

# McDonough Matters



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*When Information Matters*

November, 2010



American Legion Post 55 Commander Bill Hightower introduces the main speaker for the day's event.

## Veterans Day Celebration at the Veterans Wall of Honor

Heritage Park  
11-11-10



Strong Rock High School's Orchestra played a selection of patriotic songs.



Main Event Speaker—  
COL Thomas M. Carden, Jr.  
Commander—560th  
Battlefield  
Surveillance Brigade



Post 55 Auxiliary President Gina Riffey pauses as the wreath is moved to the wall.



(L-R) County Commission Chairperson B. J. Mathis, McDonough Mayor Billy Copeland, and American Legion Post 55 Auxiliary President Gina Riffey take part in the ceremony.



The crowd is large and hearts humble as McDonough and Henry County say "THANK YOU" to this country's Veterans.



As TAPS is played, everyone stands in silence as salutes and hands over hearts are evident throughout the large audience.



Retired Veterans in uniforms from past military service stand out in the crowd.



Henry County ROTC presented the Colors to open the ceremony and retires the flag at the conclusion of the activities.



TAPS is played by Jim Houston with Bugles Across America.

**Veterans Day Service in the Education Building of Shiloh Baptist Church**

Shiloh Baptist Church's Education Building was the location of the church's 2010 service honoring America's Veterans on November 11th who have given so much. Raymond Reeves, American Legion Post 516 was the guest speaker for this occasion. Mayor Billy Copeland, City Clerk Janis Price, Councilmembers Rufus Amis, Rufus Stewart, and Sandra Vincent were in attendance. Senator Emanuel Jones was also in the audience.



*(L-R) McDonough Mayor Billy Copeland; American Legion Commander Post 55 Bill Hightower; Doug Cloud; Speaker for the occasion 1st Sergeant Raymond P. Reeves; and American Legion 4th District Commander John Pierson take part in the Shiloh service honoring America's Veterans.*



*Councilmember Rufus Amis (Second from Left) and wife Nonie (Right) line up with others in attendance to enjoy the delicious luncheon that is made available during the event.*



*McDonough City Clerk Janis Price and 4th District Commander John Pierson chat during the lunch break.*



*(Left) Fred Auletta and Senator Emanuel Jones are in the audience.*



*(L-R) Councilmembers Rufus Stewart and Sandra Vincent are also among those in line at Shiloh's salute to Veterans.*



*Several church members, local dignitaries, and guests join together in paying tribute to this country's Veterans.*

**MAIN STREET PRESENTS FAÇADE CHECK ON NOV. 4TH TO STACY'S CLOSET, INC.**



*(L-R) Councilmember Wayne Smith; Stacy's Closet, Inc. owner Stacy Yates; Ray Yates; McDonough Mayor Billy Copeland; Vicki Myers, Bank of North Georgia; and Main Street Director Linda Schenk participated in Main Street's façade grant reimbursement check presentation to Stacy's Closet, Inc. located next to GRITZ on the McDonough Square. The shop features gently worn clothing, shoes, and gift items. Stacy's Closet is open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon-4:00 p.m. For more information call 678-786-2490.*



**FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOUR HEARTHS...**

**Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. May peace, love, health, happiness, and prosperity be your constant companions in 2011!!**

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

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

### 3rd Annual Veterans Breakfast at Heritage Senior Center

Veterans gathered, some on Monday, November 8th, a few less on Tuesday, November 9th, for the City of McDonough's annual two day Veterans Breakfast that takes place each year at Heritage Senior Center.

Mayor Billy Copeland welcomed the Veterans and expressed his appreciation to each one present.

Veteran Gina Riffey followed the Mayor and introduced the main speaker for the occasion, local business woman and Veteran Annette O'Banion. The title of her address, "These are my Credentials," referred to the other Veterans present.

Special recognition was given by her and others to HCHS Senior R. O. T. C. Cadet Travis Harris, the first physically challenged Cadet to complete a school R. O. T. C. program in Henry County.



Special guest speaker is Annette O'Banion, a local business owner and Veteran.



Veteran Gina Riffey introduces her friend Annette O'Banion.



Mayor Copeland thanks Ms. O'Banion for her participation.



Rita Green (Left) and Commission Chairperson B. J. Mathis (Second from Left), talk with (L-R) Gina Riffey, Annette O'Banion, and Gloria Copeland before the breakfast starts.



Travis Harris (Right) personally thanks the speaker.



Mayor Copeland and wife, Gloria, give much support to local Veterans.



Captain Steve Seal (Left) and Cadet Travis Harris visit during the breakfast.



Locust Grove Mayor Lorene Lindsey (Second from Left) is among the guests.



Mayor Copeland welcomes those in attendance.

Business Spotlight

SQUARE  
DEALS  
SQUARE  
MEALS  
IN MCDONOUGH



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## McDONOUGH CITY COUNCIL 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE:

**\*\* Only ONE monthly COUNCIL MEETING scheduled \*\***

### JANUARY, 2011

Workshop	January 6	5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	January 10	7:00 p.m.

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### FEBRUARY, 2011

Workshop	February 3	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	February 7	7:00 p.m.
“ (Presidents Day)	February 21	7:00 p.m.

### MARCH, 2011

Workshop	March 3	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	March 7	7:00 p.m.
“	March 21	7:00 p.m.

### APRIL, 2011

Workshop	March 31	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	April 4	7:00 p.m.
“	April 18	7:00 p.m.

### MAY, 2011

Workshop	April 28	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	May 2	7:00 p.m.
“	May 16	7:00 p.m.

