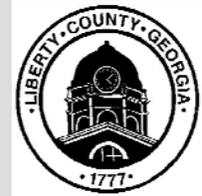


The Liberty County Cast February 2016



Featured Photo: The YALL group (above with Sheriff Sikes) visited county government and toured the Jail.

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We Make it Easy to Recycle

By Johnny Schaadt, Solid Waste Operations Manager

For those who don't know or are new to county, the solid waste operation is made up of four departments: Collection, Disposal, Recycling and Keep Liberty Beautiful, and employs a total of twenty full-time and part-time workers. In this featured spotlight, we will be focusing on the Recycling department.

The Recycling Program of Liberty County began in 1993 with the placement of drop-off recycling stations at the then-existing convenience centers. As additional convenience centers were built, recycling stations were included in their layout design. Today we have 11 recycling drop-off stations throughout the county. Seven of the stations are located in our rural convenience centers, one in Riceboro and three in Hinesville.

Through our recycling efforts, Liberty County was able to divert 536 tons of recyclable materials from the landfill last year. These materials were collected by the Solid Waste business cardboard route and the Recycling Program.

The Recycling department has three employees: Brenda Hearn, Recycling

Coordinator, and Recycling Maintenance Workers Randy Kornegay and Berton (Jr.) Kincaid. Collecting all the recyclables throughout the county is a big task; luckily the recycling department uses community service workers to help collect and to sort the materials.

Over the years, the Recycling Program has expanded to include business recycling. The program makes it simple for businesses to recycle paper products, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Businesses are provided with exterior recycling polycarts that are emptied regularly. There are over 120 businesses that participate in this program.

Recyclables are also collected from our area schools. In Liberty County, 13 of the 14 schools have active recycling programs. The Recycling department employees coordinate the collection and pick-up of the items as needed.

What happens to the items collected? Depending on the resale value of the recyclables, they are either hauled to

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PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 15, 2016

President's Day is a federal holiday observed on the third Monday of February to honor the birthdays of two great U.S. presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Liberty County offices will be closed in observance of this holiday.

TAX FORM 1095-C DEADLINES EXTENDED BY I.R.S.

In January's newsletter, we told you about a new I.R.S. tax document (Form 1095-C) for reporting health insurance coverage. Since then, the Internal Revenue Service has extended the deadlines for furnishing and filing them.

The due date for employers to print and mail Form 1095-C to recipients is now March 31, 2016 (from January 31).

The due date for recipients to file Form 1095-C is now May 31, 2016 (from April 15).

As a result of these extensions, you may not receive a Form 1095-C by the time you file your 2015 tax returns. For further guidance, please see [Notice 2016-04](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n16-04.pdf). (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n16-04.pdf>)

Recycling Spotlight, continued

recyclable buyers or donated to the Fort Stewart Recycling Program.

What items are collected? Plastics bottles, mixed plastics, aluminum and steel/tin cans, newspaper & paper, magazines, cardboard and glass.

Why should we recycle? Recycling saves energy, helps sustain our environment, reduces pollution, creates jobs and conserves natural resources.

The Liberty County Recycling Program makes it easy for our residents to recycle.



Photo: the Convenience Center on Fort Morris Road

A list of convenience center locations and recyclable items can be found on our website: http://www.libertycountyga.com/egov/documents/1435766037_56596.pdf

Don't Be a Drip About Water Conservation

By Sara Swida, Keep Liberty Beautiful Director

Water is one of those things that we use every day and quite frankly take for granted every day. What would happen if we turned on the faucet and nothing came out? I would panic. I think you would too. Water is truly one of our most precious resources. We tend to use it without thinking about it. We can make choices every day that can conserve and use water wisely.

Consider these tips and staggering facts on water use from *National Geographic* and www.epa.gov:

- Water is wasted if you turn on the tap and let it run while you wait for the water to get hot. To reduce waste, wrap pipes with insulation. You also might want to consider a tankless water heater.



- How old is your washing machine? Newer models are significantly more efficient. Nearly 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on your machine to the proper load size. Use cold water setting for most loads. Try using less detergent.

- Most front-loading machines are energy- and water-efficient, using just over 20 gallons a

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Happy Anniversary!

We wish to recognize our full-time & part-time employees who celebrate a service anniversary this month.
“Thank you for your service!”

◆ 24 Years

Greg Pike (Sheriff’s Office)

◆ 23 Years

Jerald Binkley (Jail Operations)

Lisa Boyd (Jail Operations)

◆ 21 Years

Erica Smith (Public Safety Comm.)

