



2024 Year in Review District 4

COBB COUNTY DISTRICT 4



COMMISSIONER MONIQUE SHEFFIELD



A Message from Commissioner Sheffield

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Greetings District 4! As we close out another year, I am reminded of how quickly time has passed. It feels like just yesterday we were reflecting on our accomplishments from 2023, and now we celebrate the progress made in 2024. This year brought its share of challenges, but also many wins that highlight the resilience and strength of our community. Guided by the principles of P.U.S.H. (Perseverance, Unity, Service, and Hope) to navigate the tough moments and keep us moving District 4 forward.

Together, we've worked to improve our quality of life, empower our community, and focus on priorities like enhancing green spaces, expanding access to health resources, and leveraging our district's natural amenities. Your support and engagement have been essential to this progress.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am excited about the opportunities ahead and remain committed to building on the progress we've made. By working collaboratively and staying engaged, we can ensure that District 4 continues to thrive as a resilient community where everyone has the chance to succeed.

As the proverb goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together." I am grateful to go far on my journey with the South Cobb community.

A special thank you to our civic organizations - the Austell Community Taskforce, the Mableton Improvement Coalition, and the Powder Springs Taskforce for their dedication. Thanks also to District 4 Planning Commissioner Michael Hughes for co-hosting monthly *In the Zone* community zoning meetings, District 4 appointees, community volunteers, Cobb County staff, and my fellow commissioners for their support throughout the year.

To the residents and businesses of District 4, thank you for allowing me to fulfill my purpose and serve as your commissioner. This year, we achieved significant wins, notable accomplishments and honorable county mentions, which we have summarized on the following pages. Let's continue to P.U.S.H. forward in 2025 as we move D4-ward.

- *Commissioner Monique Sheffield*

January

Groundbreaking News

After years in the making, CobbWorks will open its second Cobb WorkSource Development Center at the former location of Fire Station #1 on Mableton Parkway. Sonya Grant, president and executive director of CobbWorks (pictured second from left), shared opening remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony that the center, will be “a hub of inspiration, innovation, and growth.” The workforce development center will be a preeminent resource for education, training, and employment for residents and employers in South Cobb. It will make a transformational impact on many families and businesses and will contribute to the

economic growth and viability of the area. The new center will not only serve the South Cobb community as a resource for employment and educational opportunities, but it will also be instrumental in providing a pathway for building healthier communities. *Photo credit: Marietta Daily Journal*



Celebrating 10 Epic Years



It was a true honor and privilege to kick off the new year by celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Riverside Epicenter and honor its founders, Bishop Dale C. Bronner and Dr. Nina Bronner, for their vision and contributions to the South Cobb community.

Bishop Bronner and First Lady Nina Bronner's vision and mission for the EpiCenter was to create a central place to cater to culture and activity to help empower people and inspire communities. Over the years, the Riverside Epicenter has been a strong pillar in the community and has often collaborated with non-profits, hosted community meetings, and served as a voting location.

The EpiCenter is a multi-purpose facility that offers activities for the entire family,

including bowling, rock climbing, a recording studio, a theater for live performances, and a world-class gym. It is a premier location to host events, co-work, produce podcasts, or meet clients at the Loft Café. A special thanks to Dr. Christopher Boyd (pictured far right) for his tireless commitment to the South Cobb community.



Pictured: School Board Member Leroy Hutchins, Mableton Mayor Michael Owens, State Rep. Terry Cummings, Cobb County District Attorney Flynn Broady, Cobb District 4 Commissioner Monique Sheffield, Cobb Commission Chairwoman Lisa Cupid, WorkSource Cobb Executive Director Sonya Grant, EpiCenter Executive Director Dr. Christopher Boyd.

Senior Services Honored for Tackling Food Insecurity



The Austell Senior Center received the Outstanding Partnership Award from Wellstar Health System's Community Health and Center for Health Equity! This prestigious recognition honors Wellstar's commitment to improving food insecurity and enhancing the health and well-being of the community.

The award stems from Austell Senior Center's partnership with Wellstar & Goodr in the Mobile Market Program. Through this collaboration, the center established five pop-up markets, providing over 500 residents with free access to fresh produce, groceries, and pantry staples. Congratulations to the Austell Senior Center on this well-deserved recognition.

Second Annual MLK Day of Service

The Board of Commissioners in collaboration with Georgia's Agriculture Commissioner approved a food box distribution event in honor of the second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. This initiative aimed to address community needs and promote unity. The food boxes were funded utilizing the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A special thanks to Reflections of Trinity in Powder Springs and MUST Ministries in Marietta for their distribution assistance and dedication to making the day a success, showcasing the enduring relevance of Dr. King's teachings on service, community, and leadership.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Day of Service 2024



Cobb Named State's Library of the Year

Cobb County Public Library was recognized as Library of the Year for its commitment to serving its community (by partnering with county and statewide organizations), and for efforts to expand access to materials and essential services to the Cobb community.

Cobb County Public Library is the State's 2023 Library of the Year



The library serves a population of over 750,000 across 15 branches and is dedicated to being a resource center in the community by providing equal access to information, materials, and services.

"We have a diverse, creative, knowledgeable, innovative, and experienced team that goes above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve," said Helen Poyer, director of Cobb County Public Library. Congratulations to Helen and her team for the well-deserved recognition.

Cobb County Mourns a Giant, Former County Manager

In Memoriam



Mr. David Hankerson began his career in Cobb County Government in 1984 and served as manager of the Community Development Department before he was appointed Cobb County Manager on Feb. 1, 1993. He held that position for 24 years and shepherded county government as it moved from a mixed suburban/rural area to a rapidly growing metropolitan county.

Following his retirement, David Hankerson expressed to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "I never hated to come to work for Cobb; I couldn't wait. I was always here early, always here late." Those who collaborated with him recognize this as almost an understatement.

His final appearance before the Board of Commissioners occurred in September 2022, marking the county's 25th year of maintaining a triple AAA rating. Hankerson emphasized that achieving this goal was a priority during his tenure as county manager, and the county successfully attained the triple AAA rating just a few years later. "Triple AAA is about financing, but it's more than just financing," remarked Hankerson. "It's about leadership, community relations, and business relationships. We were very proud of that triple AAA rating."

Hankerson's extensive involvement included being a Leadership Cobb Alumnus, a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute, and a member of various committees and boards, such as the Association County Commissioners of Georgia General Government and Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Committees.

He served on civic and professional boards, including the Environmental Advisory Council, the ICMA Client Advisory Forum, The Walker School Board of Directors, and The Strand Board of Directors.

Hankerson received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Excellence in Public Service Award in 2004, the Justice Robert Benham Award in 2005, and the Community Leader of the Year award in 2008. The Safety Village Education Building was named in his honor by the Board of Commissioners in July 2009. In 2010, he received the Marietta Daily Journal Citizen of the Year, 100 Black Men of North Metro Image Award, and the Cobb NAACP Hugh Grogan Political Action Award.

