



**CITY OF JONESBORO
Public Hearing
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
September 27, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

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Agenda

- I. **CALL TO ORDER - PAT SEBO-HAND, MAYOR PRO TEM**
- II. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. Public Hearing regarding adoption of the FY' 22 Millage Rate.
- III. **ADJOURNMENT**



CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item #

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE
September 27, 2021

Requesting Agency (Initiator)

Office of the City Manager

Sponsor(s)

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Public Hearing regarding adoption of the FY' 22 Millage Rate.

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Council policy, statute or code requirement)*

Is this Item Goal Related? *(If yes, describe how this action meets the specific Board Focus Area or Goal)*

Summary & Background

(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)

Fiscal Impact

(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)

Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

- Five Year History - Electronic Tear Sheet
- Public Notice - FY' 22 Millage Rate - Tear Sheet

Staff Recommendation *(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

Approval

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Clerk)

Typed Name and Title

Ricky L. Clark, City Manager

Date

September, 27, 2021

Signature

City Clerk's Office

Fatal accident in College Park leaves one dead, another in critical condition

By Heather Middleton
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COLLEGE PARK — Clayton County police are investigating an accident that left one driver dead and another in critical condition.

The accident happened at 9:08 a.m. Sept. 16 on Riverdale Road and Flat Shoals Road in College Park.

According to police, the deceased driver was heading north on Riverdale Road when they encountered traffic. As a result, the driver locked

their brakes causing the car to spin into the southbound lanes on Riverdale Road.

The vehicle was hit by another driver traveling south, leaving them in critical condition.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

Man accused of raping an elderly McDonough resident pleads guilty, gets 25 years in prison

By Heather Middleton
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MCDONOUGH — A man arrested in March on charges of raping an elderly McDonough resident has been sentenced to 25 years in prison and life on probation following his guilty plea on Sept. 16.

Travale Farris, 29, was arrested for the February rape after his DNA matched the suspect in the crime. Farris pleaded guilty to one count each of rape,

aggravated sexual battery, kidnapping, false imprisonment, exploitation and intimidation of an elder person and three counts of criminal attempts to commit a felony.

On Feb. 5, Farris was captured on video going to door to door at the Heritage at McDonough Senior Living Complex checking for unlocked doors. He tried three before finding one unlocked. He entered the apartment, sexually assaulted a 76-year-old woman, then "casually left the home," police said.

Farris lived one mile from the complex. "This was a horrific crime and we are grateful to bring justice for this

survivor," Henry County District Attorney Darius Pattillo said. "We wanted to ensure that Mr. Farris cannot harm any more of our county's elderly population. Under this sentence, there is no possibility of parole and he must serve every day of that 25 years and continue to be supervised by officers for the rest of his life."

In addition to spending the next 25 years in prison and the rest of his life on probation, Farris must register as a sex offender, have no contact with any of the victims and stay away from the senior living complex.

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The south side of the 200 block of West Broad Avenue across from the parking deck in Albany, Georgia in 2017.

This is the city hit hardest by extreme poverty in Georgia

By Samuel Stebbins
24/7 Wall St.
via The Center Square

There are an estimated 39.5 million Americans living below the poverty line, which,

in the lower 48 states, is a annual income threshold of \$12,880 for an individual and \$26,500 for a family of four (Alaska and Hawaii have a slightly higher threshold). Living in poverty can have serious consequences and impacts nearly every aspect of life — and those problems can be compounded for those who are facing poverty while also living in very poor neighborhoods.

Residents of poor neighborhoods often struggle with higher crime rates, limited employment opportunities, lower school quality, and poor health outcomes. For those living on poverty level income, each of these factors reduces the likelihood of upward economic mobility.

Albany has the highest concentrated poverty rate of any metro area in Georgia and one of the highest of any metro area nationwide. There are nine neighborhoods in the city with poverty rates of 40% and up — and the are home to over one-third of the 34,600 people in the metro area living below the poverty line.

Many living in Albany's high-poverty neighborhood face barriers to economic opportunity due to low educational attainment. For example, less than three-quarters of adults in neighborhoods with poverty rates of 40% or higher have a high school diploma compared to about 87% of adults in the rest of the city. Additionally, the share of adults with four-year college education in Albany is more than double the share of adults with such a degree living in the city's concentrated poverty neighborhoods.