◆ 20 Years

Jonathan Tilley (Narcotics)

◆ 19 Years

Catherine Hewitt (Child Support)

◆ 16 Years

Jeff Clark (Tax Commissioner)

Randy Durrence (Animal Control)

◆ 13 Years

Georgia Holliday (Tax Assessors)

◆ 12 Years

Bobby Kindley Jr. (Building Maintenance)

Carol Merrill (Tax Commissioner)

◆ 10 Years

Charlene Penny (Recreation)

Tau Posiulai (Tax Commissioner)

Kathy Stoddard (Clerk of Courts)

◆ 9 Years

Vonzell Butler

Stephanie Higginbotham

Tianna Taitai-Davis

(all—Public Safety Communications)

◆ 8 Years

Donna D’Ostroph (Clerk of Courts)

Kelly Little (State Court Judge)

Quixote McCullough (Tax Assessors)

◆ 6 Years

Kim Hart (Public Safety Comm.)

Anna Spurgeon (Public Safety Comm.)

◆ 6 Years

Lawrence Fleming (Roads)

Brandi Wedincamp (Tax Assessors)

◆ 5 Years

Rachel Cordero (Jail Operations)

Chemika Jones (Recreation, P/T)

Debra Teague (Child Support)

◆ 3 Years

Alexis Smith (D.A.’s Office)

Christopher Thomas (Sheriff’s Office)

Jimmy Williams (Jail Operations)

◆ 2 Years

David Abby (Jail Operations)

Larry Wallace (Building Maintenance)

◆ 1 Year

Robert Kitchings (Jail Operations)

Welcome Aboard!



Jack Baker

Jailer

@ County Jail



Tavashyette Facey

Jailer

@ County Jail

Promotions

- ADS **Brittany Fleming** was promoted to Corporal in the Sheriff’s Office.
- CPL **Weyman Chapman Jr.** is now Shift Sergeant at the Jail.
- **Brittney Alexander** was promoted from part-time Visitation Clerk to full-time Jailer.

Training

Congratulations to Jailers **David Abby** and **David Bruno** who successfully completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program in December.

RECYCLE IT! FAIR

Saturday, February 20
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Quarterly event hosted by Keep Liberty Beautiful to collect old electronics and household hazardous waste items to recycle/re-use.

3 drop-off locations:

- Liberty Co. Health Dept.
- Midway Fire Dept.
- Walthourville City Hall

Also featuring an Arbor Day Tree Giveaway! Celebrate Georgia Arbor Day by planting trees. One free tree per household while supplies last.

For more info & full list of items accepted:

<http://keeplibertybeautiful.org/recycle-it-fairs.html>

PRAYER RALLY FOR 1ST RESPONDERS

Saturday, February 20
11:30 a.m.

The United Ministerial Alliance of Liberty County presents their annual prayer rally for first responders on the steps of the Historic Liberty County Courthouse.

Come show your support for ALL of our emergency personnel and those affected by their service.

[FB.com/libertyuma](https://www.facebook.com/libertyuma)

Don't Be a Drip, continued

load, while most top-loading machines, unless they are energy-efficient, use 40 gallons per load.

- On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.

- If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower. Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you also save energy and keep dollars in your pocket.



- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe—if you keep the shower time under five minutes.

- All of those flushes can add up to nearly 20 gallons a day down the toilet. If you still have a standard toilet, which uses close to 3.5 gallons a flush, you can save by retrofitting or filling your tank with something that will displace some of that water, such as a brick.

- Dishwashing is a relatively small part of your water footprint—less than 2% of indoor use—but there are always ways to conserve. Using a machine is actually more water efficient than hand washing, especially if you run full loads.

- Energy Star dishwashers use about 4 gallons of water per load, and even standard machines use only about 6 gallons. Hand washing generally uses about 20 gallons of water each time.

- Nearly 60% of a person's household water footprint can go toward lawn and

garden maintenance. Water 2-3 times a week instead of daily and do it as early in the morning as possible.

- That quarter pounder is worth more than 30 average American showers. One of the easiest ways to slim your water footprint is to eat less meat and dairy. Another way is to choose grass-fed, rather than grain-fed, since it can take a lot of water to grow corn and other feed crops.

- A serving of poultry costs about 90 gallons of water to produce. There are also water costs embedded in the transportation of food (gasoline costs water to make). So, consider how far your food has to travel, and buy local to cut your water footprint.

- On average, a vegan, a person who doesn't eat meat or dairy, indirectly consumes nearly 600 gallons of water per day **less** than a person who eats the average American diet.

- A cup of coffee takes 55 gallons of water to make, with most of that H₂O used to grow the coffee beans.

- Washing a car uses about 150 gallons of water. Wash less frequently to cut back on your water use.

- It takes nearly 13 gallons of water to produce a gallon of gasoline. Combine your errands, car pool to work, or take public transportation to reduce both your energy and water use.

Conserving water every day is one way, we can all use this resource more wisely. Making healthy choices every day about water usage can also make a powerful difference. Don't be a drip about water conservation! Clean water is worth protecting.



YOU ARE why we're Getting Personal!

Through ACCG's "You Are Why We're Here" program, we highlight a Liberty County employee each month to help our community better understand the work of county employees and the individuals that are doing these important jobs.



