

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
MONDAY, 2:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 19, 2013 – Regular Council Meeting

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MAYOR'S REMARKS

COUNCIL REMARKS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief's Report
City Financial Report
Tax Commissioner's Report
Building Inspector's Report
City Manager's Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Front Entrance Landscaping
- Information Kiosk
- Post Office Park

POA REPORT

Marketing Committee

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6). (Except when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee.)

ADJOURNMENT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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AUGUST 19, 2013
MONDAY, 2:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Council President Howard, Councilors Carr, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley, Attorney Dickerson, City Manager Lapeyrouse, Chief Dills, and Tax Commissioner Mullins.

Pam Martindale gave the invocation. Mayor Martindale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There being no corrections or additions, the agenda stands approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale apologized for missing the last council meeting due to being gone on a trip to Africa. He welcomed all the new faces at the meeting.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Platt said that she is working with Christine Lamonte on the Beautification Committee. They held a meeting and received an estimate for work on the front entrance. The bid will be presented in writing to the City. Councilor Platt said she was pleased to say that the Beautification Committee has representation from all the groups in Sky Valley including the POA, Chapel of Sky Valley, the City, and the Sky Valley Club. She stated there is concern about the park located across from the postal facility that is owned by Harrison Merrill. They have found there is broken playground equipment which is dangerous. Councilor Platt said communication was needed with Merrill to address these issues to avoid kids being injured. Mayor Martindale stated that Attorney Dickerson has been working on a Memorandum of Agreement which states the City will take over, maintain and hold Merrill harmless for the areas of the overlook and the playground. The Memorandum of Agreement will be address under Old Business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief's Report - given by Chief Dills

City Financial Report – City Clerk Cantrell has been out sick but will make the report available by e-mail once complete

Tax Commissioner's Report - given by Tax Commissioner Mullins

Councilor Whatley asked why the 2009 and 2010 tax records are still being carried on the books. Tax Commissioner Mullins stated that those amounts being reported are taxes on personal property that was owned by Harrison Merrill. The property has since then been sold and cannot be repossessed. Mayor Martindale asked Attorney Dickerson to see if those taxes could be written off.

Building Inspector's Report - given by City Manager Lapeyrouse

City Manager's Report - given by City Manager Lapeyrouse

OLD BUSINESS

- Memorandum of Agreement – Park and Overlook

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, 2nd Councilor Larsen. Councilor Whatley asked if the City's liability insurance will cover contractual obligations such as this. Attorney Dickerson stated that it does. Mayor Martindale called for the vote. The vote was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election Resolution

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the Election Resolution, 2nd Councilor Howard. Councilor Whatley asked if the cost of the extra managers was in the budget. City Manager Lapeyrouse said the cost was budgeted. Councilor Carr asked if this resolution has been cleared by Tammy Whitmire. City Manager Lapeyrouse stated that Tammy Whitmire does not have authority over our election. Mrs. Whitmire is the registrar for the county and assists the City with verification of signatures on absentee ballot applications. Mandi Cantrell is the City's Election Superintendent. She reports directly to the Secretary of State's Office. Mayor Martindale called for the vote. The vote was unanimously approved.

- Haney tree cutting request

Dottie Haney submitted a letter and pictures requesting approval of a tree cutting permit to remove two trees that are located on Barbara McKinley's's property that are now encroaching on her property. She would like them removed due to health reasons and due to the trees and roots being so close to her home. Mrs. Haney stated that she would pay to have two new trees planted in Mrs. McKinley's yard. Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the tree cutting request, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Advertising

City Manager Lapeyrouse said that there are still funds remaining in the advertising budget and with the Labor Day events approaching she wanted to see if the City Council wanted to use any of these funds to advertise for the upcoming event for Labor Day or any fall events. Councilor Platt asked what funds were left available. City Manager Lapeyrouse said there was between

five and six thousand dollars remaining. Councilor Howard asked if these funds could be used for the information kiosk at the overlook once it is approved by Merrill. They could be used for that purpose. Councilor Platt asked about the cost of the kiosk. Councilor Howard stated that plans would be needed before knowing the actual cost involved. Mayor Martindale said he had a discussion with Merrill and that he had no problem with the City installing the kiosk. He said Attorney Dickerson stated that the City needs a formal written agreement with Merrill to install the kiosk. Councilor Howard made a motion to reserve the advertising funds for use on the information kiosk, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