All data used in this story are five-year estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey. We only considered census tracts, or neighborhoods, with at least 50 people and college or graduate school enrollment below 50%. Metro areas were also excluded if over 25% of the population in tracts of neighborhoods of concentrated poverty were college or university students.

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CITY OF JONESBORO

NOTICE OF CURRENT TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

The City of Jonesboro does hereby announce the proposed millage rate will be set at a meeting held at 170 S. Main Street Jonesboro on October 11, 2021, at 6PM pursuant to the requirements of the O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2021 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

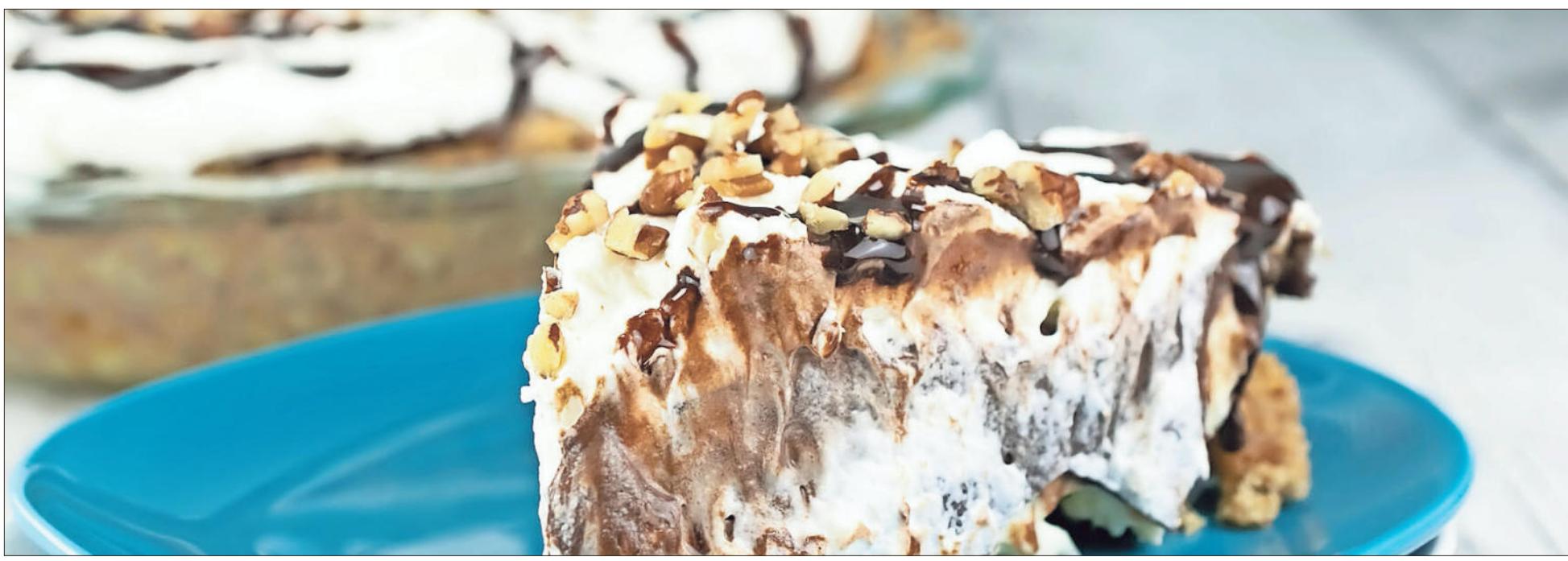
DESCRIPTION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
RESIDENTIAL	\$23,623,226.00	\$28,097,326.00	\$30,201,441.00	\$35,535,337.00	\$45,470,933.00
AGRICULTURAL/CONSERVATION	\$30,179.00	\$31,315.00	\$31,315.00	\$31,315.00	\$47,384.00
COMMERCIAL	\$41,544,117.00	\$67,806,658.00	\$74,218,151.00	\$78,300,110.00	\$85,371,461.00
INDUSTRIAL	\$3,116,356.00	\$4,946,607.00	\$6,799,242.00	\$6,739,059.00	\$9,838,808.00
UTILITY	\$5,668,418.00	\$5,255,655.00	\$6,063,576.00	\$5,733,475.00	\$5,729,057.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$3,454,420.00	\$2,492,840.00	\$1,911,910.00	\$1,607,070.00	\$811,220.00
MOBILE HOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$4,818.00	\$0.00	\$4,900.00	\$0.00
GROSS DIGEST	\$77,436,716.00	\$108,635,219.00	\$119,225,635.00	\$127,951,266.00	\$147,268,863.00
EXEMPTIONS-M&O	\$10,507,702.00	\$12,174,844.00	\$13,809,076.00	\$16,116,267.00	\$13,841,977.00
CITY EXEMPTIONS	\$5,751,132.00	\$6,094,801.00	\$8,838,655.00	\$7,567,550.00	\$4,530,000.00
NET M&O DIGEST	\$61,177,882.00	\$90,365,574.00	\$96,577,904.00	\$104,267,449.00	\$128,896,886.00
 Gross M&O Millage	30.60	30.94	19.78	20.94	20.10
Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	27.60	26.94	15.78	14.94	12.10
Net M&O Millage	3.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	8.00
 Total Taxes Levied	\$183,533.65	\$361,462.30	\$386,311.62	\$625,604.69	\$1,031,175.09
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$82,439.65	\$177,928.65	\$24,849.32	\$239,293.08	\$405,570.39
Net Levy Percent Change	85.00%	96.95%	6.87%	61.94%	64.83%

