

McDonough Matters



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When Information Matters

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City of McDonough Welcomes New Community Development Director

The position of Community Development Director for the City of McDonough has been filled by a very qualified candidate, Kathleen Field, bringing with her, over 30 years of experience in the area of planning.



Kathleen Field

Ms. Field's most recent position was that of Community Development Director for the City of Roswell, Georgia. Her responsibilities there included administrative supervision over comprehensive planning, economic development initiatives, code enforcement, building inspection, engineering and land disturbance, and GIS. Prior to the position with Roswell, Ms. Field served as Planning Director for the Boston Housing Authority, Boston, Massachusetts.

For the past six years, Ms. Field has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Planning Association and is currently serving the second year of a two year term as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for *Senior Services North Fulton*. This non-profit agency is charged with providing in-home services, including Meals on Wheels, to seniors. In addition, it operates several neighborhood centers providing programs and congregate meals for frail elderly citizens.

The City's new Community Development Director grew up in Providence, Rhode Island and attended college and graduate school at Trinity College (now Trinity Washington University) in Washington, DC and The George Washington University, earning a BA in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning respectively.

Ms. Field and her husband currently reside in Johns Creek, Georgia. They have one daughter who lives in San Francisco. "My hobbies include antiques and gourmet cooking. The more stressed I am, the more complex the meal," quipped the City's

newest department head.

Regarding her new position with the City of McDonough, Ms. Field stated, "I am very pleased that I will be able to use my vast experience in the planning field to assist the City with its many challenges and opportunities. I look forward to meeting and working with all of the various constituents within McDonough."

Welcome, Director Field!

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **November 2nd**.....Election Day.....
REMEMBER TO VOTE!
- **November 7th**.....Daylight Savings Time Ends.....Fall Back—2:00 am
- **November 11th**.....Veterans Day.....
City Hall Closed
- **November 25th**.....Thanksgiving Day....
City Hall Closed 25/26



2010 Scarecrow Winners

A Main Street McDonough Program

**CONGRATS
Winners!!**

1st PLACE

Cat's Pajamas • Diane Moore



2nd PLACE

Shutterbugs, LTD • Danielle McGouirk



3rd PLACE

Bliss • Shelly DeLisle



2010 JUDGES

Faye Meyer
Helen Ponce
Laura Maddox



GOING GREEN AND CLEAN RECYCLEBANK

Making a difference in the recycling efforts in McDonough has meant the recent introduction of a new rewards recycling program entitled RECYCLEBANK. Fox 5 News visited the City in October to discuss this new rewards program. Terri O'Quinn, a Lawrenceville Street resident, agreed to discuss the program with Fox 5 from her front yard.



McDonough Mayor Billy Copeland discusses the RECYCLEBANK program underway in the City with FOX 5 reporter Stacey Elgin.

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE-10-29-10

A City of McDonough Event

Sara Wade
Age-2
Parents-
Dee & Trish
Wade of
McDonough



Callie Kosko
Age-10 mos.
Parents-
Nick &
Brooke
Kosko of
McDonough.



Layah
Fonseco
Age-4
Parents-
Shawn &
Karina
Fonseco of
College
Park



An estimated
1000
youngsters were
"treated"
this year.



One of Republic's recycling trucks was on hand to show how the actual pickup and dumping process is handled.



(L-R) RECYCLEBANK'S Karen Zarin, Elgin, and resident Terri Quinn explain how simple it is to recycle.



(L-R) Reporter Elgin, City Project Coordinator Jestin Johnson, and Mayor Copeland prepare to tape a segment for Fox 5.

MCDONOUGH'S NEW ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

Emily Raby



Emily Raby

The City of McDonough is proud to introduce the City's new Environmental Engineer, Emily Raby, an actual Henry County native.

