

# CLERMONT, GEORGIA CLERMONT CONNECTION

WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS BEGIN

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## TOWN COUNCIL

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OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday-Friday  
Closed 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month  
8:30am-4:30pm  
Closed For Lunch- 12:30-1:30

## FROM THE MAYOR

The past several months have been a busy and, at times a somewhat tiring time, for Clermont and surrounding area citizens. The result of our efforts goes to show what can be accomplished when we work together. I trust that, in the future, we will continue to work together in local issues and take more interest in the workings of local and State governments.

After a long battle over the placement of a new library in Clermont, a vote by the Hall County Commissioners on January 6, 2011 says the library will be built on land the County purchased a few years ago. The site is the pasture on the North side of the property where the gym is located. It is to be built with funds collected in SPLIT VI tax. Hopefully, we will see construction begin on the library in the next year or so.

We are moving forward with plans to replace the sidewalk along a portion of Main Street. Bids are in and we anticipate work to be underway soon on replacing the sidewalk from King Street to Oxford Road. There will be a period when the sidewalk will be closed so look for signs indicating that this is happening. We will make every effort possible to minimize inconvenience to those residents whose driveways cross the sidewalk. This work is being done with a portion of the money that Clermont receives from SPLIT tax collections.

Clermont had a very successful Christmas parade on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of those who made this a successful event and we look forward to an even bigger parade and other festivities in 2011.

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.clermontga.com](http://www.clermontga.com)

Have you checked out the new Town website? The website is a great tool to keep informed of the Town's events and meetings. You can also access Town Council minutes, past and current Clermont Newsletters and other forms and information that you might find useful.



**SIDEWALK CLOSED** DUE TO REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ON MAIN STREET THE SIDEWALK FROM KING STREET TO OXFORD ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. PLEASE LOOK FOR SIGNS AND USE EXTRA CAUTION



Tentative Dates: FEBRUARY 14, 2011 - MARCH 7, 2011 (weather permitting)

IF YOU LIVE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CLERMONT AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN HALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO [cityofclermont@bellsouth.net](mailto:cityofclermont@bellsouth.net).

## TOWN OF CLERMONT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 1, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

March 1, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

April 5, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

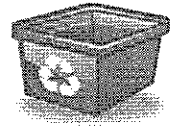
May 3, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

June 7, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

July 5, 2011 - Town Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

### GARBAGE SERVICE REMINDERS

- 1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY. No leaves, sticks, yard trimmings, paint cans, solvent cans, biomedical waste, hazardous waste, industrial waste, carpet, furniture, or large items.
- 2 ALL GARBAGE MUST BE BAGGED AND TIED IN PLASTIC BAGS. No bags shall be larger than 30 gallon capacity.
- 3 USE OF GARBAGE CANS. Garbage cans must be kept clean and covered. No loose garbage will be picked up, even if it is garbage cans.
- 4 GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED NEXT TO THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY IN ORDER TO BE PICKED UP. Garbage must be out by 8:00am.
- 5 GARBAGE PICK-UP IS ON MONDAY MORNINGS UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.
- 6 RECYCLING SERVICES. Items that may be placed in recycling bins include: newspapers, glass jars, number 1 and 2 plastic containers and tin and aluminum cans. We do NOT pick up cardboard for recycling.



### Clermont Historical Society Hosted "Tales from Our Past"

On November 29, 2010, The Clermont Historical Society hosted a **TALES FROM OUR PAST** evening at the Historic Clermont Hotel. Delicious refreshments were provided by members and served by the Caruth family. We enjoyed hearing stories about Clermont from many guests, followed by tours of the hotel. The Clermont Historical Society will be meeting again on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Clermont Town Hall. We look forward to hearing from our speakers from the Dawson County Historical & Genealogical Society who will share some of its special publications. We look forward to embarking on a local Heritage Book and invite you to contribute.

Questions: Contact Sandra Cantrell at 770-983-1248 or at [sicantrell@aol.com](mailto:sicantrell@aol.com).



## HELPFUL GARDENING TIPS



Winter is the time to plant dormant fruit trees- figs, apples, peaches, pears, and plums- and berries such as blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and grape vines

A huge trend in gardening over the last couple of years has been an increase in the number of back yard orchards and vegetable gardens Here are some reasons to grow your own food:

- A national survey of people who grew their own garden found that the main reason given for increasing or maintaining edible gardening last year was to supplement their household food supply — to help them save money on food. That alone is a very powerful reason
- There is nothing more local than food grown in your own backyard, your windowsills, or on patio containers.
- Growing your own fruits and vegetables means that you know exactly what does and does not go into your food and exactly where it comes from
- You will get healthier in a number of ways Not only will you end up eating more fruits and vegetables, but you will be getting added exercise Did you know that you can burn as many calories in 45 minutes of gardening as you can in 30 minutes of aerobics? And, working in the garden reduces stress
- You will get a bigger variety of your favorite fruits and vegetables because you can choose from hundreds of different varieties, and you can grow the things you like the best.
- You can teach your children or grandchildren where their food actually comes from and that it doesn't come from the supermarket but from the soil, the earth on which we all depend.

