



**CITY OF JONESBORO
Public Hearing
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
October 1, 2018 – 5:00 PM**

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Agenda

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. Public Hearing regarding establishing the millage rate of 4.0 for FY 2018.
- III. **ADJOURNMENT**



CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item #

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE
October 1, 2018

Requesting Agency (Initiator) Office of the City Manager	Sponsor(s)
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Requested Action <i>(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)</i> Public Hearing regarding establishing the millage rate of 4.0 for FY 2018.

Requirement for Board Action <i>(Cite specific Council policy, statute or code requirement)</i> O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32

Is this Item Goal Related? <i>(If yes, describe how this action meets the specific Board Focus Area or Goal)</i> Community Planning, Neighborhood and Business Revitalization
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Summary & Background	<i>(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)</i>
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The tax rate, or millage, in each county is set annually by the governing authority of the taxing jurisdiction, and by the Board of Education. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax liability of one dollar per \$1,000 of assessed value. We have received our digest from the County and it appears that there was a slight increase in our values. Given the criticality of driving a municipal revenue source, staff has recommended an increase of 1.0 in our mills totaling 4.0 mills.

Pursuant to State Law, we have held the required Public Hearings and received no public comment in favor of or against the increase.

For comparative purposes, a homeowner with the allocated homestead exemption, given increase of 1.0 mills, still would not pay any property taxes. A property not eligible for the homestead exemption, with a Fair Market of \$60,000 (assessed value at 40% - \$24,000 at 3.0 mills would pay \$96.00)

For additional comparative purposes, a business with a Fair Market Value (FMV's) of 1,577,604.00 (assessed value at 40% - 631,041.00), at 3.0 mills would pay roughly \$1893.00, at 4.0 mills would pay roughly \$2524.00. This would be on the extreme high end as this is one of our largest FMV's.

Fiscal Impact	<i>(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)</i>
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Exhibits Attached <i>(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)</i>
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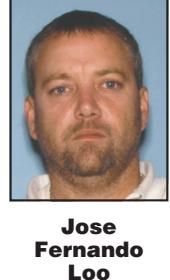
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FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Clerk)

Typed Name and Title Ricky L. Clark, City Manager	Date October, 1, 2018	
Signature	City Clerk's Office	

Man confesses to rape in court

By ROBIN KEMP
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Jose Fernando Loo

JONESBORO — A man charged with repeatedly raping a child from the time she was 8 until impregnating her at 14 changed his plea to guilty following a prosecutor's opening statement at his trial on Sept. 12.

Jose Fernando Loo, 38, of Whitesburg, had entered a plea of not guilty in March and had repeatedly refused to enter a plea deal, according to officials. He was charged with two counts of aggravated child molestation,

aggravated sexual battery, statutory rape and two counts of incest.

However, after Assistant

Robert Mack to sentence Loo to life in prison.

According to the Clayton County District Attorney's Office, Loo's defense attorney, Lloyd Matthews, "suggested that Loo be given 'credit' for not taking the child's life and for not making her testify at trial."

Loo begged the judge not to sentence him to life in prison. "I ask for leniency," said Loo. "I'd like room to breathe, to have some day to come home. I'm truly sorry, but I can't take it back."

Mack sentenced Loo to

District Attorney Kim Myers' opening statement revealed that DNA tests proved that Loo had fathered the victim's child, Loo immediately entered a guilty plea.

The victim, along with her mother and grandmother, asked Judge

25 years with no parole on the aggravated child molestation and aggravated sexual battery counts and 20 years on the statutory rape count, to run concurrently, followed by lifelong registration as a sex offender. The incest charges were not prosecuted.

Mack also ordered Loo never to contact the victim or her family again.

According to the DA's office, Loo has similar charges pending in Spalding and Carroll counties. As of press time, he remains in Clayton County custody.

Stovall hosting annual career and job fair

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FOREST PARK — State Rep. Valencia Stovall, D-Forest Park, is hosting the sixth annual Career and Job Fair next week.

The fair will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at Forest Park Recreation Center, 803 Forest Parkway in Forest Park.

"It is important as Georgia continues to be the No. 1 state to do business, that our workforce reflects the same," Stovall said in a press release. "For the sixth year my office will connect jobseekers to potential employers, while also sharing legislative updates."

Candidates of all experience levels and industries are encouraged to attend. Career resources will be available, and attendees should come prepared with their resumes and in professional dress.