YOU ARE why Brenda is HERE

The Employee of the Year hardly ever falls down on the job.

MEET *Brenda Hearn*, RECYCLING COORDINATOR.

WHAT'S THE HARDEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE

Changing careers, but it's the best thing I've ever done.

WHAT YOU WANTED TO BE WHEN YOU WERE SIX

Wonder Woman!

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Falling and sliding out of the newspaper bin at one of the recycling centers in front of 5 people.

HOBBIES OR INTERESTS

Landscaping, working out and cars.

IF YOU WERE VOTED "MOST LIKELY" IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT WAS IT FOR

I was voted most likely to become a comedian.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Being named the Keep Georgia Beautiful 2011 Public Works Employee of the Year.

WHAT YOUR JOB MEANS TO YOU

Everything—I absolutely love it. I get to make a difference in the environment every day.

WHAT DO YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR JOB

That it's a very labor-intensive job.

OTHER FACTS ABOUT YOUR JOB

We collect over 16 tons of recyclable material monthly.

YOU ARE
why we're
HERE

Learn more about Liberty County government and the people behind it at YouAreWhyWereHere.com

**Liberty County
prescription drug
discount card helps
residents save \$\$ on
prescriptions for whole
family, even pets.**

Many families and individuals are struggling to afford prescription medications. Discount prescription programs help those who are not insured or are underinsured receive significant discounts on prescriptions filled by local retailers. Liberty County has partnered with **Coast2Coast Rx** to offer a pharmacy discount program to its residents. There is no cost to the county or the card user to use this program.

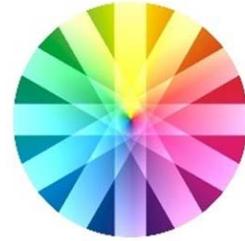
Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies and medical providers which can be found at www.coast2coastrx.com.

The prescription card is good for the entire family and has no health, age or income restrictions. In addition, there are no fees or paperwork for residents to complete. Card users simply present the card at the time of the service and receive the discount. There is no expiration date or limit on the number of times the card can be used. The typical savings on prescription drugs is 55%.

Pick up a discount card at the Board of Commissioners office or print one from the website at www.coast2coastrx.com.

For more info, contact Bob Sprinkel at (912) 876-2164.

2016 SPRING L.I.V.E. WELL CHALLENGE



Increase your physical activity level in a fun, social way!

WHEN

February 1-March 25

- Activity Tracking
- Group Workouts
- Photo Challenge

WHAT

**8-Week Wellness Challenge for
Liberty County Govt. Employees**



**Registration deadline:
February 5th**

Contact Laura in HR to get started!

Celebrations



Denise Arrington (Recreation) proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter, Chandler Denise, on Tuesday, January 19th. Chandler weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. She is the first child for Chelsea and Jamie Dillard. "Princess" Chandler is sure to be spoiled rotten by Denise and the rest of the family!

Dominique White and **Becky Carter** (Animal Control) welcomed a beautiful baby boy Dante on January 25th. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Congratulations on their new little bundle of joy!



We love to share happy news! Please keep us informed of birth & wedding announcements in your department. Submit information to Laura Troutman in the HR office.

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 7 Kelley Jackson (Child Support)
Feb. 9 Corine Jenkinson (Child Support)
Bruce Newton (Solid Waste)
Feb. 11 Jeff Hein (Jail Operations)
Feb. 12 Samantha Abbgly (Recreation)
Feb. 15 Pharris Proctor (Building Maintenance)
Feb. 16 Ralph Vinson (Road Dept.)

Feb. 18 Stephanie Higginbotham (Public Safety
Comm.)
Feb. 19 Leon Braun (State Court Judge)
Feb. 22 Steve Teel (Sheriff's Office)
Feb. 25 Corey Nadeau (Sheriff's Office)
Feb. 26 Shari McHugh (Jail Operations)

*Support the
Sheriff's 5th Annual
Blood Drive!*



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

American Red Cross

Liberty County Sheriff's Office Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, February 19
11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**In the Bloodmobile - Justice Center parking lot
201 S. Main Street, Hinesville**

To make an appointment visit
www.redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code: **lcs0** or contact
Laura Troutman at (912) 876-2164 or
laura.troutman@libertycountyga.com

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*Urgent Need for
Blood Types
O, AB, B-, A-*

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Monthly Motivation:

*We make a living by what we
get, but we make a life
by what we give.
- Winston Churchill*



Board of Commissioners Monthly Calendar

FEBRUARY 2016

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February 1

BOC Facebook Town Hall Meeting @ 5-6 p.m.

February 2

BOC Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse Annex, Room 2100

February 5

BOC Department Head Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
Courthouse Annex, Room 2100

February 15

Presidents Day Holiday (County offices closed)

February 18

BOC Mid-Month Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Courthouse Annex, Room 2100

View the Community Calendar of Events at www.libertycounty.org



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Street Address

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