After a long illness, Mr. Hankerson passed away on Jan. 26 at the age of 77. Thank you, Mr. Hankerson, for your service and leadership to Cobb County, and for paving the way for those who have followed in your footsteps.

Additional Funding for South Cobb Regional Trailhead

The Georgia Board of Natural Resources put its stamp of approval on funding for 13 land conservation, restoration, and parks projects across the state, including \$3 million for the Chattahoochee RiverLands Regional Trailhead in South Cobb. The \$3 million awarded to the project is allocated specifically for the development of a park at the corner of Mableton Parkway and Discovery Boulevard.

This project will be transformational for the area and will improve our quality of life by providing access to one of Georgia's greatest natural resources. Connecting with nature will have a positive impact on the physical and mental health of residents and visitors.

I am especially excited that the Riverland project will bolster economic development in the immediate area. Commercial and residential developers tend to gravitate toward communities that offer external amenities such as parks, trails, and in this case, the river. *Photo credit: Marietta Daily Journal*



Cobb Chamber Recognizes District 4 Volunteer



The Cobb Chamber's 82nd Annual Dinner on Jan. 27 was an unforgettable evening! The Chairman's awards presentation recognized the Chamber's most dedicated volunteers and members. Congratulations to the Awardees of the evening, with a special congratulations to District 4's own, Ray Thomas of the Mableton Improvement Coalition. Mr. Thomas was the recipient of the 2024.

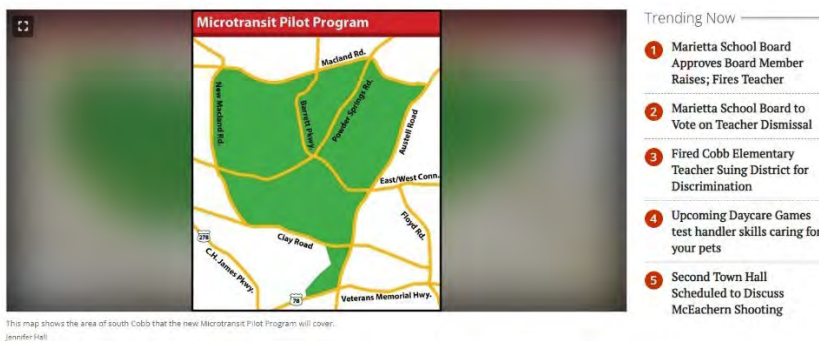
Mack Henderson Public Service Award. A heartfelt thank you to Ray Thomas for his dedication to improving the Mableton community.

February

BOC Approves Transit Pilot Program in South Cobb

Cobb to Implement Transit Pilot Program in South Cobb

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The Board of Commissioners approved a nearly \$3.5 million micro-transit pilot program in South Cobb as part of preparations for November's transit tax referendum. The two-year program, mainly funded by state and federal dollars, with the county covering 30% of the costs, aims to provide localized on-demand transit services connecting to other transit services in Cobb County and the Atlanta region. Microtransit was included in the proposed 30-year, 1% sales tax to fund public transit improvements in Cobb, which had envisioned 108 miles of bus rapid transit (BRT) and arterial rapid transit (ART) routes.

The county applied for state funding to support the pilot program, and there are plans to potentially extend it beyond the initial two years with the Georgia Transit Trust Fund and Federal Transportation Administration funding covering a significant portion of the costs. *Photo credit: Marietta Daily Journal*

BOC Urges State Leaders to Continue Mental Health Reform

Cobb joins 158 other counties in calling for mental health reform



The Cobb County Board of Commissioners recently adopted a resolution urging Gov. Brian Kemp and the General Assembly to continue mental health reform efforts this legislative session. The effort to have each county adopt a resolution specifically urging the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts to enhance citizens' access to vital mental health services – including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state.

Rising from the Ashes

Your SPLOST pennies at work! Memories were created as we celebrated the opening of the Old Clarkdale Park Community Center at historic Clarkdale Mill Village in Austell. The former community center burned down in 2017 just after SPLOST funds were approved for renovations. In 2022, we celebrated the completion of phase 1 which included a new playground, pavilion, community garden, and ball fields.

The Clarkdale Community Center isn't just a building, it is a symbol of unity, a testament to our shared values, and a space designed to bring us together. This community gem is a great venue for family events and community meetings.

A special thanks to PARKS Director Michael Brantley and his team for a job well done, and for their commitment to improving our quality of life. This center reflects what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.



Cooper Middle School Students Win Big



Congratulations to five students from Cooper Middle School for earning the opportunity to participate in the 2023-24 Georgia State Model Water Tower Competition (MWTC) after securing top spots in the Cobb-Marietta competition. The MWTC is an annual event open to all Cobb County and City of Marietta middle schools. Participants construct functional model water towers using recycled materials and are evaluated based on presentation, hydraulic function, dimensions and materials.

The top three models received cash prizes, with \$300 awarded to first place (The Beatles – Andrew M.), \$200 to second place (Team Happy Meal – Ida C., Olivia M., Cailyn S. and Mia B.), and \$100 to third place (Team Snowman – Wilnide C., Erin F., Ada T. and Ariel). Teams were also recognized for best engineering design, artistic design and presentation. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2023-24 Cobb-Marietta MWTC.

Honoring a District 4 Hero

The Board of Commissioners proudly presented a proclamation to Michael Green (pictured second from left), a true hero among us. In a moment of crisis, Michael demonstrated remarkable courage and quick thinking, saving a Mableton Elementary School student's life on his school bus. His swift action and calm demeanor epitomize the dedication and care we strive for in our community. Green's selflessness serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the profound impact ordinary individuals can have when faced with extraordinary circumstances. We are grateful for his act of bravery and compassion. A special recognition for the student's brother who alerted the bus driver that his sister was in distress.



March

Servant of the Year Award



—KEEP GEORGIA—
BEAUTIFUL
Foundation
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

District 4 won big for the Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards. I was honored to be chosen as the recipient of the Steve Reynolds Public Servant of the Year Award. Named in honor of a former state senator who was instrumental in establishing the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation network, the award recognizes

an elected official, law enforcement officer, code officer, or other government employee who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the environment. The Friends of Mableton won in the category of Community Catalyst, which honors the efforts of a group or individual that fosters outstanding collaborative leadership between neighbors, local businesses, and community organizations to collectively improve the local environment.

A special thanks to our Adopt-A-Mile partners, civic organizations, community leaders and residents for your countless volunteer hours to help us win these awards, and to the Cobb Department of Transportation for picking up the gathered litter.



Circles Cobb First Graduating Cohort



The graduation of the first Circles Cobb cohort was a moment of celebration, marked by touching testimonials from the graduates themselves. Witnessing the growth and the positive impact of the program has reaffirmed my belief in its transformative power.