After graduating from Stockbridge High School, Ms. Raby attended Georgia Tech and graduated in December, 2009 with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

As a GT student, she lived in the old Olympic Village for two years. Between "studying and studying," three major loves in her life took center stage and still do. They include reading, math, and physics. "Yes, I'm sort of a nerd," said the young engineer. Because of Ms. Raby's abilities in math, she has tutored and taught upper college prep math at Faith Academy both in Locust Grove and Stockbridge.

Animals are another love in her life, especially her two dogs, one cat, and a rabbit. She even has a grandmother and great-grandmother living in Conyers who are the owners of several goats and a donkey. A love of animals must run in that family. Growing unique tropical plants, such as orchids, bromeliads, Peruvian Lilies, and Indonesian Large Arums, and a little better known plant—the violet, was a hobby in her dorm while still at Tech and at home following graduation. This horticultural hobby is still on her list of top loves in her life.

"I look forward to learning all I can as McDonough's Environmental Engineer, and improving upon the existing Stormwater system of the City, and learning other facets of the Public Works Department," expressed Ms. Raby. She added, "To all the wonderful people I've met so far who have welcomed me and helped me make a smooth transition into this position, I couldn't have wished for more! I am truly grateful for all the kindnesses."

GT

Welcome aboard, Emily!!

GT

McDonough elementary students visit city hall to tour and talk with the mayor



A Main Street McDonough Program Event



An estimated 2500 people attended this year's event.

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Business Spotlight

SQUARE DEALS SQUARE MEALS IN MCDONOUGH



THE SEASONS BISTRO
41 GRIFFIN STREET
MCDONOUGH
770-228-2544

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Vote!

Registrar's Office in McDonough
7:00 a.m.--7:00 p.m.
(770-288-6449)

vote vote vote vote vote vote vote vote vote

Shop McDonough
This Holiday Season

A SUCCESSFUL JOB FAIR



The McDonough Presbyterian Church was the site of the City's 2010 Job Fair for the first time.

Presbyterian Church on McGarity Road was the new location for the October 22nd event. The previous two Job Fairs had been held in the education building of Shiloh Baptist Church. However, the number of individuals seeking employment in Henry County has grown so much that a larger facility was necessary for the 2010 Job Fair.

And come they did in massive numbers. Even before the event began at 10:00 a.m., there was a line of job seekers outside the



Henry County citizens kept coming hoping for the right connection.



Approximately 30 businesses participated in the 2010 Job Fair.

Job Fair to get underway.

Atlanta Regional Commission's Mobile Career Resource Center was also on hand with 13 computer stations as additional aids.

Lead Career Advisor Angela Jenkins (Left) guided those using the Mobile Center's stations.



ARC/Clayton State's Mobile Career Resource Center was parked at the church offering additional help through on-board computer stations.

The location was different, but the purpose was the same—putting Henry County citizens back to work!

The McDonough

Consolidated Copier Services' Stephanie Robinson (Left) talks with participants about her company and any positions available.



Edward Jones Financial Advisor David Dodd discusses opportunities with Michelle Jackson of McDonough.

second may be how many job seekers show up. Another might be the comments of those who actually use the event in the search for employment.

One such participant was Kathi Stensland of Locust Grove. As she started out the door, she stopped and turned around. Ms. Stensland said, "I'm so glad you had this Job Fair here in McDonough. It's so much more convenient than having to travel to Atlanta, Decatur, or some other city." She added, "This is the best Job Fair I have been to. They [the participating businesses] are actually hiring and will talk to you not just try to sell you something. Hello, what part of unemployed do they not understand when they do that?"



The City's Veterans' Information and Referral Office was present to provide assistance.

There are many ways to measure the success, or lack thereof, when you facilitate an event such as the City of McDonough's 3rd Annual Job Fair. One may be the number of businesses that take part. A



Henry County's Denese Rodgers (Left) thanks Kathi Stensland for her participation and kind comments.

The hopeful participant shook Denese Rodgers' hand and ended with one final comment, "It's a blessing for local residents to have this Job Fair here."

Special recognition goes to Mayor's Assistant Leslie Balog and those who helped make this year's Job Fair such a huge successful.



