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Executive Director's Report



- ◆ Thanks to our friends at **City of Sky Valley** and **Rabun County** for hosting our June Council meeting at **Sky Valley** Country Club.
- ◆ Hope that you can join us for the July 28th Council meeting in **Union County**. This is a program that I had nothing to do with, so we will all be surprised what Heather and others have put together as my last Council meeting. It will be held at the **Union County** Community Center.
- ◆ My retirement reception is to be held on August 2nd at the **Gainesville** Civic Center, on Green Street across from the First Baptist Church. It is scheduled for 4-7 pm. Hope you can come by and meet my family.
- ◆ Great news for us, we sold our home in **Gainesville** within three weeks, thanks to Kim Waters, our Real Estate Agent with Norton. Sheryl and I recommend her and Norton Agency big time. We have already purchased our home in Easley, SC about 15 minutes from each of our sons' homes. Bad news, is I am staying in hotels until August 9, 2016. Now on to the next chapter...we do not know the future, but we know **HE** holds the future. Thanks to the Council for believing in us and supporting us the 11 plus years while serving as your Executive Director.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING	LOCATION
July 28	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	WD Board Meeting GMRC Search Committee GMRC Council Meeting	City of Blairsville/Union County Union County Community Center
August 2	4pm-7pm	Retirement Reception for Danny Lewis	Gainesville Civic Center
August 15	————	ARC Pre Applications Due	Contact Heather Feldman
August 25	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	GMRC Executive Committee GMRC Council Meeting	Forsyth County
September 29	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	GMRC Executive Committee GMRC Council Meeting	White County
October 27	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	WD Board Meeting GMRC Executive Committee GMRC Council Meeting	Lumpkin County/City of Dahlonega

Planning

- ◆ The **City of Gainesville** has adopted their Capital Improvement Element (CIE) update.
- ◆ The **City of Flowery Branch** has adopted their Comprehensive Plan update.
- ◆ The **Town of Tallulah Falls** comprehensive plan update has been approved by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
- ◆ The **GMRC** conducted a design charrette with about 30 people attending, and will use that information in developing a campus master plan for the Sautee Nacoochee Arts Center campus.

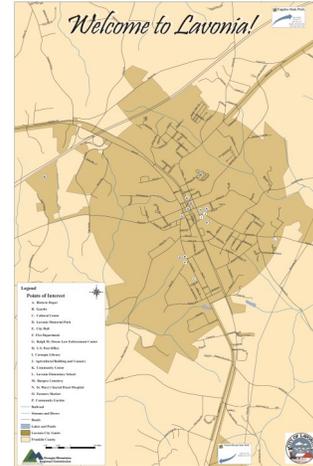
Economic Development

- ◆ On behalf of the **Franklin County** Industrial Building Authority, a OneGeorgia Authority Equity grant was submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for \$500,000 in grant funding for infrastructure improvements to the Central Franklin Industrial Park.
- ◆ On behalf of the **Hart County** Industrial Building Authority, a OneGeorgia Authority Equity grant was submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for \$100,000 in grant funding for site improvements for the Gateway II Industrial Park.
- ◆ The **Hart County** Industrial Building Authority received \$600,000 in OneGeorgia EDGE grant funding for the expansion of Linde + Wiemann manufacturing facility in **Hart County**.
- ◆ On June 28th, GMRC hosted an Economic Development Retreat with the Region 2 Economic Development Directors to discuss economic development trends and share best practices. Thank you to Paul Chambers with AT&T for sponsoring the meeting and providing lunch. We were also pleased to have Rope Roberts with Georgia Power; Christopher Nunn, DCA Deputy Commissioner; and Tammy Caudell, Georgia Department of Economic Development.



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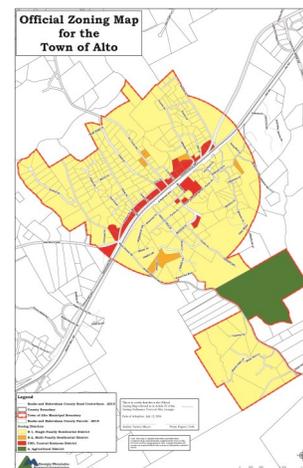
- ◆ GMRC staff has assisted the **City of Lavonia** with a Points of Interest Map. This map will be placed at the Georgia Welcome Center on I-85, in City Hall and available at the Depot for visitors to the City.



