well-being. This project will be established through a spring-summer calendar of events; each initiative will have information relative to opportunities to continue the activity after the end of the series.

"Walk with Billy" 30 Miles in 30 Days will be the first event of the program. The calendar below lists ten days and times that citizens can join Mayor Copeland in a three mile walk around downtown McDonough. The activity will begin and end at the

Calendar—

Saturday, April 4, 11am—
Kick off
Tuesday, April 7, 6:30am
Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 11, 11am
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30am

Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 18, 11am
Tuesday, April 21, 6:30am
Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 25, 11am—
Final Day of 30 Miles in 30 Days!

Square; there will be two "early stop" areas, after one and two miles, near the starting point. The pace of the walk will be brisk, but not strenuous. Brief pauses will be made along the route at locations, which will vary during each walk, where the Mayor will share historical trivia and information.



Mayor's Assistant Leslie Balog records some of the historical comments made by Mayor Copeland over the three mile course.



(L-R) Leslie Balog, Annette O'Banion, Mayor Copeland and Councilman Monta Brown finish the three mile wellness walk as they head back to the Square.

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**MAYOR
COPELAND
invites
CITIZENS
to join him
for each
month's
WELLNESS
INITIATIVE**

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“Yoga on the Lawn” will be the second initiative of the Mayor’s Wellness Program. The activity will be held on the lawn of the historic Hazlehurst House, on Sloan Street, throughout the month of May.

A calendar has been established showing days and times that citizens can participate in a basic/beginner yoga routine, which will be lead by a volunteer, Heather Anglyn—

- **Saturday, May 2, 8:30am— Kick-off!**
- **Tuesday, May 5, 6:30pm**
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm**
- **Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm**
- **Tuesday, May 26, 6:30pm**
- **Saturday, May 30, 8:30am— Final Day**

Mrs. Anglyn also teaches the class at McDonough Presbyterian Church, which will give participants an opportunity to continue the activity after the end of the series.

It has been confirmed with the Henry County Tennis Association that they will lead “Nights at the Net” mini tennis camps in July. The activity will be held at Richard Craig/South Cedar Park on Thursday evenings, from 7-8:30pm. Citizens of all ages and skills levels will be encouraged to attend and enjoy the warm Georgia summer nights.

“City Cycle Tour” will be the third initiative of the City of McDonough Wellness Program. The activity will be held every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the month of June. The route, which will begin and end in the parking lot of First Baptist Church of McDonough, will be primarily throughout residential/historic streets. The brisk cycling course will be lead by a volunteer, Tim Kohl, owner of Epic Bikes on Jonesboro Road. As well, employees of Epic Bikes will set-up in the parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to assist riders with minor bike repairs. For information about other bike rides and events in Henry County, please visit Epic Bikes’ web site at www.epicbicycles.com.

The City of McDonough Wellness Program will be a great opportunity for families, friends, churches, civic organizations, and businesses to come together as a community to learn a little history, spend time outside in our beautiful town, and encourage each other to do something positive. Please visit the City website, www.mcdonoughga.org, for information relative to other upcoming activities.

The excellent eateries in downtown McDonough are involved in this effort by providing a 10% discount to those who participate in *Walk with Billy*.

“I extend to each of you a special invitation to join me this summer as McDonough gets fit!”

Mayor Billy Copeland

*Walk
with Billy
for Wellness In April—
30 Miles in 30 Days*



(L-R) City Councilman Monta Brown, Mayor’s Assistant Leslie Balog and Tourism Chairperson Annette O’Banion wind up a walk-through of the walking/ history tour around McDonough as Mayor Copeland points out and discusses another historic site.

**Join The Mayor
this Summer
and GET FIT!!!**

Over 300 vendors expected to take part!



Sponsored by the McDonough Lions Club

**32nd Annual
GERANIUM
FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, May 16th
9:00 a. m.-5:00 p. m.
(McDonough Square ~ Rain or Shine)**



Snow in McDonough is certainly a rare sight but one welcomed by many adults and every school age child in the county. This sign on Keys Ferry Street, located in front of McDonough City Hall, still has minimal snow on Monday from the snow storm that passed through on Sunday, March 1st.



The Hazlehurst House on Sloan Street, a premier events center, is always a beautiful reminder, in any season, of the City's historic past.



This beautiful home, located on the corner of Sloan and Macon Streets, has very little snow left by Monday.



The Henry County Courthouse, on the McDonough Square, is always beautiful, especially in snow.



This elegant home on College Street glistens in the early afternoon sun with a dusting of snow still sitting contentedly atop the shrubs and in spots where the sun's rays have yet to melt.

Snow.....Some
people love it, others hate it, but every-
one reacts to it!



L. P. McKibben
 City of McDonough
 Council Member
 January, 1962--December, 2003

Friend and Servant – Mr. L.P.

