



County employees gather for an exercise class as part of our spring wellness challenge.

Official Newsletter for Liberty County Government Employees



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Never a Dull Moment in Animal Control

By Randy Durrence, Animal Control Director

The field of Animal Control is one of the fastest growing professions in the country. The days of the "dogcatcher" and the "pounds" are quickly disappearing forever! Animal Control Officers and other employees in the field of Animal Control work and strive to serve the public as the frontline of defense to protect the health and safety of humans and animals. The challenges and rewards of a job in Animal Control are extensive.

There are many pro's of working in the field of Animal Control. First and foremost is the ability to protect pets and people. We also experience the joy of adopting animals to loving, responsible people who have planned for the lifetime commitment to a pet. We have opportunities to rescue animals from cruelty situations and prosecute the individuals who often torture & abuse animals. It is gratifying to assure that impounded animals are being provided the proper and humane care at the shelter, until the pet owner reclaims them or until they are (hopefully) adopted.

Animal Control work is NEVER dull, and the challenges are never-ending! Unusual animal calls offer a variety of work and provides an excitement to meet the unexpected challenges. When good programs are developed to change outdated systems, it feels good to know your efforts made a difference. There is scientific data that has proven pets are beneficial to human health. It is a great feeling to match a perfect pet to the right person.

There are some things that make working in Animal Control not so pleasant at times. It is frustrating to know you often satisfy the person making a complaint but make the pet owner angry when you do your job. The general public often does not understand the need for animal control enforcement until it is their child that is bitten by a dog or their pet is attacked.

Also, many people still do not believe, or won't accept, the realities of pet overpopulation and blame. People want to own animals but often don't want to accept the personal & financial

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE YOUTH SUMMIT

Organized by
Commissioner Justin Frasier

Saturday, March 5
10am—2pm
@ Shuman Rec. Center

Liberty County Youth Matters is focused on helping the adolescent population of Liberty County discuss issues they encounter daily by providing them with a setting where they feel comfortable engaging in dialogue with adults who can provide them with insight, guidance, and encouraging words that would lead them to live more productive, healthy lives.

The Summit is free and open to all Liberty County 6th-12th graders.

Register online here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-matters-criminal-justice-teen-summit-tickets-21648481190>

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETING

Hosted by
Commissioner Marion Stevens Sr.

Monday, March 7
6:30 p.m.
@ Liberty County
Community Complex

All residents of District 1 are invited to this community meeting featuring presentations from various County department heads.

For more information, contact Marion Stevens Sr. at (912) 884-5699 or marionstevenssr@yahoo.com

Never a Dull Moment (continued)

responsibility of pet ownership, then blame others when there are problems.

A long-term commitment in Animal Control requires tremendous dedication to the animals and the public. Being an

Animal Control worker is an outstanding job and career. It is not for everyone, but it is rewarding to know you are making a difference in the lives of pets and people. We love our job and we think it's the best in the world.

L.I.V.E. WELL LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT 101

Friday, March 11th

Are you looking forward to the day you retire? Do you wonder if your pension and Social Security income will be enough? Planning ahead can put you in a position to live comfortably during your retirement years. To learn more, sign up for our next employee lunch-n-learn on Friday, March 11 at Noon in the Courthouse Annex. Our guest speaker is Glenda Cofield, a retirement planning expert from GEBCorp. She will offer tips & strategies you need to know 10, 20, and 30 years BEFORE you retire.

*** This is an encore presentation of the retirement lunch-n-learn offered last September. It is open to all full-time county employees who were unable to attend the previous class. ***

A complementary lunch will be provided to those who **register by March 7**. Attendees will also earn twenty-five (25) L.I.V.E. Well points.

Financial health is as essential to our well-being as good nutrition and exercise. Register today with Laura Troutman in HR by phone or email.



Birth Announcement



Georgia Holliday (Assessors Office) proudly announces the birth of her 2nd grandchild, Jordan Jermaine Holliday. He was born on December 30, 2015 and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Georgia's son Andre' Jay and Camalia Holliday are the proud parents. Jordan is also welcomed by his sister Jayla Janean Holliday.

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 Anniversary

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

■ 25 Years

Mary Herring (Building & Licensing)

■ 21 Years

Veronica McCullough (Probate Court)

■ 20 Years

Shelia Anderson (Jail Operations)
Mike Howard (Solid Waste)

■ 16 Years

Sandra Danielson (Recreation)

■ 14 Years

Gary Eason (Sheriff's Office)
James Thomas III (Recreation)

■ 12 Years

Bruce Newton (Solid Waste)
Shana Skipper (Child Support)

■ 11 Years

David Bruno (Jail Operations)
Gary Richardson (Sheriff's Office)

■ 9 Years

Dennis Abby (Sheriff's Office)
Alexander Alvarez (Building Maintenance)
Angel Deloera (Jail Operations)
Frazier Sylvers (Mosquito Control)

■ 8 Years

Jay Johnson (Tax Assessors)
Will Joyner (Solid Waste)
Tammy Kornegay (Public Safety Comm.)
Donald Norman (Solid Waste)

■ 6 Years

Gypsy James (UGA Extension Office)

■ 5 Years

Daniel Santiago (Finance)

■ 4 Years

Pharris Proctor (Building Maintenance)