During the graduation ceremony, I had the privilege of delivering an address to the graduates and guests, emphasizing the importance of perseverance and community support in achieving financial stability. The stories shared by the graduates underscored the profound impact of Circles Cobb in empowering individuals to take control of their lives and futures.

One of the most remarkable aspects of this journey has been seeing the tangible results achieved by the graduates in just a short period. With an average income increase of 5%, it's clear that the program's emphasis on budgeting, goal-setting, and supportive relationships is making a real difference in the lives of participants.

Board of Commissioners Recognizes Great Leaders



The Board of Commissioners honored Cobb Department of Transportation Director Drew Raessler and Keep Cobb Beautiful Chief Sustainability Officer Kimberly White for their exceptional leadership. Raessler (pictured left) was presented with the 2023 Silver Eagle Award after being chosen by his colleagues. This accolade acknowledges a department manager who has displayed remarkable teamwork and leadership within the team throughout the year. White (pictured right) received the 2023 Keep America Beautiful Sue Smith Professional Leadership Award. This esteemed recognition celebrates individuals who embody the mission of Keep America Beautiful and its Model for Change methodology.

Congratulations City of Austell

Austell was selected to develop a City Agriculture Plan in partnership with the Atlanta Regional Commission and Food Well Alliance. This plan is a roadmap for improving our local food system over the next 5-10 years, focusing on building a healthier and more sustainable community. It's exciting because it means we're all working together to make Austell an even better place to live.

The kick-off event held at the I.T. and Lodemia Terrell Community Garden was just the start, where the community came together to begin the important journey. Thank you to Food Well Alliance and their dedication to promoting sustainable food systems.



Burrito fans rejoice!



Chipotle opened its first location in Mableton on March 29. The restaurant features the brand's signature Chipotlane, a drive-thru pick-up lane allowing guests to conveniently pick up digital orders without leaving their cars.

This exciting addition promises to bring delicious food and employment opportunities to our area and also fulfills the community's desire for more dining options in the vicinity. The new restaurant is located at 4835 Floyd Road in Mableton.

Cobb Library at the Capitol

Congratulations to Library Director Helen Poyer and her team for their 2023 Library of the Year recognition at the Capitol. The Cobb County Library was recognized for its commitment to serving its community by partnering with numerous organizations within the county and statewide, and for efforts to expand access to materials and essential services to its community.



April

3rd Annual D4 Community Cleanup



Commissioner Sheffield's Annual Cleanup
LET'S TACKLE LITTER TOGETHER



Along with the dedication of 150 volunteers, we were able to make a significant impact during our Annual Cleanup for Earth Day event, clearing away a remarkable 2,180 pounds of litter from our community.

Together, we've made a tangible difference, and I'm incredibly grateful for the support. Many contributed to the success of our annual event. A special thanks to Kimberly White and the Keep Cobb Beautiful team including

District 4's Keep Cobb Beautiful appointees, Barry Krebs and Jeff Padgett, Cobb Department of Transportation, Cobb Police, and the Sheriff's Office. Thanks to our elected officials, Mableton District 4 Councilwoman Patricia Auch, District Attorney Flynn Broady Jr., Mableton City Manager Bill Tanks, and Cobb's Public Service Agency Director Dr. Jatunn Gibson and for the cool ride on her Can-Am Spyder motorcycle, District 1 and 2 commission assistants, Ryan Williams and Megan Cappelto for joining in the cleanup. A huge thanks to my assistant Rwanda McIntosh for flexing her event planning skills and securing Starbucks and Walmart as event sponsors. Thanks to MOOYAH Burgers and Fries for lunch. And, of course, the biggest thanks to the volunteers as this initiative would not be successful without you.

D4's Cobb Water Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to District 4's Ian Priester-Gamble for being one of the winners of the Cobb County Water System and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's fifth annual high school photography contest! The contest celebrated the talents of Cobb high school students, inviting entries in six categories: Water at Play, Water at Work, Water in Nature, Water and People, Protecting Water, and Conserving Water. Ten entries were chosen with each winner receiving a cash prize and their photos transformed into notecards to be distributed throughout the county.



Osborne Recreation Center Begins Construction



A groundbreaking was held for the new Osborne Recreation Center — a highly anticipated addition to Cobb PARKS facilities on Smyrna-Powder Springs Road. This \$15 million Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax project is slated for completion by late spring 2025, with plans in place for potential expansion (such as the addition of an aquatic center). The center's significance lies in its role as a focal point for community engagement and well-being, offering vital recreational

opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds. I am delighted that the center will feature an indoor track to cater to our walking and running enthusiasts.

May

Families in Cobb Celebrate Having a Home and Stability



The Cobb County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with The Center for Family Resources and Cobb County Magistrate Court, launched a Housing Stability Court Program to promote housing stability. On May 10, the program celebrated its first set of graduates, marking a significant milestone for eight families who faced eviction.

This innovative court program, funded by \$1.3 million from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance program, diverts eligible families from traditional court proceedings, providing essential resources and financial education to enhance their stability. Chief Magistrate Judge Brendan Murphy emphasized the holistic approach of the program, which combines education, resources, and financial aid to ensure families can continue paying rent independently. To learn more about The Center for Family Resources Housing Stability Program, contact Housingstabilityinfo@thecfr.org.

Support for Veteran Housing in South Cobb



The groundbreaking for the Tunnels to Towers redevelopment project in Mableton occurred on May 16.

In Nov. 2023, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a rezoning application for the Tunnels for Towers project to support housing needs for our veterans. This initiative aims to stabilize and support the brave men and women who have served our country and are at risk of becoming homeless. The project will transform a 103-room motel in Mableton into 95 lease-ready apartments for qualified veterans, offering permanent housing, and essential support services while fostering a sense of community. Visit t2t.org to learn about the organization and rental qualifications.

A special thanks to Home Depot for generously donating \$500,000 towards this project, which will significantly benefit the most vulnerable members of our community who have sacrificed so much for us.

Pebblebrook High School Named Acapella Group Winner

Congratulations to Pebblebrook High School's Sonic Edge A Cappella group. The group, composed of students from the Cobb County Center for Excellence in Performing Arts rose to prominence in their second year by winning the International Championship in New York. Despite facing adversity, inexperience, and uncertainties during the competition process, they emerged as national champions, outscoring their competitors by over 100 points. Their dedication and hard work paid off, propelling them from wildcard contenders to undeniable winners.



New Property Management Department Director Announced



The Board of Commissioners appointed Andrew Yakimovich as the new Director of Property Management.

Andrew brings over twenty years of property management experience from Kennesaw State University and the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. Since late 2022, he served as the Deputy Director of Property Management, overseeing projects like the Facility Condition Assessment Program and the ARPA Healthy Building Initiative. His extensive experience will be invaluable in leading the department forward. Congratulations to Yakimovich on his promotion!

Arya's Wish Comes True



Cobb Public Safety and the Make-A-Wish Georgia foundation partnered to fulfill the dream of Arya Patel, a 10-year-old cancer survivor who aspired to become a first responder.

During Public Safety Week, Arya was sworn in as a Cobb Police officer and Cobb firefighter in a special ceremony. After the ceremony, he experienced police drills, search and rescue missions, and even enjoyed a ride in a fire truck.

Thank you to Make-A-Wish Georgia and Cobb Public Safety for making this day unforgettable for Arya!

June

City of Mableton Celebrates First Anniversary

The City of Mableton joyfully celebrated its one-year anniversary as an incorporated city with a series of vibrant and inclusive events that showcased the spirit and diversity of its community. The celebrations kicked off with the inaugural Mableton Classic Golf Tournament, attracting enthusiasts from across the city. Adding to the celebratory weekend, the Living Legends Seniors Brunch honored the city's senior citizens, recognizing their



contributions and the vital role they play in the community. Families and friends also gathered for the Family and Friends Fun Run, an event that encouraged physical fitness and togetherness. Congratulations to District 4 City Councilwoman Patricia Auch for taking first place in the adult category. The second-place prize went to Mableton Finance Director Frank Milanzi, further highlighting the involvement and spirit of the city's leadership. I presented a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners to congratulate the Mayor and City Council on their accomplishments. Overall, the one-year anniversary celebrations of the City of Mableton were a resounding success, reflecting the vibrant, diverse, and united nature of the community and setting the stage for continued growth and harmony in the years to come.



City of Mableton - Government

Toni Morrison Society places 34th bench in honor of former slaves

The Toni Morrison Society and Friends of the Concord Covered Bridge District dedicated a new bench at the Silver Comet Trail entrance to honor nearly 4,000 enslaved people of Cobb County, including Matilda Ruff and her family. Friends member, Pat Burns, who discovered Matilda's name through historical documents, highlighted the lack of recognition for Matilda and her children compared to the well-documented Ruff family.



This bench is the 34th in the Toni Morrison Society's "Bench by the Road" project, commemorating important aspects of African Diaspora history. The dedication took place on the eve of Juneteenth, with State Representative Terry Cummings sharing Matilda's history, including her emancipation and subsequent life. Matilda, who lived near her former owner's son post-emancipation, accumulated personal wealth and secured steady work.

Congratulations to a Standout Student



The Cobb County Board of Commissioners proudly recognized Isaiah Hubert for his exceptional achievement in being selected to receive the prestigious 2024 Gates Scholarship. The scholarship, founded by Bill and Melinda Gates in 2017, covers full college costs not covered by other aid.

Isaiah has consistently excelled academically, being an honor roll student throughout his four years at Pebblebrook High School/CCCEPA, primarily in honors and AP courses. Despite his achievements, he remains humble. Beyond academics, Isaiah has been a dedicated Boys and Girls Club member for 11 years, earning Youth of the Year for the Michael A. Grant Boys and Girls Club twice. He demonstrated his public speaking skills at the Coca-Cola Roxy, addressing more than 700 people during the Youth of the Year process for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta. Isaiah is also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, and Beta Club. Notably, he helped small businesses leverage AI technology and earned a \$250 scholarship from We Thrive on Riverside Renters Association for volunteering more than 100 hours.

July

Atlanta Braves Building Dreams



Habitat for Humanity, in collaboration with the Atlanta Braves, enabled Quintasha Swanson to become the first homeowner in her family. Swanson, the executive assistant to Scott Hamilton, Austell's Chief of Police, and mother to her adopted daughter Angel, was celebrated at a surprise event, expressing that her new home will be an integral part of her legacy for her daughter and future grandchildren. Danielle Bedasse, Vice President of Community Affairs for the Braves, highlighted the team's commitment to building community and addressing the urgent need for affordable housing in the area. Jessica Gill, CEO of Habitat for Humanity NW Metro Atlanta, emphasized the transformative impact of homeownership on communities. The Braves' front office participated in a nine-week build from July to September, culminating in a dedication ceremony, marking a significant investment in the South Cobb community. It was an honor to work alongside fellow volunteers to help Quin achieve her dream of becoming a homeowner. *Photo Credit: Fox5Atlanta.com*



High Fives for Clarkdale Little League 10U All-Stars



Congratulations to the Clarkdale Little League 10U All-Stars team at the Southwest Baseball Association at Clarkdale Park! This outstanding group of young athletes demonstrated remarkable skill and determination throughout their journey in the Braves Country All-Star tournament. Their hard work and dedication paid off with impressive accomplishments: 1st place in District 2, runner-up spot in the North Georgia Regional, and ultimately the 1st place title in the Georgia State tournament. These achievements reflect not only their

talent and teamwork, but also the unwavering support of their coaches, families, and the entire Clarkdale community.

Thriving at National Night Out

National Night Out in District 4 of Cobb County was a vibrant community event aimed at fostering positive relationships between local law enforcement and residents. It brought together families, neighbors, and public safety officers for an evening of fun and engagement. Attendees enjoyed various activities, including live music, games, and food, while learning about crime prevention and community safety initiatives. It was a wonderful opportunity for residents to connect with each other and local public safety officers, reinforcing a shared commitment for a safe and supportive community.

Thank you to Monica Delancy and the We Thrive at Riverside Renters Association for hosting the event.



Reflections of Trinity Services Expansion



The Reflections of Trinity Benefits Office held their grand opening in late July. The expansion and new services of the nonprofit provide vital application and advocacy services for programs like WIC, SNAP, TANF, Medicare, and CAPS. These services are available to both their food pantry neighbors and the general public, marking a significant step forward in their mission to support the community. Reflections of Trinity is a nonprofit organization located at 4037 Austell-Powder Springs Road, Powder Springs, that supplies food and necessities to community residents. It also offers educational tools,

resources, and experiences that empower individuals to transform their lives and enhance their quality of life.

August

GDOT Approved Traffic Signal Design...FINALLY!

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of the completed traffic signal design to the Georgia Department of Transportation for final approval of traffic signal installation on Veterans Memorial Highway and Buckner Road. Once the traffic signal is installed, Cobb County will be responsible for the operation and maintenance responsibility for the traffic signal. This project is part of the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program. The annual cost is approximately \$5,000 to include traffic control supplies and electricity. Funding has been approved in the FY2025 Operating Budget to keep our residents safe.



South Cobb Citizen of the Year



Barry Krebs, a dedicated volunteer from Mableton, was honored as the 2024 South Cobb Citizen of the Year by the South Cobb Rotary Club. Krebs, who retired from his role as southeast regional director for Kellogg's convenience store sales, is the District 4 appointee to the Keep Cobb Beautiful board and has spent over a decade volunteering with the South Cobb Lions Club and various other organizations. His commitment to community service, which began with a simple walk to stay active, has grown into a passion for environmental stewardship and helping others. The award ceremony, held at Presbyterian Village in Austell, was a surprise orchestrated by the Lions Club, with friends and fellow volunteers praising Krebs for his selfless dedication. His efforts have not only earned him the Citizen of the Year award but also numerous accolades, including the Keep Georgia Beautiful "Man of the Year" award. I am grateful for Barry's love and commitment to our community.