NOTICE

The Lovejoy City Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a specially called meeting on Wednesday September 29 2021 to be held via Zoom www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 609 230 8294 Passcode: 2K7VEh at 7:00PM and pursuant to the requirements of OCGA 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 2021 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Real & Personal	125,814,977	137,533,723	168,923,382	192,490,236	227,977,628	275,250,684
Motor Vehicles	955,050	663,780	480,850	400,950	289,650	332,300
Timber - 100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heavy Duty Equipment	15,752	-	65,681	-	-	18,566
Gross Digest	126,785,779	138,197,503	169,469,913	192,891,186	228,267,278	275,601,550
Less M&O Exemptions	3,034,350	2,469,457	1,325,902	1,333,267	584,427	610,458
Net M&O Digest	123,751,429	135,728,046	168,144,011	191,557,919	227,682,851	274,991,092
State of Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forest Land Assistance Grant Value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	123,751,429	135,728,046	168,144,011	191,557,919	227,682,851	274,991,092
Gross M&O Millage Rate	20.189	18.673	17.044	15.388	14.152	12.623
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	13.453	12.189	10.965	9.580	7.490	6.346
Net M&O Millage	6.736	6.484	6.079	5.808	6.662	6.277
Net Taxes Levied	833,590	880,061	1,022,147	1,112,568	1,516,823	1,726,119
 SPECIAL DISTRICT - MOBILE HOMES						
Mobile Homes	1,626,452	1,517,326	1,403,355	1,523,371	1,800,209	1,936,627
Less M&O Exemptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net M&O Digest	1,626,452	1,517,326	1,403,355	1,523,371	1,800,209	1,936,627
Gross M&O Millage on Mobile Homes	14.695	13.431	12.207	10.724	8.490	7.346
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	13.453	12.189	10.965	9.580	7.490	6.346
Net M&O Millage	1.242	1.242	1.242	1.144	1.000	1.000
Net Taxes Levied - Special District	2,020	1,885	1,743	1,743	1,800	1,937
 TOTAL CITY						
Total City Value	125,377,881	137,245,372	169,547,366	193,081,290	229,483,060	276,927,719
Total Net Taxes Levied	835,610	881,945	1,023,890	1,114,311	1,518,623	1,728,056
Net Taxes \$ Increase	29,740	46,335	141,945	90,421	404,312	209,432
Net Taxes % Increase	3.69%	5.55%	16.09%	8.83%	36.28%	13.79%



Special Photo

Arkansas Possum Pie

Some comfort food from the South

By Family Features

The star of your next spread can be hidden away in the refrigerator for a surprise delight for your guests. It's topped with chocolate syrup and chopped pecans, and your loved ones just may vote it to be their favorite dish.

It's an Arkansas Possum Pie, made with three delicious layers and crunchy toppings for a show-stopping dessert.

In a saucepan, melt butter. Add flour and stir to combine. Add crushed pecans and brown sugar. Stir to combine and form to the bottom of a pie pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes at 350 F.

In a separate bowl, add cream cheese and beat until smooth. Add powdered sugar and heavy cream. Stir to combine. Add to pie pan over cooled pecan crust. Refrigerate.