Tracey Scott, HR Director for Lowe's in Stockbridge, greeted those passing her table with a friendly smile and any help that she could offer.

MUSIC ON THE SQUARE

A Main Street McDonough Event

The "Doc" Driver Band

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off Entertainment



Major Plus for the City of McDonough

On year ago, October, 2009, the groundbreaking took place for the Judicial Complex Parking Deck in McDonough. Mayor Billy Copeland (Front, Second from Right) participated in that ceremony.



Construction continued throughout 2009 and into 2010.

Today, one year later, it offers two floors of parking for McDonough shoppers, and the holidays are coming!! MORE PARKING FOR MORE SHOPPING!!!!

And the Winner Is....

CONGRATS Winners!!

(Front, L-R) Main Street Director Linda Schenk; Mayor Billy Copeland, 1st Place Winner Paul Cauble; little Emily Woodard and Robin Harris, Next Level Church; Scott Zebrowski, State Court Investigator; (Back, L-R) Anthony Willingham, Jr.; Justin Willingham, Willingham's Kitchen, 2nd Place Winner; Minister Joel Harris and Angela Woodard with Next Level Church, Spirit Award Winner.



City of McDonough Employees' November Birthdays

Kyle Helgerson
 Martin Vaughn, Jr.
 Jim Harvey
 Dustin Pumm
 William Snead



One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese Proverb

Jeremy Newton
 Randall Lewis
 Shelby Holmes
 Bubba Gregory
 Bobby Duncan
 Mayor Billy Copeland



**AROUND
TOWN**

Don't Forget—RECYCLE!

Strawn Company Insurance



Harris & Tucker Jewelers

GRITZ



Stacy's Closet, Inc.
Photo courtesy of Stacy Yates

Sadie Mac's



Judges for Main Street McDonough's 2010 Scarecrow Decorating Contest are three board members of McDonough Arts and include (L-R) Faye Meyer, Helen Ponce, and Laura Maddox. Of course, they had a little fun along the way!



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

RecycleBank
Banking on a Cleaner Planet

This program means SAVINGS for McDonough Citizens

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Upcoming Events & City Meetings

Events / **Main Street McDonough Programs In RED**

ALL DATES AND TIMES NOTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
VISIT www.mcdonoughga.org FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS.

NOVEMBER, 2010

CITY COUNCIL MEETING	11-01	7:00 P.M.
CHANGE CLOCKS—FALL BACK 1 HR.	11-07	2:00 A.M.
P/Z WORKSHOP	11-09	6:30 P.M.
BOZA	11-18	6:30 P.M.
▪ MERCHANTS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE	11-14	NOON-5:00 P.M.
▪ FESTIVAL OF ARTS ON THE SQUARE	11-14	NOON-5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	11-15	7:00 P.M.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	11-18	7:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	11-23	6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER, 2010

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	12-02	5:00 P.M.
▪ TREE LIGHTING ON SQUARE	12-04	5:30 P.M.
▪ CHRISTMAS PARADE	12-04	6:00 P.M.
▪ SANTA SATURDAY ON THE SQUARE	12-04	11 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
W/HENLEY VARNER BAND		NOON-3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	12-06	7:00 P.M.
BOZA	12-09	6:30 P.M.
▪ SANTA SATURDAY ON THE SQUARE	12-11	11 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
P/Z WORKSHOP	12-14	6:30 P.M.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	12-16	7:00 P.M.
▪ SANTA SATURDAY ON THE SQUARE	12-18	11 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	12-20	7:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	12-28	6:30 P.M.

****McDonough City Hall will be closed these dates:****

Veterans Day... 11--11 Christmas... 12--23 / 24
Thanksgiving... 11--25 / 26 New Year's Eve... 12--31

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

Meetings — Call McDonough City Hall at **770-957-3915**.

EVENTS • 770-898-9311 MEETINGS • 770-957-3915

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



**From
Mayor Billy Copeland
City Council &
Staff**

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