- City Charter/Rules of Procedure Ordinance

Attorney Dickerson said that the City has a Rules and Procedure Ordinance that is in conflict with the City Charter. The City Charter takes precedence, but he can make the necessary changes to the Ordinance to coincide with the Charter and bring it to the next meeting. The City Charter defines the legislative authority as a city council composed of a mayor and five councilmembers. This gives the Mayor the right to vote on all matters. The Rules of Procedure Ordinance states that the Mayor shall not vote. City Manager Lapeyrouse pointed out that the Charter currently states that the Council President would lose all voting privileges while serving in the absence of the Mayor. Attorney Dickerson will check to see if that provision can be removed by Home Rule.

- Nuisance Abatement Procedure

Mayor Martindale said he had talked with Mr. Merrill last week and he said his problem with tearing down the clubhouse was the price he received from Tom Adams. The price was more than double the earlier price he had been given by Mr. Adams. Mayor Martindale said he told Mr. Merrill as a private citizen he would try to secure some people for comparison demolition prices from around the area. Mayor Martindale said he has a meeting scheduled at 5pm this afternoon with a demolition contractor who is currently tearing down the depot area in Dillard. Mayor Martindale has also spoken with another man from Macon, North Carolina that is interested in the job as well. Mayor Martindale said he hopes to have more information in the next few weeks. Attorney Dickerson reported on the Nuisance Abatement Procedure. He stated that if you elect to abate a nuisance, there is a procedure that you go through that needs to be done. You would need to contact the City to begin the process. The City would notify the owner of the premises giving them a deadline to abate the nuisance. If necessary, the City would then file an action in the Municipal Court to abate the nuisance. The City could then abate the nuisance and place a lien on the property. In order for the City to get its money back that was expended to abate the nuisance, the property would have to sell or the lien would have to be foreclosed. It is not a simple process, but it can be done.

- Street Lighting

Mr. Edd Dean reported on the street lighting on behalf of his wife Rebecca Dean. He stated that the Beautification Committee has been working with the Georgia DOT to bring low amber lighting to Sky Valley. He said the lighting would not affect the integrity of the wildlife. Mrs. Dean has received numerous emails from residents requesting lights at different locations. The majority of the comments on lighting have been very positive. The main lighting is to be at the

entrance of Sky Valley, along Sky Valley Way, the Clubhouse, postal facility, and the remainder near dangerous curves and intersections in the city. The committee wanted to thank Linda Lapeyrouse and the city for working with them. Mr. Dean said the committee has received a commitment from the Georgia DOT for a grant. Georgia DOT said once the City is on board and approves the committee to go forward that they will approve a grant. The Committee can then begin working with Georgia DOT and Georgia Power to decide placement of the lights. Mayor Martindale asked if there was a dollar figure. Mr. Dean said there was no figure but was told to put the request together and the only cost they think the city would incur would be the power bill. Councilor Whatley suggested that the City have a workshop and get more details. Discussion entailed about the lights being dark sky approved. Councilor Whatley asked what the City can approve when the city has no information to look at and stated that the citizens should have an opportunity to see the plan. Mr. Dean said all the committee wants is the City to come on board to see if they can get the grant. Once the grant is approved the committee will work with Georgia DOT and Georgia Power to see where they will allow the lights to be placed and will come back to city council for approval. Councilor Larsen made a motion to apply for the grant, 2nd Councilor Platt. Councilor Howard agreed that a workshop was needed so the committee could get together with the city to work on the application jointly. After much discussion Councilor Larsen amended his motion to move forward with the grant application which is to be approved by City Council prior to submission, 2nd Councilor Platt. Mayor Martindale called for the vote. The vote passed unanimously.