To make the pudding layer, whisk egg yolks in a bowl then whisk in whole milk.

In a separate bowl, add sugar, cocoa powder, cornstarch, flour and salt. Whisk to combine.

In a saucepan over medium heat, add egg mixture followed by the dry mixture and stir. Add butter and vanilla extract, stirring until butter is melted.

Pour pudding mixture into a separate pie pan and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Once cooled, add on top of the other layers and spread evenly.

Refrigerate pie overnight.

To make whipped topping, in a mixer, add heavy whipping cream, powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Beat to combine. Add whipped topping to the top of the chilled pie.

Drizzle with chocolate syrup and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

Whether it's a holiday, birthday or reunion, this pie is a perfect conversation starter. It's sweet, crunchy and filled with creamy, delightful layers of goodness.

Find more unique dessert recipes at www.culinary.net.

If you made this recipe at home, use #MyCulinary-Connection on your favorite social network to share your work.

Arkansas Possum Pie

Servings: 8

Crust:
 3/4 cup butter
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 1/2 cups pecans, crushed
Cream Cheese Layer:
 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 cup powdered sugar
 4 tablespoons heavy cream
Pudding Layer:
 3 egg yolks
 2 cups whole milk
 1 cup sugar
 1/3 cup cocoa powder
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 tablespoons flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Whipped Cream Topping:
 1 cup heavy whipping cream
 4 tablespoons powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 chocolate syrup

1/2 cup chopped pecans
 Heat oven to 350 F.

To make crust: In saucepan, melt butter; add flour, brown sugar and crushed pecans. Stir until combined. Press into 9 1/2-inch deep pie plate.

Bake 15-20 minutes until crust begins to brown. Cool completely.

To make cream cheese layer: In medium bowl, mix cream cheese until creamy. Add powdered sugar and heavy cream; mix until smooth. Spread over cooled pecan crust. Refrigerate.

To make pudding layer: In medium bowl, whisk egg yolks. Add milk; whisk until combined. Set aside.

In separate medium bowl,

whisk sugar, cocoa powder, cornstarch, flour and salt until combined.

In saucepan over medium heat, add egg yolk mixture and flour mixture. Whisk constantly until pudding begins to thicken and bubble. Add butter and vanilla extract, stirring until butter is melted. Pour chocolate pudding in shallow bowl. Cover with plastic wrap touching pudding to keep it from forming skin. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Pour pudding over cream cheese layer. Cover pie with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.

To make whipped cream topping: In stand mixer bowl, add heavy cream, powdered sugar and vanilla extract.

Whip until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped cream over

pudding layer.

Drizzle pie with chocolate

syrup and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

Legal Notice

Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jonesboro at 6:00 P.M. on October 11, 2021, in the chambers of the Jonesboro Municipal Court facility, 170 South Main Street, Jonesboro, GA, to consider a Conditional Use Permit Application for a church, by Cathy Morris Fields, property owner, and Timothy J. McBride, applicant, for property at 8557 Tara Boulevard (Parcel Nos. 13242D A016 and 13242D A002), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. Mayor & Council will first discuss the item at their Work Session, to be held on October 4, 2021 at 6 pm, also in the chambers of the Jonesboro Municipal Court facility, 170 South Main Street, Jonesboro, GA.

David Allen
 Community Development Director

Public Notice City of Forest Park

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.25 (c) that the Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing on the voting equipment to be used for the November 2, 2021, Municipal General Election will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, and will continue until all equipment is properly tested. Testing will be held at the Elaine Corley Recreation Center (Multi-Purpose Room) located at 803 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

The public is invited to attend, masks and social distancing are recommended based on the CDC requirements.

For questions, please contact the Elections Office - City of Forest Park at 678-704-4784

Notice of Property Tax Increase

The Jonesboro City Council will consider adoption of a millage rate which will result in an increase in property tax revenue by 64.83 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at 170 S Main Street, Jonesboro Georgia on October 11, 2021 at 6PM.

Time and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at 170 S Main Street on September 27, 2021 at 10AM and October 4, 2021 at 6PM. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8 mills, an increase of 2 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 6 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 with the \$30,000 homestead exemption will be \$20 billed for tax year 2021.

Ricky L Clark, Jr.
 City Manager