So decide which fruits and berries you'd like to have in the back yard now. Follow the 3 P's:

- 1 Planning- decide on the best spot and which varieties you have room to plant
- 2 Preparing- prepare the spot where you will be planting
- 3 Planting- get them in the ground while they are dormant so they can become established before the heat of summer arrives

**Kellie Bowen**  
**Full Bloom Nursery**  
 770-842-2345  
[www.fullbloominursery.com](http://www.fullbloominursery.com)

### Clermont Days 2011 Third weekend in September 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival

It is time to begin planning our Clermont Days 2011 festival The committee has already started discussing plans for this year We would like the citizens input and suggestions.

We are looking for a new musical group who would like to perform.

We are also looking for a group to organize the Car Show. This would be a great fundraiser for a nonprofit group. If you are interested, please let us know

The 5k run has been a huge success and will be bigger than ever this year.

Traditionally our fireworks show is the grand finale; however, some of the committee has commented that maybe we should look at other options due to the expense of the fireworks. We would love to hear from our citizens about this. Would you like for us to continue to have the fireworks? Are there other things we could do to top off our festival? Please let us know your thoughts on this matter

Again this year the subject of a two-day festival has been suggested.

It's not too early to begin planning your booth registration for this year. If you have a hobby or want to sell your products, get started now. Let the committee know if you would like to have a booth.

Please call 678-616-4778 to give us your input and suggestions for the 2011 Clermont Days Festival.

**North Hall/ Clermont Lions Club**  
**President William ( Bill) Strickland**  
 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30

The Lions Club has had a great year in 2010 We had a lot of fun working to improve the community and helping the needy to have proper eye care Working with DFACS and Legacy Link we have been privileged to help provide ten citizens with eye care and eye glasses

We did some yard work for a senior citizen in downtown Clermont

Our annual Christmas Party was a huge success. We had about 40 members join us to celebrate Jesus' Birthday Linda and Ray Chastain provided entertainment Good food and good times were had by all

We were able to donate several thousand dollars to different programs in the Lions Club International to help with their programs that give assistance to many people With Lion donations we were able to provide audio books, seeing eye dogs, operations, diabetes treatments, training, and many more programs

We had the honor of working with Challenged Child and Friends to help create a place where the children could write and draw on an erasable wall We have another project planned to start in the spring for them

We had the privilege of having Sheriff Steve Cronic speak to us in January The Hall County Sheriff's Department is one of the best in Georgia, and they rank very high in the country

We have scheduled our annual White Cane Day to be April 23, 2011 We will be asking for donations for the Lions Club Lighthouse They provide money for eye surgeries in Georgia Look for us at Kroger on Thompson Bridge Road on April 23<sup>rd</sup> donations are greatly appreciated

We welcome you to join us as a Lion and volunteer your services by being a member Ladies are welcome as members Husbands and wives get a special discount to join together

The Lions Club building is available to rent for parties and family get togethers For more information call 678-616-4778



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **Captain Billy's Steak and Seafood Restaurant**

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Business Hours: 4:30pm - 9:30pm

**GREAT  
FOOD!**

Thursday - Saturday

**AFFORDABLE  
PRICES!**

Concord Christian Preschool a ministry of Concord Baptist Church will be registering Toddlers through Pre-k for the 2011-2012 school year beginning Feb. 14th. Please contact Robin Bryson or Betty Bohmer at 770-983-7272, ext. 218 for more information.



## *Recipe Corner*

### Chocolate Pound Cake

- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1/2 cup Crisco
- 3 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 Tbsp cocoa
- 1 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla



Cream butter, Crisco and sugar. Add eggs. Sift dry ingredients together. Add to creamed mixture with milk and vanilla. Bake at 325 for 80 minutes.

When cake is removed from the oven wrap the cake with several layers of paper towels. Place in small plastic bag and leave in bag for 2-3 days before icing. This allows the cake to go through a sweat which makes it very moist.

#### **Icing:**

- 1/4 cup butter
  - 1 box 10X sugar
  - 4 Tbsp. cocoa
  - 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- Mix and spread over cake.

*This recipe belonged to  
the late Mildred Reeves  
better known as "MaMa"  
from Americus, Georgia*

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