- Rebel Circle Entrance

Mayor Martindale said that after reading the minutes from the July 15, 2013 Council meeting he went to Rebel Circle to see the condition of the roads and found them to be in good condition. City Manager Lapeyrouse received a quote for stone work from Anthony Thompson. Demolition and removal of old stone work would cost \$640.00. New stacked stone work to match existing columns would cost \$11,900. The price to repair old work that can be repaired would be \$950. Councilor Whatley asked if there was money in the budget. City Manager Lapeyrouse said there was not but there are funds in capital reserves that could be used if the budget was amended. Councilor Carr made a motion to repair the old work, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

POA REPORT – President Sam LaMonte

Sam LaMonte asked Councilor Howard if his committee would be deciding on the kiosk. Councilor Howard said that once they get Merrill's approval in writing, his committee will have a meeting and decide on a recommendation to present to the City Council for approval. Mr. LaMonte wants to make sure that the POA is involved with input for the kiosk. He mentioned that tickets for the Labor Day Barbeque are on sale at the Proshop, Timeshare office, Remax, and City Hall. Mr. LaMonte asked Councilor Larsen about the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission coming in to talk about a five year plan and give some ideas on how to improve the community. Councilor Larsen said the meeting was being set up for early September. Mr. LaMonte said the POA meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 3 p.m. and encouraged everyone to come hear their guest speaker Joel Wise.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen George Shearon asked why Merrill himself doesn't get bids for demolition. Mayor Martindale said he could wait for Merrill to do it or he could help him do it. Mayor Martindale said he was simply trying to get it done. Mr. Shearon also asked why in the city budget is there no money for repairs for the entryways. Mayor Martindale said that about five years ago we were hit with a recession and have tried to cut back and not increase taxes. The city is trying to keep the budget very tight. There is still a surplus and we balance the budget every year. Mayor Martindale mentioned that there would be a pre budget meeting following the council meeting. The city has the money to make the repairs, but it may require a budget amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Larsen made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk



SKY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY STATISTICS

INCIDENT	MONTH	YTD 2013	MONTH	YTD 2012	STAT
Fire	0	2	0	7	
Medical Emergency	5	20	4	23	
Vehicle Accident	1	6	0	6	
Family Violence	0	1	0	0	^
Fight/Assault	1	2	0	0	^
Suicide/Death	0	3	0	0	^
Missing Person	0	1	0	0	^
Burglary	0	0	0	2	
Theft	1	3	1	5	
Suspicious Activity	2	17	2	27	
Suspicious Person	1	8	0	0	^
Suspicious Vehicle	3	16	3	12	^
Alarm	2	5	0	12	
Investigation	1	4	0	5	
DUI/ Public Drunk	0	0	1	1	
Drug Related	0	0	0	0	
Juvenile	0	0	0	3	
Stationary Patrol	0	0	0	0	
Traffic Control	0	0	0	13	
Traffic Stop	3	8	2	34	
Mutual Aid	2	5	3	14	
Animal	2	19	3	18	^
Lost & Found	1	1	0	2	
Complaint	0	3	0	4	
City Ord. Violation	0	6	1	5	^
All Others	0	17	0	0	
Assisting Residents	5	23	2	25	
Escorting Visitors	2	13	3	12	^
Residential Check	03	287	00	153	^
Discovered Unsecure	0	3	0	0	
Welfare Check	0	11	0	7	^
Water/Tree/Infrastructure	9	33	15	60	
Vehicle Assistance	3	22	08	52	
Arrested	0	0	0	0	
Incarcerated	0	0	0	0	
Warning	2	5	0	0	
Citations	0	1	0	2	
Total Calls	47	291	48	350	
911 Calls	11	45	0	0	
Mileage	4645	33,271	4254	32,212	^
August 2013					