Mr. L.P. McKibben, a faithful and public servant of McDonough died March 5, 2009 at the age of 93. Mr. L.P. served the City as a councilmember for 42 years. When the new City Hall was built in 2002, appropriately the Council Chambers was named for this long-serving councilmember. Of his life-long friend, Mayor Copeland said that L.P. McKibben was “a true McDonough Icon.” Mayor Copeland always considered L.P. as the “Dean of the Council.”

L.P. McKibben was born in Jackson, Georgia and moved to McDonough in 1936. He and his wife, Mildred, were married 51 years and had five children. He was the owner of Dixie Motor Chevrolet in McDonough for 37 years and was a member of McDonough First Baptist Church for more than 70 years.

Mr. L.P. was an avid golfer, and at the top of his game, shot “par” many times. He enjoyed being a part of both the building and operating of Green Valley Golf Course in McDonough and was a charter member of Eagle’s Landing Country Club. L.P. McKibben helped to establish the John Fargason Reservoir. Mr. L.P. was an original member of the Downtown Development Authority, a charter member of C&S Bank in Henry County, and a founding director of the Founders Guaranty Bank in McDonough. He was also a member of the McDonough Kiwanis Club.

At Mr. L.P.’s funeral, our Mayor and Members of City Council paid tribute to their life-long friend by serving as honorary pallbearers. Mr. L.P. was a genuine friend and servant to all. He will be missed at City Hall and in our community.

By: *Janis Price, City Clerk*

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
presented to
JAMAL-RASHAD PATTERSON

WHEREAS, the City of McDonough is proud to spotlight the achievements of one of our local students, Jamal-Rashad Patterson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson, who will graduate from Henry County High School in May and attend Stanford University on a full scholarship, has recently been awarded the 2009 Franklin D. Watkins Memorial Trophy by the National Alliance of African American Athletes; and

WHEREAS, this honor, which is presented annually, recognizes outstanding achievements in athletics, scholastics, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, the United States Achievement Academy, and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson has maintained a 4.65 grade point average while participating as wide receiver on the Warhawk football team and reaching the level of State champion in track;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough congratulate Jamal-Rashad Patterson and express our immense pride relative to his scholastic and athletic accomplishments, as well as our appreciation in connection with the fine publicity that he has brought to our community. I further provide that this Certificate of Recognition will be presented to Mr. Patterson during a meeting of the City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed, this 16th day of March, 2009.

CITY OF MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA
BILLY COPELAND, MAYOR

**Great
Job
Jamal!**



(L-R) Mayor Billy Copeland; Council members Rufus Stewart and Sandra Vincent; honoree Jamal-Rashad Patterson; Council members Gail Notti, Wayne Smith, Gina Riffey and Monta Brown; and the honoree's parents George and Shirley Patterson following the presentation.



Veterans or Veterans' families wanting additional information may call McDonough City Hall at 770-957-3915, ext. 2265.

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm
Thursdays, 1-3pm

The City of McDonough is currently participating in a **Residential Toilet Rebate Program** on a first-come-first-serve basis while funds last. For more information visit



<http://www.northgeorgiawater.com/html/315.htm>

Upcoming City Meetings & Events

Main Street McD. Programs In RED / Other Events in BLUE

ALL DATES AND TIMES NOTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

APRIL, 2009

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	4-02	5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	4-06	7:00 P.M.
BOZA	4-09	6:30 P.M.
P/Z WORKSHOP	4-14	6:30 P.M.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	4-16	7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	4-20	7:00 P.M.
MAIN STREET'S CLASSIC & OPEN CAR SHOW	4-25	NOON—5:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	4-28	6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	4-30	5:00 P.M.

MAY, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MEETING	5-04	7:00 P.M.
60'S BRITISH CONCERT (HERITAGE Pk)	5-09	6:00 P.M.
TICKETS AT WELCOME CTR.		
P/Z WORKSHOP	5-12	6:30 P.M.
BOZA	5-14	6:30 P.M.
32ND GERANIUM FESTIVAL	5-16	9 A.M.—5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	5-18	7:00 P.M.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	5-21	7:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	5-26	6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	5-28	5:00 P.M.

For additional information on:

Events — call the McDonough Welcome Center at 770-898-9311.

Meetings — call McDonough City Hall at 770-957-3915.

City of McDonough

**Going Green,
Clean
&
Lean**

Lending a Hand

Month of April
Walk with Billy

Join Us On This Journey!

www.mcdonoughga.org

Ah, Spring—that wonderful time of year when everything is covered with blossoms, and fresh new leaves are sprouting everywhere. Trees and bushes that looked lifeless only a few days ago are bursting with vitality.

McDonough is changing, too. We're *going green, clean and lean*. Now what on earth do we mean by that? Well, for starters, let's talk about going green.