### JUNE, 2011

Workshop	June 2	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	June 6	7:00 p.m.
“	June 20	7:00 p.m.

### JULY, 2011

Workshop	June 30	5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	July 11	7:00 p.m.

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### AUGUST, 2011

Workshop	July 28	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	August 1	7:00 p.m.
“	August 15	7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER, 2011

Workshop	September 1	5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	September 12	7:00 p.m.

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### OCTOBER, 2011

Workshop	September 29	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	October 3	7:00 p.m.
“	October 17	7:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER, 2011

Workshop	November 3	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	November 7	7:00 p.m.
“	November 21	7:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER, 2011

Workshop	December 1	5:00 p.m.
Council Meetings	December 12	7:00 p.m.

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### JANUARY, 2012

Workshop	To Be Determined
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## City's Water Distribution Gets a Kubota Mini Excavator

When it comes to getting equipment into small places or trying to do as little damage as possible at a jobsite, something on a smaller scale is called for.

The City of McDonough's Water Distribution recently purchased a much needed piece of equipment, a Kubota Mini Excavator. Now, smaller work areas are not the problem they once were.

McDonough Public Works Director Lee Hearn described the new unit as a mini excavator that has tracks and weighs in at 10 tons. In essence, it's a small back hoe on tracks.

Director Hearn further explained that the Kubota will perform impressively on water and sewer line work as the operator has better vision relative to the work site and is actually closer to the digging. "The tracks will do less damage to yards and grassed areas which is a definite plus," stated the Public Works Director.

Basically, the City needed a unit that could work in tight quarters around other utilities. Having the benefit of better vision when working with this tractor is a major asset. This unit was included in the 2010 City budget under SPLOST acquisitions and was paid for with SPLOST funds.

"I am delighted to have the Kubota mini excavator added to our equipment inventory as this unit will certainly increase the efficiency of the Water Distribution Department," said Director Hearn. "It will also allow our employees to do a better job for our water customers in McDonough."



*Water Distribution employee J. R. McMahan puts the new Kubota mini excavator through its paces.*



*At the end of the day, the Kubota is unloaded at the shop and parked out of the weather to await its next call to duty.*

*Ho! Ho! Ho!*

*On Dasher & Dancer, & Prancer & Vixen, On Comet & Cupid, & Donner & Blitzen....& Rudolph, NO ATTITUDE, just light the way! Children are waiting!!!*



**J'Rose Cuts Ribbon**

*(Front Row, L-R) Beverly Taylor, Henry Co. Times; co-owners Jocelyn Swinnie and her mother, Rosemary Thornton; Mayor Billy Copeland; Councilmember Wayne Smith; Vicki Myers, Bank of North Georgia; and Main Street Director Linda Schenk.*

**J'Rose**  
Main Street McDonough held a ribbon cutting on November 5th for a new fashion shop, **J'Rose**, located on the Square at 19-B Griffin Street in the Harry Norman Building. Family and friends joined with Main Street volunteers to cut the ribbon. **J'Rose** is open Monday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm. Call **770-898-8333**.



**Volunteer... and Lend a Helping Hand this Holiday Season and throughout the Year**

**—SOME SUGGESTIONS—**

**SALVATION ARMY—**  
Needs bell ringers  
Call Mary Green 770-957-8868


**HELPING IN HIS NAME MINISTRIES (food pantry in Henry Co.)—678-565-6135**

**HERITAGE SENIOR CENTER—**  
Call Rita Green 770-288-7010

**NOAH'S ARK—770-957-0888**

**Janis Price**  
**William Barnett**  
**Jestin Johnson**  
**Bud Smith**  
**James Daino**  
**Jack Turner**  
**Jason Maneol**  
**Antoinette Odoms**

**City of McDonough Employees' December Birthdays**



*"No wise man ever wished to be younger."*

Jonathan Swift

**Sandra Vincent**  
**Kenny Doyal**  
**Steve Morgan**  
**Billy Beckett**  
**Eric Stewart**  
**Angela Chester**  
**Dion Morrison**



**AROUND  
TOWN**

**Don't Forget—RECYCLE!**



Mayor Billy Copeland in PINK??? Who would have thought it could happen??? Guess it proves that real men do wear pink—at least, to a City Council Workshop.

The McDonough Square is beautifully adorned with Christmas decorations. Truly, it's beginning to look a lot like.....



The McDonough Welcome Center will be all aglow with lights when they are turned on in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4th.

The statue stands watch over the festive holiday lights and other decorations as the Square comes alive with color for the 2010 holiday season.



Visit often for McDonough news, events, e-newsletter, and other information.

McDONOUGH MATTERS IS ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE



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](http://www.mcdonoughga.org) Calendar of Events FOR MORE EVENTS

**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 W/HENLEY VARNER BAND	12-04	11 A.M.-3:00 P.M. NOON-3:00 P.M.
▪ HOME OF FINE ARTS CONNECTION & THE CONCERT CHOIR	12-04	4:30 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.
▪ CITY STAFF CHRISTMAS VARSITY LUNCHEON AT AVALON FIRE STAT.	12-17	1 P.M.-2:00 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.
▪ CITY HALL STAFF LUNCHEON	12-21	NOON-1:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	12-28	6:30 P.M.

**JANUARY, 2011**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	1-06	5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	1-10	7:00 P.M.
P/Z WORKSHOP	1-11	6:30 P.M.
BOZA	1-13	6:30 P.M.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	1-20	7:00 P.M.
P/Z PUBLIC MEETING	1-25	6:30 P.M.

Be apart of all the activities that make McDonough so special!

EVENTS • 770-898-9311

MEETINGS • 770-957-3915

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