City of Sky Valley, GA

Balance: All Accounts

as of August 31, 2013

Account		Balance
General Fund		
Restricted Funds		
Admin & General Government	\$	49,963
Roads	\$	70,971
Police	\$	4,468
Housing & Development	\$	15,000
Funds Remaining in FY 2013 Budget	\$	357,015
Unrestricted Funds	\$	418,951
General Fund Balance	\$	916,368
Enterprise Funds		
Restricted Funds		
Water	\$	13,428
Solid Waste	\$	23,829
GEFA Debt Service	\$	160,431
Unrestricted Funds	\$	567,347
Enterprise Funds Balance	\$	765,035
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund		
Accommodations Tax Received	\$	3,538

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

General Fund

Budget Performance

August 2013

	Aug 13	Jan - Aug 13	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
33.4000 · GA government grants/contracts	22,552.01	22,552.01	16,000.00	140.95%
33.9000 · Other Grants (GMA, GIRMA, etc)	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
60110 · Ad valorem - property	0.00	827,076.13	843,885.00	98.01%
60120 · Ad valorem - vehicles	1,082.12	5,689.97	7,625.00	74.62%
60140 · Penalties, Fife's, interest	587.23	3,890.41	15,000.00	25.94%
60210 · Insurance premium tax	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
60220 · Beverage Excise tax	171.90	478.78	400.00	119.7%
60230 · Franchise tax	0.00	45,702.50	50,000.00	91.41%
60235 · Fines & forfeitures	0.00	250.00	4,000.00	6.25%
60240 · Business license	15.00	1,532.50	3,000.00	51.08%
60250 · Permits	1,174.74	6,906.34	10,000.00	69.06%
60270 · Zoning applications	200.00	200.00	100.00	200.0%
60271 · Sales of Reports, Copies, Etc.	9.09	328.92	450.00	73.09%
60280 · Real estate transfer tax	194.12	1,129.20	1,000.00	112.92%
60281 · Intangible tax	1,087.73	5,148.13	4,500.00	114.4%
69110 · Interest income	262.95	2,769.17	4,000.00	69.23%
69115 · Transfer from hotel/motel tax	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
69150 · Refunds & Reimbursements	1,038.86	14,632.80	1,000.00	1,463.28%
69990 · Miscellaneous	160.00	655.91	500.00	131.18%
70000 · Sale of surplus property	0.00	55,542.07	2,000.00	2,777.1%
Total Income	28,535.75	994,484.84	981,460.00	101.33%
General Administration				
510000 · Personal Services	12,286.65	108,115.36	160,418.00	67.4%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	4,306.54	28,370.13	50,700.00	55.96%
530000 · Supplies	796.08	12,546.32	22,891.00	54.81%
540000 · Capital Outlays	0.00	1,000.00		
Total Expense	17,389.27	150,031.81	234,009.00	64.11%
Fire & Rescue	14,631.99	44,815.92	60,000.00	74.69%
Judicial				
510000 · Personal Services	163.13	1,591.07	2,395.00	66.43%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	19.66	269.66	1,960.00	13.76%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total Expense	182.79	1,860.73	4,405.00	42.24%
Legislative				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	8,675.07	8,950.00	96.93%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	78.35	250.00	31.34%
Total Expense	0.00	8,753.42	9,200.00	95.15%
Executive				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	1,034.62	2,000.00	51.73%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	1,034.62	2,050.00	50.47%