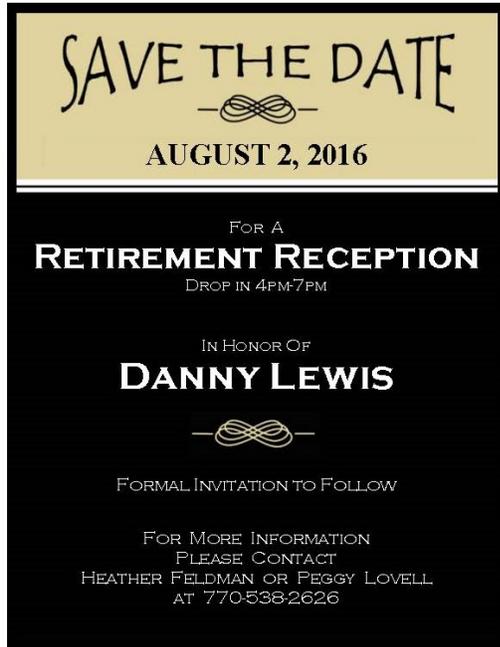
- ◆ The **City of Oakwood** and **City of Toccoa** Cemetery projects are now complete. Presentations will be made to the respective City Councils during the month of August. Kudos to Brandon Carlock, Caleb Davidson, Joe Rothwell and Marissa Smith for their hard work and dedication to the completion of these projects.



- ◆ Several Zoning Maps have been either created or updated for the cities of **Young Harris**, **Alto**, and **Homer**. GMRC staff will also be assisting the **City of Gillsville** with US Census Bureau boundaries and an update of their Zoning Map.



Save The Date



Success Story

I was able to go straight into Piedmont College after high school graduation. I went to Piedmont from fall 2011 to spring 2016.

Once I entered into the BSN program at Piedmont College, my classmates began signing up for WIOA. Word traveled around the class, so I decided to call and make myself an appointment.

I think all the services I received from WIOA were great! Having the gas money my first year was wonderful. The tuition money was huge!!!

I was pleased with the training nursing program at Piedmont College. The paperwork was difficult, but now I am working as a Registered Nurse at **Stephens County Hospital** in **Toccoa**, Georgia as a Pediatric Nurse.

I would definitely encourage students to seek this assistance. The money helps your parents, other family members, or your significant other breathe a little easier.

Megan Skelton

Career Coach

- ◆ The Career Coaches saw the highest percentage of individuals register for WIOA Assistance while on board the unit. 21% of individuals on board (1 out of every 5 persons) the unit registered for WIOA assistance, amounting to 18 individuals!
- ◆ A Resume Workshop was held for participants of the **Dawson County** Treatment Court Program, **Habersham** Probation Office, and Salvation Army of **Hall County**.
- ◆ To date the Career Coaches have assisted 1223 people between January and June of 2016 resulting in an increase of 8.6% in individuals seen during the same time span of 2015.
- ◆ At the same time the number of responses has skyrocketed! 2,470 have been performed between January and June resulting in an increase of 30.6% over the same six month span in 2015.

Category of Responses	Month Total	Year Total
Total Job Searches	76	495
Total Job App	10	68
Total Resumes	31	357
Total Interviews	0	4
Total Interest Survey	16	327
Total Training Sessions	0	4
Total Testing	0	0
Total Typing Assessments	1	39
WIOA Info	51	682
Total Unemployment Claims	0	0
Computer Trainings	0	0
Microsoft Office Classes	0	0
Public Relations	8	494

RESPONSES PER COUNTY-JUNE 2016	
Banks—3	Lumpkin—0
Dawson—15	Rabun—3
Forsyth—25	Stephens—14
Franklin—10	Towns—0
Habersham—12	Union—3
Hall—86	White—10
Hart—3	Other—8

THANK YOU

Your service has made a difference in our region!



L.J. Harrison
1981-2016



Danny Lewis
2005-2016