Dobbins and Lockheed Connect to Cobb

The Tie-on Ceremony was held, marking the significant agreement between the U.S. Air Force, Lockheed Martin, and the Cobb County Water System. This partnership represents a major step forward in regional wastewater management. The Cobb County Water System will now oversee the wastewater treatment for both Dobbins Air Reserve Base and Lockheed Martin, allowing for more efficient and environmentally friendly operations. As a result of this collaboration, Lockheed Martin will be able to close its existing wastewater treatment plant, which currently serves both the base and its own facilities. This transition not only highlights the importance of collaboration between military, industry, and local government, but also underscores our commitment to the sustainable practices that benefit our community.



Local Dance Studio Wins Big

Austell's own Lisa's Dance Spot's A-Team achieved an incredible milestone by winning second runner-up at the prestigious World of Dance Championship in Secaucus, New Jersey. Their outstanding performance captivated the audience and judges alike, showcasing their exceptional talent and dedication. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and passion of the dancers and coaches. Our community is immensely proud of A-Team for representing Lisa's Dance Spot on such a prominent stage and for its impressive accomplishment.



Recognizing Child Support Awareness Month



The Cobb County Board of Commissioners proudly declared August as Child Support Awareness Month, emphasizing the critical importance of ensuring that all children have their basic needs met.

Through its Child Support Services Division, the Cobb County District Attorney's Office plays a pivotal role in helping parents provide consistent and reliable support for their children. In partnership with the State of Georgia Department of Human Services, and by leveraging innovative resources such as the Fatherhood Program, Parental Accountability Court, and a mobile app, the division assists parents in overcoming barriers to fulfilling their child support obligations.

With a dedicated team of 17 employees, the division has made a significant impact, positively affecting over 6,874 children in Cobb County by handling thousands of cases and collecting millions in child support. This proclamation underscores the county's commitment to promoting the health and well-being of all children in our community.

September

Going Above and Beyond with Safe Driving



The Board of Commissioners awarded Cobb County Police Officer Tiersa Grostic a certificate of recognition for her exemplary performance during a telematics trial. Cobb County's Risk and Safety Department implemented the Samsara telematics system in all county vehicles to improve driving behaviors and recognize safe driving by county employees. The Cobb County Police Department was chosen for the initial trial.

Throughout the trial, Officer Grostic consistently achieved the highest score for safe driving, helping to keep both herself and residents safe on the road. Congratulations to Officer Grostic on this well-deserved recognition.

Cobb's Annual Report Won a Top National Award

The Cobb County Communications Office received the prestigious Savvy Award for Best Annual Report during the national City-County Communications and Marketing Association Conference in Arlington, Texas.

Cobb won for its 2023 annual report, which was produced entirely in-house, placing it in competition against publications produced by cities and counties with significantly larger communication departments and resources.

Judges praised its creative approach, highlighting the digital presentation and the effective use of graphics to enhance readability. They said the report "effectively showcases the county's projects, successes, and initiatives in a visually appealing and engaging format. The strategic use of bright colors and vibrant local imagery, paired with detailed information, makes the report both informative and attractive."

Additionally, the Cobb County Communications Office was recognized for graphic design and the use of humor in communications. *Pictured from right, Communications Director Ross Cavitt, Communications Manager Shelly Weidner, and Senior Communications Specialist Drew Burr.*



Honoring Lives Lost

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation declaring Sept. 25 as Homicide Awareness Day. Rehoboth Family and Community Services Board Executive Director Cynthia McGarity, the Cobb District Attorney's Office, Austell Police Chief Scott Hamilton, and local law enforcement attended the presentation. Homicide Awareness Day is dedicated to honoring the memories of homicide victims, supporting

their families, and raising awareness about the impact of violent crime in the community. The day also encourages education and prevention efforts to reduce violence and foster safer communities.



Cobb's Continuing Excellence in County Financials



For the 27th year in a row, Cobb County has been awarded three triple AAA credit ratings by the nation's top agencies, marking the highest level of creditworthiness. This prestigious rating lowers the county's borrowing costs, attracts investments, and offers greater financial flexibility in emergencies. The New York-based agencies — Fitch, S&P, and Moody's — cited Cobb's sound financial practices, diverse economy, and strong budgetary reserves in their reports. Cobb is one of only three counties in Georgia with triple AAA ratings from all three agencies and is believed to be among a select few counties or municipalities nationwide to achieve such a longstanding streak.

Celebrating National Senior Citizens Day

I had the honor to attend the Senior Citizen Council of Cobb's National Senior Citizens Day celebration alongside Commissioner Richardson. This annual awards luncheon is a special opportunity to recognize the lifetime achievements of some of our most valued community members.

We were privileged to present the Life Achievement certificates to this year's remarkable awardees, acknowledging their lasting contributions to Cobb County. The event was filled with joy as attendees enjoyed lunch, music, and entertainment. It was a truly heartwarming celebration of the incredible impact our seniors continue to make in our community.



October

New Business at Hobby Lobby Plaza

District 4 proudly welcomed Floor & Décor to South Cobb. This new addition, located at 1355 East-West Connector in Austell (Mableton), brings quality products and service to our residents while embodying the smart, sustainable, and community-centered development we strive for – growth that benefits both our local economy and the people who live here. With Floor & Décor, we are bringing more local jobs and creating valuable employment opportunities right in the heart of South Cobb.

As we continue to grow, it's important that we attract businesses that invest in our community's long-term success, and Floor & Décor is a partner in that journey. This store adds convenience and accessibility for our residents, who no longer need to travel to the Kennesaw location to find the materials they need to improve their homes and businesses.



Paint Cobb Pink



The Cobb County Board of Commissioners declared October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This annual observance emphasizes the importance of raising awareness about breast cancer, supporting those affected, and promoting early detection. We celebrated this vibrant cause on Oct. 18 by wearing pink for Pink Out Day!

Keeping the Faith & Blue

Many thanks to the Mableton Pastors Collective for organizing the annual Faith & Blue March, which brought our community together for a meaningful walk from the First Christian Church of Mableton to the Gordon Road Plaza. The Pebblebrook High School Marching Band gave a magnificent performance, adding to the day's energy. Most importantly, we appreciate and honor our brave law enforcement officers who work tirelessly to keep us safe every day.



Cobb PARKS Named Agency of the Year



The Georgia Recreation and Parks Association 5th district selected Cobb PARKS as its 2024 Agency of the Year. The department was recognized for its contributions, community engagement, events and more. Recreation Program Coordinator Debbie Parrish was also named Outstanding Programmer for her contributions to Therapeutic Recreation Services. Jordan Wood and the PARKS Operations team also earned the award for their collective efforts and enhancements to the Atlanta United Mini Pitch at Wallace Park.