Collaborative partners for the event include Ambitious X; City of Forest Park; Paradise Community Development Corporation; and Georgia Department of Labor.

The following employers and resource organizations are confirmed to attend the event: ProLogistix; DeKalb Fire Rescue; Automation Personnel Services, Inc.; Georgia United Credit Union; Little Ones Learning Center; Georgia Di-

agnostic Prison; DeKalb County E-911; AETC, Inc.; Cobb County Dept. of Public Safety; Primera Financial Services; Ga. Dept. of Community Supervision; Yancey Bros. Co.; Top Job Hospitality; Shae Naturals; Ga. Dept. of Public Safety; Gate Gourmet; Clayton County Police Dept.; LA-Z-BOY Furniture Galleries; Honidu's Caring Foundation & Empowerment Programs; and Penske Truck Leasing.

Additional companies include CCME Training Service; Heavy Equipment College of America; People Plus Solutions; Clayton County CSA, Inc.; Kabobs Acquisition, Inc.; ASK Charter Con-

sulting LLC; Emory Police Department; Waffle House; Bobby Dodd Institute; Belhaven University; DeKalb County Fleet Management; Paparazzi Independent Consultants; CEFGA: Construction Education Foundation of Georgia; Generation: You Employed, Inc.; AFLAC; Anderson Merchandisers; Ga. Dept. of Juvenile Justice; Goodwill of North Georgia; Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center; ResCare Homecare; Walden Security; Lanier Parking Solutions; Coca Cola Bottling Company United; Six Flags Over Georgia; Health and Style Institute; and Central Michigan University-Atlanta Metro Chapter.

The district will host three additional meetings at the Professional Learning Center. The schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.
- March 14, 2019 at 6 p.m.
- April 18, 2019 at 6 p.m.

CCPS is holding variety of events

By HEATHER MIDDLETON
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JONESBORO — Events from open house and informational meetings to fine arts performances are scheduled throughout the Clayton County school district.

Open house

The open house/curriculum nights schedule is as follows:

- Middle schools, Sept. 20 from 5-7 p.m.
- High schools, Sept. 27 from 5-7 p.m.

Dual Enrollment information meetings

CCPS is hosting a dual enrollment parent informational meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at the S. Truett

Cathy Professional Learning Center, 1087 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro.

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Fine arts musicals and performances

• CCPS and Peach State Opera presents Puccini's La Boheme at 3 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Clayton County

Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. The performance features students from Stilwell School of the Arts.

• M.D. Roberts Middle School Fine Arts Magnet presents Addams Family Young @ Part on Nov. 8-11 at the CCPAC.

• Orchestra Noir — the Atlanta African-American Orchestra will perform on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Clayton Performing Arts Center.

• Stilwell School of the Arts presents "Hunchback of Notre Dame" on Jan. 17-19 at the Performing Arts Center.

• Students from the Kay R. Pace School of the Arts will perform "Shrek, Jr." Feb. 21-23 at the PAC.

• CCPS students will perform the All-County

Honor Musical "Hairspray,"

Fall gardens need sun, good soil, right plants

FROM STAFF REPORTS

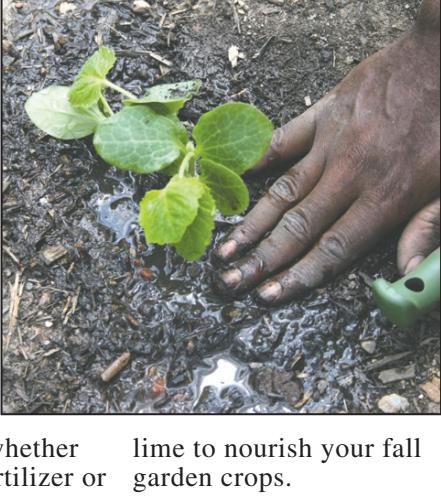
Temperatures are dropping, leaves are falling, and home gardeners are beginning to plan their fall vegetables.

If you're new to food gardening, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offers tips that should lead to a successful fall harvest.

Establish the garden in a location that receives full sunlight, from six to eight hours per day.

Prepare the soil before planting based on soil test recommendations. A laboratory soil test takes the guesswork out

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension experts say before planting seeds or transplants, first have your soil tested. After adding the recommended nutrients, then select plant varieties that are known to perform well in Georgia. (Special Photo)



of determining whether the soil needs fertilizer or

lime to nourish your fall garden crops.

To have your soil tested, visit the Extension website for directions on taking soil samples. Then bring your dry soil sample to your local Extension office with the \$10 testing fee.

Plant fall vegetables on schedule and use varieties that are recommended for Georgia. For a list of recommended cultivars and planting dates, refer to UGA Extension Circular 963, "Vegetable Gardening in Georgia," at extension.uga.edu/publications.

Control weeds, pest insects and diseases.

When Mother Nature does not supply rainfall, water your garden thoroughly at soil level.

And, as always, if you have any questions, contact your local Extension office at 1-800-ASK-UGA1 for advice.

MORROW — Police are looking for a woman who allegedly took a cellphone that belonged to an employee of Nam Dae Mun Grocery in Morrow on Sept. 8.

Store security pictures show the woman entering the store at 1940 Mount Zion Road around 4:30 p.m., picking up the phone from the top of a gum machine, and walking away.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective M. Murphy of the Morrow Police Criminal

Investigations Division at 770-961-4006.

For more information to see the full schedule of events, visit www.ccps.k12.ga.us.

Woman sought in theft of cellphone

By ROBIN KEMP
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Morrow Police are looking for this woman, who allegedly stole a Nam Dae Mun employee's cellphone on Sept. 8. If you have any information, call Detective M. Murphy of the Morrow Police Criminal

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Girl Scouts host Discovery Day

The Girls Scouts of Greater Atlanta hosted a Discovery Day last week at First Morrow United Methodist Church. Attendees took part in songs, games, crafts and S.T.E.M — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math — activities. To learn more about the Girl Scouts or to join, call Bianca Benson at bbenson@gsgatl.org or Watiki Hardeman at whardeman@gsgatl.org. (Special Photos)



Successfully transplanting landscape plants takes prep

BY PAUL PUGLIESE
UGA Extension

McDONOUGH — If you want to rearrange your landscaping, the best time to do so is quickly approaching, though it's not easy lifting.

Nurseries use tree spades to dig large trees from a field-grown nursery. Unfortunately, this is not the kind of equipment a home landscaper can rent for a weekend project.

The roots of trees and shrubs normally grow beyond the amount of soil a home gardener can move. To keep most of the roots within a small area, plants should be root-pruned in the spring or fall before transplanting. Root pruning is the process of severing the roots of an established plant that is going to be transplanted to encourage growth of new feeder roots along the root ball.

Plants moved in the fall (October or November)

should be root-pruned in March. Those moved in spring (March) should be root-pruned in October. Root-prune after the leaves have fallen from deciduous plants in the fall or before buds break in the spring.

To root-prune, mark a circle the size of the desired ball around the tree or shrub. Next, dig a trench just outside the circle. Cleanly cut larger roots and backfill the trench with the available soil. Water the area to

settle disturbed soil and provide adequate moisture.

Roots within the pruned area grow many new fibrous roots, and form a strong root system within a confined area. If not root-pruned, larger plants may die from transplant shock because of root loss.

Shrubs less than 3 feet tall and deciduous trees less than an inch in trunk diameter (measured 6 inches above the ground) may be moved bare root.

“Bare root” means most or all of the soil is removed from the roots.

Bare-root plants are easier to handle than those with a ball of soil around the roots. Bare-root plants should be planted while dormant. It is best to immediately replant. If not, keep the roots moist in peat moss or wrapped in plastic or wet papers until you are ready to plant.

To move trees with soil attached to the roots, trim the root ball to the proper size and shape with a spade. Keep the back side of the spade toward the plant, round off the trimmed ball at the top and taper it inward toward the base.

Avoid loosening the soil around the roots by cutting the large roots with hand or lopping shears and the small roots with a sharp spade. Next, undercut at an angle of about 45 degrees to loosen the root ball from the soil and sever remaining roots.

Maintain constant moisture, not saturation, of the root ball. Add 3 inches of mulch to help conserve moisture in moderate temperatures and reduce root damage.

For more research-based advice on landscaping projects, refer to University of Georgia Cooperative Extension publications at uga.edu/publications.

Paul Pugliese is agriculture & natural resources agent for University of Georgia Extension office in Butts County.

