

CITY OF WINDER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 1-3 & 8-10

"Four Old Broads on the High Seas"

Tickets are available for purchase at the Customer Center or by phone at 770-867-3106. For more information, please visit winderbarrowtheatre.org

MARCH 4 @ 6PM | City Council Work Session

MARCH 5 @ 6PM | City Council Regular Meeting

MARCH 14 @ 6:30PM | FORT YARGO

Canine Ranger Hikes

MARCH 16 @ 11AM | FORT YARGO AMPHITHEATER

Shamrock Crafts and Games

MARCH 17 | St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 19 @ 2PM | DDA Meeting

MARCH 23 @ 5:30PM | FORT YARGO

Junior Ranger After Dark

MARCH 26 @ 11:30AM

Women in Business Networking Luncheon with Barrow County Chamber of Commerce

MARCH 28-31 | FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Fort Yargo Living History Society's 10th Annual Market Faire

Thursday & Friday "School Days" 10am-3pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 10am-3pm. Adults \$5, children under 12 are free. Come interact with Living Historians demonstrating life in the 1790's Georgia when knee high breeches and tri corn hats were still in fashion. Located at the old fort stop by and find the craftsmen and women demonstrating their trade, frontier camps, militia drills, children's activities, trading post, 18th century music, and other unique 18th century demonstrations. For park information call 770-867-3489.

MARCH 30 @ 9AM | AHS

Apalachee High School Out of Darkness Campus Walk with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

APRIL 6 @ 11AM-4PM | FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Spring Festival

APRIL 12 @ 6-8PM | BARROW COUNTY VFW POST 1187

"Meet and Greet" meal

Free for all members and veterans. Contact Commander Etheredge at ricketheredge@live.com with any questions you may have.

APRIL 13 @ 8AM-6PM

Miss Spirit of Relay 2019 of Barrow and Jackson Counties

APRIL 20 @ 10AM | FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Bunny Tails on the Trails

APRIL 21 | Easter

APRIL 21-27 | Georgia Cities Week

APRIL 26 | Arbor Day

MAY 4 @ 7PM | BARROW COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES

Annual Spring Formal

MAY 11 | FORT YARGO

Dirty Spokes 6/3 Hour Mountain Bike Race

MAY 27 | Memorial Day • City Administrative Offices Closed

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT CITYOFWINDER.COM

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NEWSLETTER'S
NEW LOOK

Hopefully you are enjoying the new look and feel of this newsletter!

As our city continues to seek new opportunity, we are evolving our marketing materials and publications to align with this growth. We hope you are as optimistic as we are to venture into this next step of establishing an impactful new brand and identity for our community to thrive upon. You'll find fun and informative content within this newsletter, but don't forget additional information can always be found on our website, www.cityofwinder.com. Also, make sure you are following us on Facebook and Instagram!

WINDER REWIND

OUR DECEMBER TOY DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Winder Fire Department was able to distribute toys to 634 children over the holidays. A special thank you to all the community members who contributed.

CHRISTMAS PARADE + DECK THE PAWS

Although it was a bit rainy in the days leading up to the parade, the Christmas parade was a blast! We loved seeing everyone's holiday spirit in the streets, and we definitely loved seeing all the pets in their Christmas sweaters. Thank you to everyone who came out and made the 70th annual Winder Christmas Parade so great!



RIDDLE ME THIS...

Search the newsletter for the pot of gold to find the answer!

WHY CAN'T YOU IRON A FOUR LEAF CLOVER?

BE IN THE
KNOW

APRIL 21-27, 2019
GA CITIES WEEK

The purpose of GA Cities Week is to showcase and celebrate cities and the many services they provide. The theme this year is "True Colors". Follow our Facebook page or visit our website for more details about all of the fun events we have in store to celebrate Winder's "True Colors".

RECYCLING REMINDER:

Recycle smarter this year!

What CAN be recycled?

Aluminum and steel cans, newspapers, magazines, numbers 1 & 2 plastic beverage bottles, and flattened cardboard boxes

What CANNOT be recycled?

Items with food residue (pizza boxes, napkins, paper plates, candy wrappers...), glass, ceramics, aluminum foil, batteries, plastic wrap, styrofoam, plastic bags, paint cans, and anything else not mentioned in the first category

IMPORTANT TIPS!

ARE YOU PLANNING A 5K, 10K, PARADE, MARCH, OR ROAD RACE FOR 2019?

All road races requiring street closures even if they are intermittent must have City Council approval. