



WARD 4 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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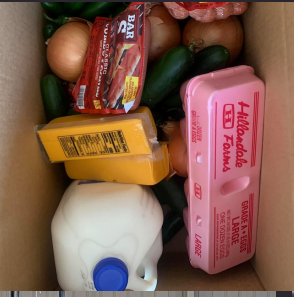
Letter to Citizens



As your Council person, it is my duty and honor to serve the citizens of Forest Park. Every decision that I make is with our community in mind. I am not your ordinary council person. I am an advocate for our community. I am YOUR VOICE. I have seen what our city was and it's growing and changing daily. With your input and our TOGETHERNESS, our city is and will continue to be the place to LIVE, WORK and PLAY! I will continue to keep Ward 4 informed, and it is my mission to be apart of restoring our city to what we all know it can be. I am accessible to you at any time.
Humbly yours,

Latresa Akins- Wells

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Community Impact

My passion is to serve my community.

- Backpack Drive
- Fun Friday
- Wellness with Wells
- Turkey Giveaway
- Holiday Toy Drive
- Forest Park Day
- Easter Basket Giveaway



Yard of the Quarter



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Ward 4 Yard of the Quarter
Tina Thomas 5286 Ash Street
Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells Ward 4



"Keeping Ward 4 Beautiful"

Thank You
Public Works
Department and Our
Community Helpers



New Businesses & Jobs in the Community



OFFICE COORDINATOR - ACCREDITATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE /
POLICE OFFICER / MANAGEMENT ANALYST- GRANTS /
FIRE FIGHTER / PARAMEDIC / EMT / MAINTENANCE WORKER /
COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR / TRADES SPECIALIST /
AMAZON DELIVERY & WAREHOUSE / KROGER DELIVERY & WAREHOUSE

Upcoming Projects



- New Sidewalks
- Speed Pads - Cynthia Lane
- Drainage Issues Repaired
- New street signs

Community Spotlight

Citizen of the Quarter

Lois Wright has been a community servant for more than 25 years. A devoted chairperson for the DDA & URA Boards as well as the Development Authority 2014 -2022. Ms. Wright is very hands on and instrumental in Ward 4.

Thank you Lois Wright for serving and being involved in your community.

Citizen Spotlight



Business Spotlight

Business of the Quarter

Klass 6 Boutique
1938 Main Street
Forest Park, GA 30297

Thank you for being
in business in the
City of Forest Park.

HONORING OUR COMMUNITY HEROES



City of Forest Park
Fire Chief
Latosha Clemons



WHAT'S NEW IN THE CITY

Update On Capital Improvement Projects

I'm thrilled to announce that Forest Park has some exciting projects currently in the pipeline for development. Along with funding generated through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), the city is also planning to use additional funds from a \$41 million bond that was secured in 2021 for several capital improvement projects, including a new city hall, enhancements to Starr Park and the redevelopment of downtown's Main Street district. Through extensive collaboration, we have worked with local architects and urban designers to develop conceptual plans for the projects, with the goal of creating a more vibrant city presence.



"The sanitation contract between the City of Forest Park, Georgia, and Georgia Waste Systems, Inc. for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling initiated July 1, 2019. On December 14, 2021, due to several complaints and performance issues the city gave notice that we would not automatically renew our contract with Waste Management. The city intends to renegotiate the terms of its solid waste collection and disposal arrangement with Georgia Waste Systems, Inc. (d/b/a Waste Management) or in the alternative solicit proposals from qualified contractors for such services. We will be setting up meetings up early February or March 2022 to start talks to reach a more mutually beneficial relationship."



New Community Park Coming Soon in 2022

In October 2021, the City acquired 1.5 acres at the corner of Pineridge Road and Springside Drive to build a pocket park for Ward 4.



Forest Station Development To Offer 60 Residential Units Near Downtown District

FOREST PARK, Ga. — Dec. 21, 2021 — Developers and city officials recently broke ground for the construction of a new senior independent living community to be located off of College Street and Warren Drive near the city's downtown district.

The Forest Station development project will feature a three-story building with a mix of 60 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units for seniors ages 55 and above, with each unit equipped with its own washer and dryer. The project is being co-developed by Georgia Communities Inc. and Paladin Inc. in an effort to address the need for new affordable housing in and around the city.

Amenities planned for the senior housing community include a fully equipped exercise room, venues for residential events and a state-of-the-art business center. Developers also plan to construct a community garden as a way to increase the availability of nutritious foods, as well as a wellness center, where residents will have access to health screenings, regular recreational activities and more."

Construction of the senior independent living facility is expected to last 14 months, with the new community tentatively scheduled to open during the first quarter of 2023. To learn more about the Forest Station development, www.paladinhousing.org/developments.



ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL YOUR
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