Going green is the new catch phrase for reducing greenhouse gasses and increasing sustainability. Improving air and water quality, energy efficiency, recycling, erosion control and litter prevention are all ways that we can go green. It's okay to start with baby steps. Simple changes such as turning lights off when you leave a room or fixing leaky faucets can reap big benefits over time.

The City is ready to move forward with a recycling program for City Hall to include aluminum, paper and plastics. Our recycling bins will be put in place in May.

Going clean refers to the City's continuing efforts to enhance the appearance of our downtown including signage. Signs sometimes seem like rabbits- they just keep multiplying, and after a while become a forest of signs that are unattractive and just plain tacky. Our Community Development Department is working on a pamphlet that simplifies the language of the City sign ordinance to make it more user friendly. These efforts will begin in the downtown district and extend citywide.

Going lean has been well defined by Mayor Cope-land and his able assistant Leslie Balog who have developed an exercise program beginning in April with "Walk with Billy" 30 Miles in 30 Days. Yoga, cycling and tennis will also be included. See your water bill or visit the city's web site www.mcdonoughga.org for more information.

What are the benefits of *going green, clean and lean*? Benefits include a more efficient government operation that will save taxpayers' money and provide a beautiful city for our citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Yes, McDonough is *going green, clean and lean*! Won't you join us on this journey?

Gina Riffey
Council Member at Large

Happy Administrative Professionals Day

Wednesday, April 22, 2009



SOUNDS OF THE 60'S

BRITISH INVASION

Heritage Park • Jason T. Harper Event Center
Saturday, May 9, 2009 • 6:00 p.m.



•Herman's Hermits
with Peter Noone
•Peter & Gordon
•Badfinger's
Joey Molland
•The Hollies'
Terry Sylvester

Tickets Available at the
McDonough Welcome Center

Around McDonough

The Ferst Foundation of Henry County will be holding a special "Bingo Night" to raise funds for the promotion of childhood literacy. This exciting event will take place on Thursday, April 2, at East Lake Elementary School from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be over \$1,500 in prizes with \$1, \$5, and \$10 cards available. Snacks and drinks will be available along with special entertainment. East Lake Elementary School is located at 199 East Lake Road in McDonough.

The mission of the Ferst Foundation in Henry County is to "improve childhood literacy by sending free books to all pre-school children." A child that is read to on a regular basis is a child that will learn to read. A child that can read is a child that will succeed. Please make plans to join our community for this great night of fun, fellowship, and support of a cause that will benefit our county for generations to come. For more information, please contact Steve Moore at (770) 914-9394.

Submitted.

Have a Heart
Be a Part —
YOU
Are Needed!

Saturday
April 18th
8 a.m.—
Noon

Lend a hand to keep
Henry County beautiful!

Hands On Henry

Saturday, April 18, 2009
8 A.M. — Noon
Henry County High School

Find out more about how to submit a project,
volunteer, or become a sponsor at
www.leadershiphenry.com

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City's Sloan Street Water Tower Gets Sandblasted, Primed & Painted

Five painters employed by Utility Service Co. Incorporated out of Perry, Georgia repainted the inside and outside of the City's 250,000 gallon City water tower located next to the Hazlehurst House on Sloan Street.



One painter said it would take at least 65 gallons of paint to do the job, along with 8 gallons of primer, and several days of good weather to get this job done. They finished four days later on Thursday, February 26th. Desert Sand is the name of one of the paint colors used.

The city tries to paint the water towers in five year increments to preserve the structure and keep it in good working condition.

It isn't cheap to replace a water tower if nothing is done and it's simply allowed to deteriorate.



Working high above the ground is not for the faint of heart. The five painters made it look easy, but don't think many people would be eager to tackle this job.



Downtown Renovations

Main Street McDonough Program Façade Reimbursement money is at work in downtown McDonough at 35 Griffin Street.

Thirty City employees signed up to attend Human Resource's Lunch 'N Learn session on budgeting and money management held at the McDonough Police headquarters on Monday, March 16th. Heni Jordan, with Georgia Federal Credit Union, facilitated the informative meeting.

Build a Basic Budget: The Five-Step Spending Plan



Heni Jordan

Georgia Cities Week ... "A Story to Tell"

Have you ever wondered where the water goes after it leaves the drain? Have you seen the newly renovated City Court? Ever wanted to sit in a fire truck or police car? What about a pleasant stroll through an old cemetery? You can do all these things and more during Georgia Cities Week April 19-25, 2009, as McDonough joins cities across the state in a program sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association to celebrate cities and the many services they provide. This year the theme is "Georgia Cities...A Story to Tell." Come join us and learn more about what makes McDonough special. For more information about our upcoming activities, call City Hall at 770-957-3915 or visit www.mcdonoughga.org.

By: Council Member Gina Riffey