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

General Fund

Budget Performance

August 2013

	Aug 13	Jan - Aug 13	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Housing & Development				
510000 · Personal Services	1,706.28	8,746.12	10,805.00	80.95%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	1,426.77	3,954.57	4,775.00	82.82%
530000 · Supplies	480.57	1,433.05	2,600.00	55.12%
Total Expense	3,613.62	14,133.74	18,180.00	77.74%
Elections				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	132.75	1,400.00	9.48%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	132.75	1,500.00	8.85%
Police				
510000 · Personal Services	20,810.90	188,020.00	286,664.00	65.59%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	4,257.03	13,562.03	23,920.00	56.7%
530000 · Supplies	2,463.18	15,295.62	26,000.00	58.83%
Total Expense	27,531.11	216,877.65	336,584.00	64.44%
Roads				
510000 · Personal Services	10,754.80	98,012.48	141,804.00	69.12%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	4,400.50	23,297.76	33,395.00	69.76%
530000 · Supplies	5,717.81	29,811.75	37,500.00	79.5%
540000 · Capital Outlays	0.00	35,182.00	102,333.00	34.38%
Total Expense	20,873.11	186,303.99	315,032.00	59.14%
Total Income	28,535.75	994,484.84	981,460.00	101.33%
EXPENSES				
General Administration	17,389.27	150,031.81	234,009.00	
Fire & Rescue	14,631.99	44,815.92	60,000.00	
Judicial	182.79	1,860.73	4,405.00	
Legislative	0.00	8,753.42	9,200.00	
Execitive	0.00	1,034.62	2,050.00	
Housing & Development	3,613.62	14,133.74	18,180.00	
Elections	0.00	132.75	1,500.00	
Police	27,531.11	216,877.65	336,584.00	
Roads	20,873.11	186,303.99	315,032.00	
Total Expenses	84,221.89	623,944.63	980,960.00	
Remaining for 2013				357,015.37

City of Sky Valley
Enterprise Funds
Budget Performance

August 2013

	Aug 13	Jan - Aug 13	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Water				
Income				
33.0000 · USDA - ARC Grant	0.00	19,135.00		
34.4210 · Water charges	29,978.74	226,275.84	336,000.00	67.34%
34.9000 · Other charges for services	0.00	130.00	830.00	15.66%
36.1000 · Interest revenue	137.53	1,008.22	2,400.00	42.01%
Total Income	30,116.27	246,549.06	339,230.00	72.68%

Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	9,840.13	88,344.38	142,567.00	61.97%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	4,084.72	19,084.98	44,680.00	42.72%
53.1000 · Supplies	3,876.45	28,890.18	62,000.00	46.6%
54.0000 · Capital Outlay	0.00	12,153.29	13,428.00	90.51%
58.0000 · Debt Service	30,131.85	77,820.52	126,555.00	61.49%
Total Expense	47,933.15	226,293.35	389,230.00	58.14%

Solid Waste

Income				
34.4100 · Sanitation	9,260.00	73,812.00	112,000.00	65.9%
Total Income	9,260.00	73,812.00	112,000.00	65.9%

Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	4,500.00	40,419.33	67,765.00	59.65%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	5,504.94	21,461.59	33,535.00	64.0%
53.1000 · Supplies	1,031.87	5,342.54	10,700.00	49.93%
Total Expense	11,036.81	67,223.46	112,000.00	60.02%

**Totals Report For 2009 Taxes
August 2013
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2009 Ad Valorem Tax	1,027,030.12	1,023,450.63	2196.72-	1382.77
Interest	9439.77	8,831.33		608.44
Penalty	11,368.38	11,230.10		138.28
Costs	9978.00	9491.00		487.00
Totals	1,057,816.27	1,053,003.06	2196.72-	2616.49

Collected: 99.87%

**Totals Report For 2010 Taxes
August 2013
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2010 Ad Valorem Tax	948,598.92	946,536.07	680.08-	1,382.77
Interest	5857.41	5414.90		442.51
Penalty	2196.24	2057.96		138.28
Costs	3559.82	3332.82		227.00
Totals	960,212.39	957,341.75	680.08-	2,190.56

Collected: 99.85%

**Totals Report For 2012 Taxes
August 2013
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2012 Ad Valorem Tax	834,170.00	827,076.13	312.29+	7,406.16
Interest	1,899.45	1,328.73		570.72
Penalty	3,096.15	2,375.48		720.67
Costs	462.00	156.00		306.00
Totals	839,627.60	830,936.34	312.29+	9,003.55

Collected: 99.11%



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

September, 2013

Announcements -

2013 General Election

Qualifying for the 2013 General Election of the City of Sky Valley is now closed.

Three candidates qualified for the office of Councilmember. There being three Councilmembers whose terms expire in 2013, all three candidates will have deemed to have voted for themselves and will be certified as elected in the same manner as other candidates who are elected.

The qualified candidates for Councilmember are:

Bob Larsen (incumbent)

David Whatley (incumbent)

Martine Greene

There were two candidates who qualified for the office of Mayor. The one candidate receiving the most votes city-wide will be elected as Mayor for a two year term.