Attachment: Clayton News September 26 2018 Page 11A CND092618A11 (1299 : 2018 Millage Rate)

PUBLIC NOTICE						
The Lake City Mayor and Council do hereby announce that the 2018 millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held on October 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building located at 5455 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, GA and pursuant to the requirement of O.G.C.A. section 48-5-32 do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.						
LAKE CITY GENERAL FUND- M&O	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ASSESSED TAXABLE PROPERTY						
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY DIGEST	\$79,373,462	\$82,123,858	\$78,199,010	\$88,830,686	\$87,289,523	\$95,613,482
PUBLIC UTILITIES DIGEST	\$2,003,716	\$2,003,716	\$2,015,171	\$2,004,626	\$2,433,712	\$2,647,170
MOTOR VEHICLES DIGEST	\$5,809,000	\$5,525,900	\$3,898,450	\$2,936,290	\$2,292,240	\$1,778,400
MOBILE HOMES DIGEST	\$75,625	\$75,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT	\$73,027	\$60,695	\$59,187	\$102,318	\$89,099	\$80,739
GROSS DIGEST	\$87,334,830	\$89,789,434	\$84,171,818	\$93,873,920	\$92,104,574	\$100,119,791
LESS EXEMPTIONS	\$10,778,383	\$10,531,628	\$10,098,155	\$9,889,170	\$10,815,260	\$12,801,132
NET M&O DIGEST	\$76,556,447	\$79,257,806	\$74,073,663	\$83,984,750	\$81,289,314	\$87,318,659
GROSS M&O MILLAGE	21.131	20.690	21.240	20.580	21.321	21.964
LESS ROLLBACK FOR REASSESSMENTS	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
LESS 1% LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX ROLLBACK	13.631	13.190	13.740	13.080	13.821	14.464
NET M&O MILLAGE	7.500	7.500	7.500	7.500	7.500	7.500
TOTAL CITY TAXES LEVIED	\$574,173	\$594,434	\$555,552	\$629,886	\$609,670	\$654,890
NET MILLAGE INCREASE/(DECREASE)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NET MILLAGE % INCREASE/(DECREASE)	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(\$2,023)	\$20,260	(\$38,881)	\$74,333	(\$20,216)	\$45,220
NET TAXES % INCREASE/(DECREASE)	-0.35%	3.53%	-6.54%	13.38%	-3.21%	7.42%
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NOTICE

The City of Jonesboro does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Jonesboro Police Department, Council Chambers, located at 170 South Main Street on October 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2018 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
RESIDENTIAL	\$21,685,088.00	\$21,902,002.00	\$24,081,584.00	\$23,586,081.00	\$23,623,226.00	\$28,097,326.00
AGRICULTURAL/CONSERVATION	\$30,179.00	\$30,179.00	\$30,179.00	\$30,179.00	\$30,179.00	\$31,315.00
COMMERCIAL	\$38,904,986.00	\$36,876,051.00	\$36,588,461.00	\$37,629,721.00	\$41,544,117.00	\$67,806,658.00
INDUSTRIAL	\$3,010,960.00	\$3,042,728.00	\$3,788,066.00	\$2,415,167.00	\$3,116,356.00	\$4,946,607.00
UTILITY	\$7,536,676.00	7,536,676.00	7,001,452.00	\$7,782,845.00	\$5,668,418.00	\$5,255,655.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$12,259,780.00	\$9,068,950.00	\$6,664,830.00	\$4,881,700.00	\$3,454,420.00	\$2,492,840.00
MOBILE HOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,423.00	\$0.00	\$4,818.00
GROSS DIGEST	\$83,427,669.00	\$78,456,586.00	\$78,154,572.00	\$76,598,116.00	\$77,436,716.00	\$108,635,219.00
EXEMPTIONS-M&O	\$5,013,978.00	\$10,025,273.00	\$10,758,088.00	\$10,597,825.00	\$10,507,702.00	\$12,174,844.00
CITY EXEMPTIONS	\$10,406,430.00	\$5,659,860.00	\$5,751,132.00	\$5,751,132.00	\$5,751,132.00	\$6,094,801.00
NET M&O DIGEST	\$68,007,261.00	\$62,771,453.00	\$67,396,484.00	\$66,000,291.00	\$61,177,882.00	\$90,365,574.00
Gross M&O Millage	18.77	17.94	8.90	15.92	16.64	20.88
Less Rollback	17.27	16.44	7.40	14.42	13.64	16.88
Net M&O Millage	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	3.00	4.00
	\$102,010.00	\$94,157.00	\$101,094.00	\$99,000.44	\$183,533.64	\$362,462.30



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