November

South Cobb Citizens of the Year Named



The Cobb Chamber's South Cobb Area Council announced its 2024 Citizens of the Year, honoring three community advocates for their exceptional contributions to South Cobb:

Austell's Citizen of the Year: Quintasha Swanson, serves as Executive Director of The Haven of Help and has been instrumental in initiatives like the Back-2-School Bash and Project Warm Blanket, providing vital resources to local families.

Mableton's Citizen of the Year: Carolyn Turner, founder of the HOPE Family Resource Center, has dedicated herself to supporting families through outreach, school supply drives, and community events. She also serves on the Cobb County Board of Tax Assessors.

Powder Springs Citizen of the Year: Elliott Hennington, a general contractor and longtime community leader, was recognized for his work with the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Board, the annual Back-to-School Bash, and mentorship programs for local youth.

These leaders were honored with the awards at a luncheon at the Riverside EpiCenter, celebrating their dedication to making South Cobb a stronger, more connected community. *Pictured left to right: Quintasha Swanson, Austell Mayor Ollie Clemons, Carolyn Turner, Mableton Mayor Pro Tem Keisha Jeffcoat, Elliott Hennington, Powder Springs Mayor Al Thurman.*

CobbLinc Go Launch



I participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the celebration for CobbLinc Go, the County's new pilot transit system! This program marked an important step toward creating more accessible, efficient, and sustainable transportation options for our community.

CobbLinc Go is designed to help residents connect to jobs, schools, and essential services. It aims to reduce traffic congestion and provide reliable, eco-friendly transportation options. This initiative reflects my commitment to improving our quality of life, and I'm excited about the positive impact it will have on how we move and connect throughout the

county.

A big thank you to Cobb DOT Director Andrew Raessler and his team with a special thanks to our partners at Via for all their hard work in bringing this vision to life.

Cobb PARKS director receives prestigious award

Cobb PARKS Director Michael Brantley received the 2024 Distinguished Professional Award from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association, recognizing his outstanding dedication to parks, recreation, and community development.

Brantley's career spans both local and state-level roles, beginning in Dublin, Georgia, and extending through 21 years with Cherokee County's Parks and Recreation Department, where his leadership helped secure a \$90 million bond for facility expansion.



In Cobb, Brantley remains a strong advocate for safety, accessibility, and capital improvements. He has also served in several key roles with GRPA, including president and District 5 chair. This award reflects his commitment to excellence. Thank you, Michael, for your invaluable contributions.

New restaurant at Hobby Lobby Plaza

District 4 added another eatery. Agavero Mexican Cantina opened its 4th restaurant in Austell (Mableton). The location is beautiful, and the food is delicious! I spoke with the owner during the restaurant's permitting phase, and he shared his excitement about being a part of the Heritage Hills redevelopment (Hobby Lobby Plaza) and he was looking forward to the spring and summer months where patrons can enjoy spending time on the patio.



Giving a Helping Hand



Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I volunteered at the Reflections of Trinity Thanksgiving Outreach held at LinkedUP Church. It was truly inspiring to see an overwhelming number of volunteers come together to support our community. Among them were the incredible young ladies from Alexxus Carr's GLOW Movement, whose energy and enthusiasm made a significant impact. The experience was heartwarming and a powerful reminder of the importance of giving back. I'm grateful to have been part

of such a meaningful effort to spread kindness and care during the holiday season.

Special Called Election for Districts 2 and 4

The Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration (BOER) set the dates for the Special Elections for Cobb County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4.

- Primary Election will take place on **Feb. 11, 2025**
- Runoff Election (if necessary) will take place on **March 11, 2025**
- General Special Election will take place on **April 29, 2025**

Board of Elections sets Special Election dates for
Commission Districts 2 & 4



The BOER had to wait until after November's General Election to set these dates, as they depended on a possible runoff (no runoff was necessary). Advance Voting will be available for these contests at select locations. Only Cobb Commission Districts 2 and 4 voters will be eligible to vote in this special election. Visit www.cobbcounty.org/elections to determine if you reside in Commission District 2 or 4.

December

Inaugural MUST-Have Holiday Cheer Drive



This year, I hosted District 4's inaugural MUST-Have Holiday Cheer Food and Toy Distribution in partnership with MUST Ministries. My heart was overjoyed knowing we were able to serve hundreds of families in District 4, spreading holiday cheer and making a meaningful impact.

Thanks to the generous support of MUST Ministries, we distributed food boxes, with Kroger providing turkeys, Publix donating gift cards and the community stepping up with toy donations.

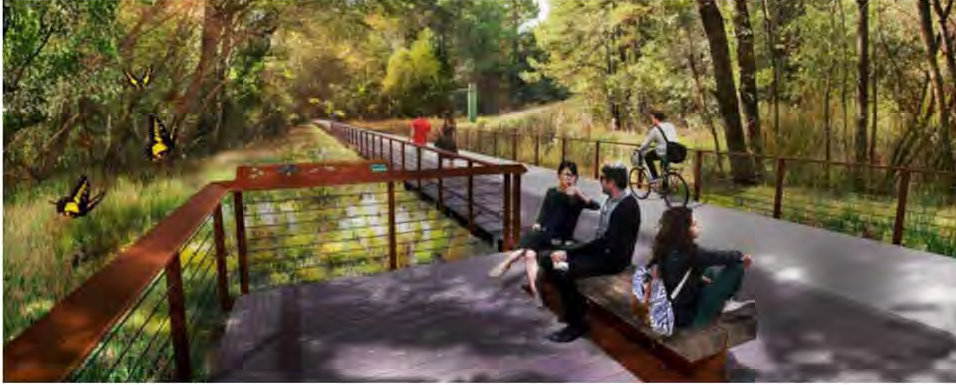
The smiles and gratitude from those we served were a powerful reminder of why events like this matter so much. I'm excited about the future of this initiative and can't wait to see how it grows in the years ahead.

New Regional Trail in South Cobb

On Dec. 2, along with Cobb County officials, the Trust for Public Land, and county staff, we celebrated the ribbon-cutting for the Chattahoochee Riverland Trail. This milestone marks the completion of the first segment of an ambitious project in Mableton to create a connected greenway and waterway spanning 19 metro Atlanta cities and 7 counties along the Chattahoochee River and will bring South Cobb its first-ever public river access, featuring a 2.4-mile loop with boardwalks, education nooks, paved and unpaved trails, and breathtaking river overlooks.

The Chattahoochee Riverlands Trail is more than a pathway — it is a catalyst for economic growth, community connection, and transformation. Serving as a gateway to recreation and conservation, it strengthens our bond with the natural environment and with each other. Improving our quality of life has been a priority since day one, and this project is a shining example of that dedication. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.

Cobb County and Trust for Public Land Hosting Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Chattahoochee RiverLands



November 22, 2024

Cobb County and Trust for Public Land Hosting Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Chattahoochee RiverLands First Riverside Trail in South Cobb County

On Monday, December 2, the Cobb County Department of Transportation and Cobb PARKS, in partnership with Trust for Public Land, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the first phase of the Chattahoochee RiverLands.