The qualified candidates for Mayor are:

Hughel Goodgame, Jr.

Maureen Platt

Election Calendar:

October 7th - Last day to register to vote as a Sky Valley resident

October 14th - Absentee ballots will be available and Early Voting begins

November 1st - Last day to vote in person early

November 1st - Last day to request an Absentee by Mail

November 6th - General Election

Comprehensive Planning – Community Vision

Now that DCA is reviewing the draft Community Assessment, the Public Participation component of the Comprehensive Plan update is underway. We held our first public participation meeting on September 5th with the GA Mountains Regional Commission. There was good attendance. Over the next few months several public meetings will be held in an attempt to develop the vision for the community. These meetings will be facilitated by the GMRC and largely input driven from comments by community members and stakeholders. The GMRC will be sending draft documents to be disseminated to the public for revisions and further

input until a final document has been adopted. If you are not currently on the City's e-mail distribution list, please contact City Hall. We encourage everyone to attend these meetings. We want the community vision to be that of the whole community and not just a few. Now is the perfect opportunity to get involved. E-mails are welcome from those of you that can not attend.



Georgia Sky to Summit 50km & 8m Race – Saturday November 9, 2013

Overview

50K: The Georgia Sky to Summit 50k promises to be the most scenic 50k race on the east coast. With 20+ miles of untouched single track, 20+ water falls (including the 120 ft Holcomb Creek falls and 80 ft Ammon Falls), 2 summits of Rabun Bald (the 2nd highest point in Ga at over 4,700 ft!), 2 x 360 degree views of mountains in 3 different states, 15 small bridge crossings, a couple of water crossings (one of which is thigh deep), This gem of a 50k starts and finishes in Sky Valley, Georgia. Race organizers have named Sky Valley as the Mountain Running capital of Georgia for its plethora of trails within walking distance from the city.

8.5 MILE: The Sky to Summit 8.5 mile is a run that starts and finishes in Sky Valley, Georgia. Runners will run to the summit of Rabun Bald and back. About 2,200 ft of climbing total and the same descent. While most people will be hiking most of the up, there will still be folks who run the entire thing.

Cruisin' for Coats Car Show and Coat Drive

The Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the Georgia Mountains Workforce Development are hosting their 1st Annual Cruisin' for Coats car show and coat drive. There are donation boxes in every county in the region so clean out your closets and donate! The donation site for Rabun County is located at the Recreation Department. We will be accepting donations in each county through October. The Car Show will be the wrap-up event. It will be held at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame in Dawsonville on September 14th.

Housing & Development & Code Enforcement

Permits

Please be reminded that work done on your home may likely require a permit. When in doubt, please contact the Building Inspector's Office or City Hall. If you are found to be doing work without a permit, your first offense will subject you to a penalty fee equal to double the cost of the permit, a \$50 minimum. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for making sure his/her

contractors obtain the necessary permits. Permits are required for, but not limited to, all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, soil & erosion, roofing, decking, stairs, concrete, tree cutting, additions and remodeling. Many repair permits have no cost associated with them but are still required and will still be subject to the penalty fee if they are not properly obtained.

Public Works -

Resurfacing and striping has been completed for 2013. We are currently working on some small pothole patching throughout the city. If you are aware of a pothole that needs immediate attention, please call me at City Hall to make sure we have it on our list.

Tree Cutting/Trimming/Topping

Please don't forget that any tree with a trunk that is 8" or more in diameter or 25" or more in circumference at 18" above the ground requires a permit for cutting, trimming & topping. You are allowed to remove limbs from a tree up to twelve feet above the ground without a permit. If you had to obtain a permit to cut, it would not qualify for city chipping service. Contractors are responsible for the removal of all tree cuttings and debris within fourteen days.