■ 2 Years

James W. Caines (Tax Assessors)
Terry Hicks (Solid Waste)
LaDora Lewis (Sheriff's Office)
Casey Turner (Solid Waste)
Jody Voissem (Sheriff's Office)

■ 1 Year

Cheryl Crummett (P/T, Public Safety Comm.)
Cameo Green (P/T, Tax Assessors)
Tera Harrell (P/T, Animal Control)
James Hendry (P/T, Solid Waste)
Gerald Morris (P/T, Magistrate Court)
Darin Melton (Mosquito Control)

*In the February newsletter, we incorrectly listed the anniversary year for **Anna Spurgeon** and **Kim Hart** as 6 years instead of 7 years. We apologize for the typo.*

Welcome Aboard



Amy Jaroch

Administrative Clerk, part-time
@ Building Maintenance



Steven Tiensvold

Convenience Center Custodian, part-time
@ Solid Waste Collection



Haley Williams

Administrative Clerk, part-time
@ Fire Services



Jasper "Sonny" VanTassel Jr.

Convenience Center Custodian, part-time
@ Solid Waste Collection

Liberty County will celebrate National County Government Month in April with a Geocache Adventure!

Kick-Off Event:
9 a.m. Saturday, April 9th
at Dorchester Civic Center



DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME IS MARCH 13



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour when you go to bed Saturday, March 12th.
This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following deputies in the Sheriff's Office for their recent promotions:

- Deputy **Paul Mumau** to the rank of ADS
- ADS **Christopher Thomas** to the rank of Corporal

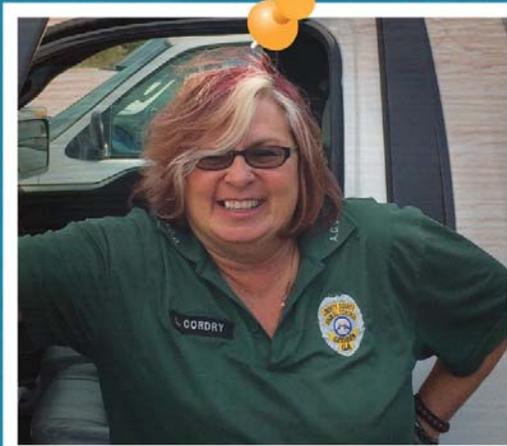
Happy Birthday to you...

March 1	Dennis Ellison (Sheriff's Office) Nancy Winchell (Public Safety Communications)
March 5	Janet Wooten (Child Support)
March 6	James Ashdown (Narcotics) Brenda Mitchell (Recreation) Earlean Walker (Elections/Voter Registration)
March 8	Annette Richardson (Clerk's Office)
March 9	Queenie Collins (Tax Commissioner)
March 14	Jimmy Williams (Jail Operations)
March 15	Vincent Brantley (Jail Operations) Debra Teague (Child Support)
March 16	Betty Brazell (D.A.'s Office)
March 17	Cathy Hewitt (Child Support) Debbie Whitehurst (County Administration)
March 18	Tracy Jennings (Detectives)
March 19	Dennis Abbgly (Sheriff's Office) Nate Golden (Tax Assessors) Connie Thrift (Commissioner, District 3)
March 21	Annie Torres (Building Maintenance)
March 22	Diana Holtz-Markham (Jail Operations)
March 23	Kasey Bozeman (UGA Extension Office)
March 24	Sandra Danielson (Recreation)
March 25	Gary Richardson (Sheriff's Office)
March 26	Amanda Davis (Public Safety Communications)
March 28	Connie Jones (Child Support) Audrey McGirt (Finance)
March 29	Donna D'Ostroph (Clerk's Office) Jason Porter (Road Dept.)
March 30	Ella Golden (Elections/Voter Registration) Georgia Holliday (Tax Assessors) Larry Logan (Emergency Management)
March 31	Sara Swida (Keep Liberty Beautiful)

...and many more to come!

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* Linda is HERE

This Space Queen wants to sprinkle you with pixie dust.

MEET *Linda Cordry*, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

WHAT'S THE HARDEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE

Saying goodbye to my best friend and adopted brother, who was taken from this world much too soon.

IF YOU COULD BE SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE DAY

I'd be Tinker Bell and sprinkle everyone with happy dust for the day.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Attending and graduating from AASU with a B.A. in Biology as a single parent of 2 beautiful daughters.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Getting into a fight with my best friend's dog, and ending up with 2 black eyes and a bruised nose.

HOBBIES OR INTERESTS

Reading, camping, snorkeling, singing and dancing.

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

Most Likely to Be a Space Queen (I heard it's genetic).

WHAT YOUR JOB MEANS TO YOU

I get to speak for our community's animals, giving them a voice and hopefully making a positive difference in their lives.

OTHER FACTS ABOUT YOUR JOB

From July 1, 2016 to February 8, 2016, Liberty County has taken in 272 cats and 419 dogs (about 100 a month).

**YOU ARE
why we're
HERE**

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

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Monthly Motivation:

*There is nothing quite like
the satisfaction of a
demanding job done well.*



**LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY CALENDAR**

MARCH 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

March 1

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

March 4

BOC Department Head Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
Courthouse Annex, Room 2100

March 17

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

View the Community Event Calendar at www.libertycounty.org



Liberty County BOC
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Hinesville, GA 31313



Friend's Name

Street Address

City, State Zip Code