The first section of this river trail brings a bold regional vision to fruition. It will connect 19 metro Atlanta cities and seven counties to the Chattahoochee River and to each other with a greenway trail of connecting parks, overlooks, access points, and trailheads. The site also offers the first-ever public access to the river in South Cobb County.

Key features along the 0.6-mile trail include a paved shared-use path, a boardwalk that spans scenic wetlands, a soft surface trail, an education nook, a river overlook, and more.

The Cobb County Department of Transportation led the project, **with pivotal support from Commissioner Monique Sheffield, who secured \$1 million in SPLOST funds to kickstart the initiative.** Trust for Public Land contributed an additional \$470,000 to help complete the project. **Chairwoman Lisa Cupid and the Mableton Improvement Coalition have also been instrumental advocates, rallying community support throughout the process.**

This project is a significant milestone for Cobb County and the metro Atlanta region as it sets the standard for the envisioned 100-mile linear park system of the Chattahoochee RiverLands. Once complete, the RiverLands will connect nearly one million nearby residents and visitors to nature and activities such as kayaking, swimming, biking, picnicking, walking, camping, and more along the river. This river trail, located in Mableton, sits behind Discovery Park at the River Line, and will be maintained by Cobb PARKS. To learn more about this or other upcoming projects in the Atlanta region, visit [TPL.org](https://www.tpl.org).

Honoring Cobb Library's Director Helen Poyer

In recognition of her significant contributions and passion for community outreach, County Manager Dr. Jackie McMorris announced that the Cobb Library Bookmobile will be renamed the Helen Poyer Cobb Library Bookmobile. Helen Poyer, who began her career as a bookmobile librarian in Illinois, retires in December, leaving behind a legacy of innovation and unwavering dedication to serving the community.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Keith Schuermann as Cobb County's new library director. Schuermann brings more than 20 years of library leadership experience.



Farewell to District Attorney Flynn Broady, Jr.



We bid farewell to District Attorney Flynn Broady, Jr., who departs Cobb County after 16 years of dedicated service. Since becoming DA in 2021, Broady's leadership brought justice in the Ahmaud Arbery case, established Georgia's first Second Chance Desk to help residents clear their records, and opened the Cobb Family Advocacy Center to support victims of violence and abuse. He also cleared the backlog of cases caused by the pandemic, leaving a legacy of efficiency and innovation. We thank DA Broady for his service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Zoning Approval for a Soccer Practice Facility

On Dec. 17 the Board of Commissioners approved a zoning application for Trejo Soccer Training Academy. The subject parcel, once home to the largest roller-skating rink in Georgia, will be transformed into an indoor soccer training facility. This proposed use will greatly benefit the area, as it is adjacent to Cobb County's Lion Park, which includes a baseball field.

The new training facility will not only foster a sense of pride in the community but will inspire trainees and soccer enthusiasts by offering a glimpse of what's possible, perhaps one day playing for Atlanta United! After the zoning hearing, I connected with Atlanta United to request that the location be considered for their Atlanta United 100 program to construct a mini pitch at the facility. Stay tuned ... *Photo credit: Marietta Daily Journal*



2025 Comprehensive Plan Available for Review

2025 UPDATE



The 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Future Land Use Amendments are available for review and download at

www.cobbcounty.org/community-development/news/2025-comprehensive-plan-and-future-land-use-amendments

Public Hearing Dates:

Planning Commission: Tuesday, **Jan. 7**, 7 p.m.

Board of Commissioners: Tuesday, **Jan. 21**, 9 a.m.

Lighting up the Holidays at Mable House



I had the incredible joy of lighting the tree at Mable House Lights the Night, marking the official start of the much-anticipated Tree Jubilee! The event was filled with holiday spirit, as families and friends gathered to celebrate the season with dazzling lights, festive music, and warm camaraderie. Watching the tree illuminate against the night sky was a magical moment, symbolizing the unity and joy this season brings. It was an honor to be part of such a cherished community tradition that spreads cheer and creates lasting memories for everyone involved.

Annual Gift Basket Class

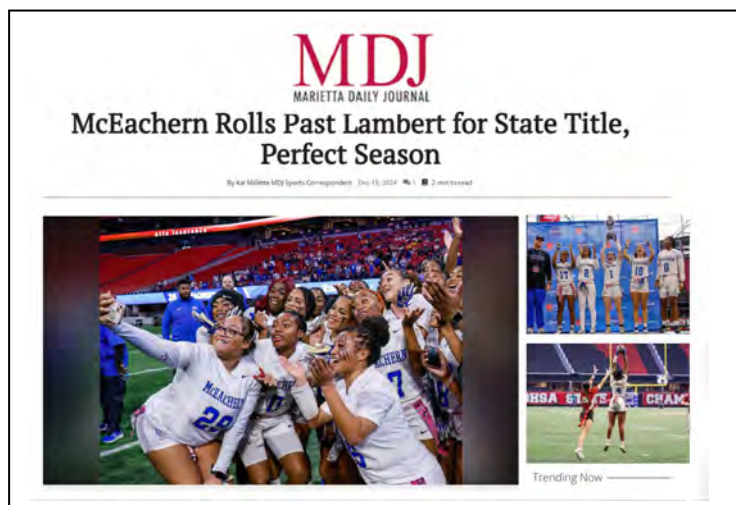
One of my favorite annual events as commissioner is hosting the Senior Gift Basket Class during the holiday season. The holidays are a time for reflection, filled with joyful and challenging memories, and I know some people may spend this time alone. I never want anyone to feel forgotten or isolated, especially during this special season. This class offers a chance to come together, create something meaningful, and for some participants, it may be the only gift or ornament they receive during the holidays. It brings me immense joy to share in the holiday spirit and brighten the season for our senior community.



McEachern is Perfect

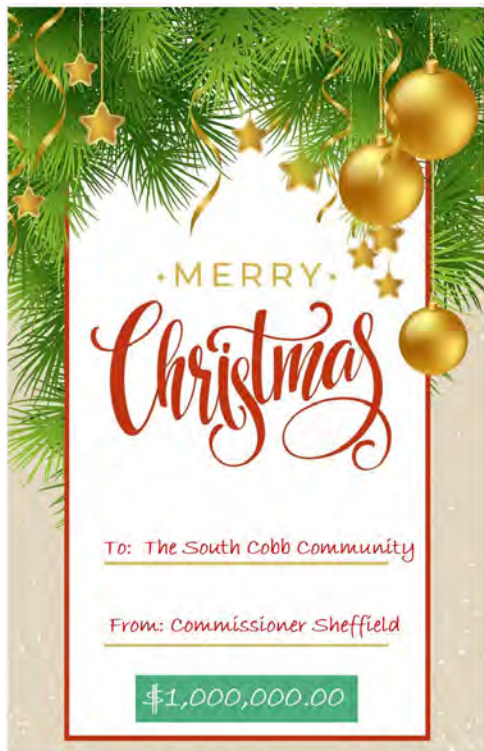
Seniors Tami Chatwood and Chelsea Njoku led the McEachern flag football team to the first state title in program history with a 26-6 win over Lambert in the Division 4 championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

McEachern (28-0), which has gone 70-3 in its past three seasons, completed the undefeated season and finally broke through on the biggest stage after falling short each of the last two seasons.