Chipping Service

Homeowner chipping service is done on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, weather permitting. Please take this schedule into consideration when planning your trimming. The City provides 15 minutes of chipping service to every homeowner each month at no cost. Chipping service is then provided at a rate of \$100/hour for any time exceeding the first 15 minutes. Cuttings must be less than 8" in diameter and must be stacked in one direction on the right-of-way, out of the road and not in an area that will block culverts or otherwise impede storm water drainage. We cannot chip small yard debris, vines, thorn bushes, small shrubbery clippings, railroad ties, landscape timbers, or similar type items. The chipping service is designed for limbs and small trees only. All other yard waste must be bagged.

Leaves and Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste is collected separately from household garbage on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. It shall not be placed for pickup prior to 72 hours before the pickup date. Yard waste shall be bagged and placed for pickup within 5 feet of the roadway. Please do not mix household garbage in with this material. Un-bagged leaves are collected semi-annually in the fall and spring during designated times. Leaves must be bagged for pick-up at all other times of the year. Unscheduled special collection arrangements can be made for an additional fee. Please call City Hall for all yard debris pick-up.

Mulch

Mulch from our chipping service is available for purchase from the City for \$25 per load delivered.

Water -

EPD has approved the permitting of the Winding Ridge Water System.

Solid Waste -

Garbage service will continue with our Monday and Thursday pick-up service until further notice. Don't forget that garbage should not be placed out for pick-up any earlier than the morning of the service. Animals scatter garbage even when put in the underground cans. Our garbage collectors are not responsible for picking up any garbage that is not properly bagged once they arrive. The dumpster at the tractor barn on Knob Drive can be utilized when you need to take your garbage somewhere prior to a garbage collection day. This is especially important when your garbage contains food items. NO garbage other than regular household garbage should be put out by the road or in the dumpster. **Anyone found dumping lumber, carpeting, paint, etc. in the dumpsters will be cited.** These materials must be hauled to the transfer station on Boggs Mountain Road in Tiger. Recyclables and other household garbage can be taken to the recycle center on Kelly's Creek Road. The recycle center is open 7 AM – 7 PM Monday – Saturday and 12 PM – 5 PM on Sunday.

With the nation becoming more environmentally conscious, we need to recognize the importance of recycling. By the end of the 2nd quarter last year we had hauled a total of 60.74 tons of garbage to the landfill. This year, we hauled 63.75 tons during the first 2 quarters. This is a 5% increase. It is essential that we encourage ourselves and our neighbors to recycle.

Reduce... Reuse... Recycle...

Reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away

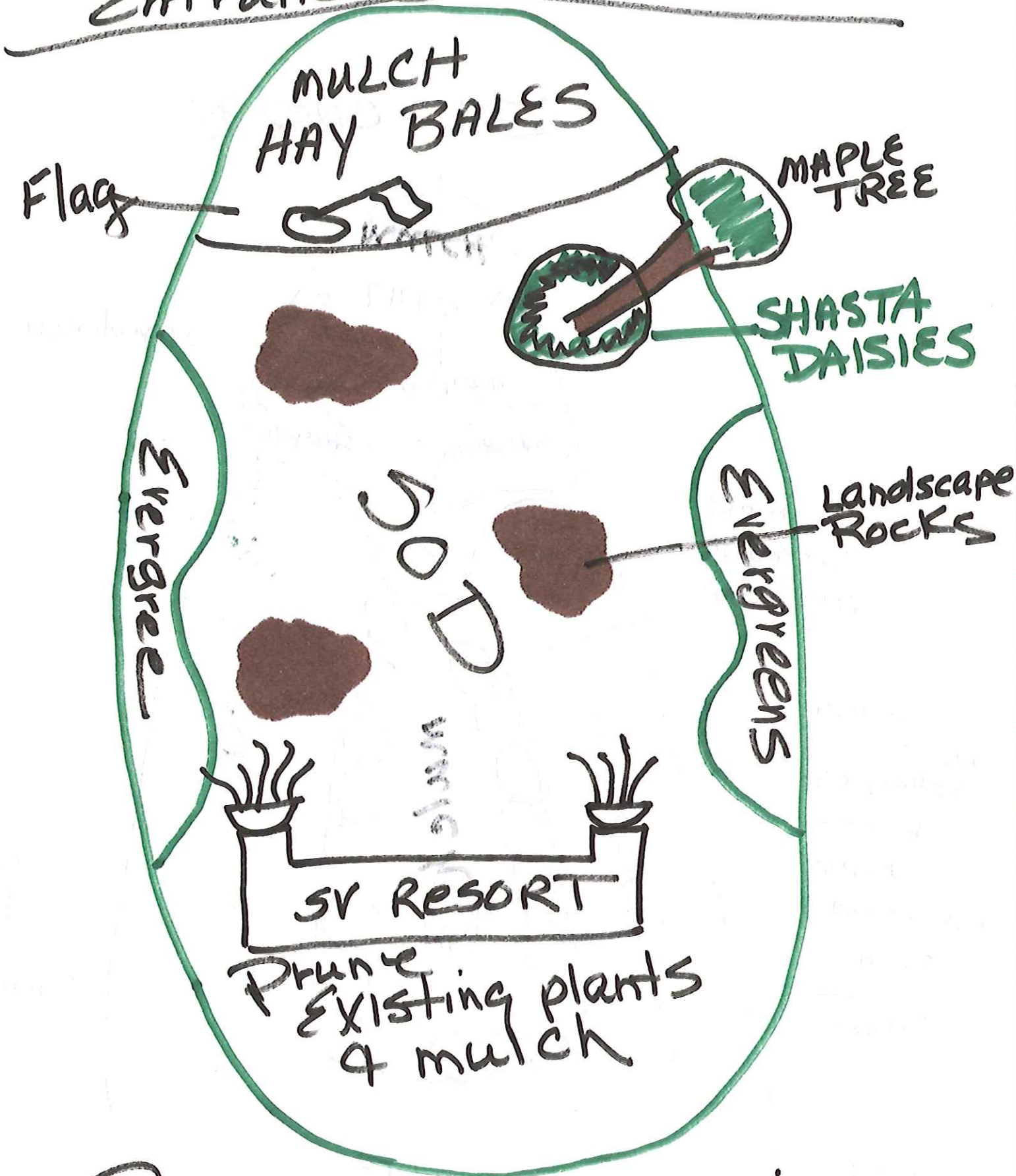
Reuse containers and products

Recycle as much as possible and buy products with recycled content



Housing & Development Departmental Data Report	For month ending August 31, 2013		
	Aug-13	YTD	2012 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	0	1
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	16	81	77
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	0	0
Total New Construction not yet finalized	1		3
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	12		86
Notices to Comply issued	2	5	4
Stop Work Orders issued	0	2	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	6	36	32
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	2	2	2
Fees Collected			
	Aug-13	YTD	2012 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$725	\$4,616	\$5,944
Tree Cutting Permits	\$450	\$2,070	\$840
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0	\$200	\$0
Fines Collected for for Ordinance Violations	\$0	\$0	\$10,000

Entrance



Rising Sun Landscaping
\$2655
Front Island

RISING SUN LANDSCAPING FOR SKY VALLEY ENTRANCE BID

Labor

Remove healthy plants and relocate

Prep island for sod

Install fescue sod (4 pallets)

Set 3 large landscape rocks

Create a new bed on each side of island with native plants

Relocate Shasta daisies to other side of entrance

Mulch beds

Labor Cost ~~\$000~~ 1250

Materials

4 pallets fescue sod delivered \$925

14 3 gallon evergreen shrubs @16.50 each. \$230

60 bags brown mulch \$250

Material Cost \$1405

TOTAL COST ~~\$1405~~ 2655

Jim Wells will be the contractor pending approval from City Council. The majority of the entrance will be sodded with the tip of the island remaining same (for the hay bales). The one dogwood will be relocated to an area designated by the City. Any plants that are not used will also be relocated to areas decided by the City.

The signage is very low, therefore the landscaping must be kept low. It is designed to be sophisticated and low maintenance using as many existing plants as possible. The entrance has a number of dead and diseased plants.

I encourage the approval of this project as it is important to make our entrance as attractive as possible.