"We've worked day in and day out to be here," McEachern coach Jake Burgdorf said. "The girls have earned the right. None of this was given. They show up every day with a good attitude, ready to work, and just found a way to get it done. That's been our entire mindset the entire year — just find a way to win the game." *Photo credit: Marietta Daily Journal*

One Million Dollar Gift to South Cobb



Property Management

Andrew Yakimovich, Director
District 4

Item No. 18.

Cobb County...Expect the Best!

TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager
FROM: Andrew Yakimovich, Director
Sharon Stanley, Agency Director
DATE: December 10, 2024

PURPOSE

To authorize the allocation and transfer of District 4, FY2025 Capital Contingency funds, to the Property Management Capital Projects Fund, in support of the South Cobb Health Complex.

BACKGROUND

On August 13, 2024, the Board approved the appropriation of fund balance into the FY 2025 Budget, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, with each District Commissioner and the Chairwoman receiving \$1,000,000.00 for projects at the discretion of the District Commissioner and/or Chairwoman, respectively. This funding appropriation allows for district-focused projects to move forward at the Commissioners' discretion.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners authorize an allocation and transfer of funds, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, from District 4, FY2025 Capital Contingency, to the Property Management Capital Projects Fund, in support of the South Cobb Health Complex, authorize the corresponding budget transactions; and further authorize the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

The decision to dedicate my entire one million dollar BOC Capital Contingency Fund to support the construction of the South Cobb Health Complex at the former Magnolia Apartments site on Riverside Parkway, reflects my unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life in South Cobb.

This project represents a vital investment in the health and well-being of our community. With this new facility, we will expand access to critical health services, promote wellness, and ensure that every resident has the resources they need to thrive.

I am excited to witness this vision take shape and the long-term benefits it will bring to future generations. Together, we are building a healthier, stronger South Cobb. As your commissioner, I am eager to stand with you at the ribbon-cutting, celebrating the start of a new chapter for our community and the opportunities it will create.

Progress, Achievements, and Empowerment for Our Community

Over the past several years, we've worked tirelessly to deliver meaningful change by enhancing quality of life, driving sustainable growth, and prioritizing equity and accessibility. Together, we've built a strong foundation, achieved transformative progress, and empowered our community to succeed. Below is a summary of some key accomplishments we've achieved over the years, with the opportunity to build on this momentum in years to come.

Greenspace, Parks, and Trails

- Approval of Austell-Powder Springs Road Trail connecting downtown Powder Springs to downtown Austell
- Secured funding and approved two new community pocket parks and a community garden
- Completion of Mableton Parkway Pedestrian Improvement Project - Phase 1
- Groundbreaking for Chattahoochee Riverlands 100-mile multimodal project with a regional trailhead in South Cobb
- Opening of Discovery Park in Mableton, a 150-acre passive park along the Chattahoochee River
- Opening of the Drennon Avenue Silver Comet Trail access point in Austell
- Allocated additional funds for the reopening of Old Clarkdale Park and Community Center in Austell
- Mableton Town Square Park reveal and ribbon cutting
- Renovations to Stout Park and horse barn in Powder Springs
- Upgrades to Wallace Park to include artificial turf and Atlanta United Mini Soccer Pitch Park
- Upgraded lighting at Mud Creek Soccer Complex in Powder Springs
- Utilized Board of Commissioners' capital improvement funding to finalize Chattahoochee Riverlands project

Economic Development

- Provided ARPA funding for CobbWorks Development Center in Mableton
- Redevelopment of former Kmart Plaza in Mableton
- Denial of zoning applications for used car lots on Veterans Memorial Highway in Mableton and Austell-Powder Springs Road in Austell
- Redevelopment of Hobby Lobby Plaza in Austell to include Floor & Decor
- New eateries and job creation in Mableton (Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Olive Garden, Eggs Up Grill, Johnny's Pizza, Glenn's Café and Agave Mexican Cantina)
- Approved zoning application for Chick-fil-A on Veterans Memorial Highway/Hickory Road
- Approved revision of the Unified Development Code
- Approved Cobb County Strategic Plan for future planning and efficient government
- Host monthly "In the Zone" community zoning meetings to engage the community in the zoning process

Community Improvement

- Initiated and implemented policies for mandatory apartment inspections to ensure habitable living conditions for residential tenants
- Approved \$1,000,000 in ARPA funding for Magistrate Court's tenant eviction diversion program
- Approved ARPA funding for South Cobb Medical Center in partnership with Cobb Douglas Public Health at the former Magnolia Crossing Apartments site in Mableton
- Approved allocation of ARPA funds to assist residents and non-profits rebuild communities
- DOT Improvements to ADA ramps
- Approved funding for Cobb County's Family Advocacy Center for domestic violence survivors
- Secured \$2 million alongside U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff for the South Cobb Transit Center
- Secured funds alongside U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff for the Chattahoochee Riverland Project
- Secured funding for District 4 non-profits: Family Life Restoration Center and H.O.P.E. Family Resource Center in Mableton
- Unveiling of the Riverside community garden at the South Cobb Community Center to promote community health and well-being
- Approved Veterans Memorial and Old Floyd Road Intersection Improvements
- Approved funding and traffic signals for intersection improvements and pedestrian safety
 - Buckner Road and Veterans Memorial Highway
 - Riverside Parkway and Factory Shoals
 - Riverside Parkway and Premier Lane
- Acquired assemblage of 20 acres for the Milford/Osborne Recreation and Community Center
- Approved purchase of outdoor wireless technology at Wildhorse Creek Park in Powder Springs
- Approved new fitness equipment installation at Milford/Osborne Recreation and Community Center
- Replaced wood floors at South Cobb and Ron Anderson Recreation Centers
- Secured funding from the Braves Foundation for the Austell Youth Innovation Center
- Earmarked Board of Commissioners' contingency to fund improvements at Austell Senior Center
- Earmarked Board of Commissioners' contingency to fund improvements at Freeman Poole Senior Center
- Earmarked Board of Commissioners' contingency to fund the expansion of the South Cobb Regional Library
- Earmarked Board of Commissioners' contingency to fund the South Cobb Medical Center
- Played a key role in acquiring an additional mammography unit at Vinings Health Park, bolstering resources for breast cancer detection
- Completion of numerous sidewalk and road improvement projects throughout the district
- Hosted annual community events (Annual District 4 Community Cleanup, Career Fair & Tenant Forum, Annual Holiday Gift Basket Class, Holiday food and toy drive and distribution)

Stay tuned as the work continues...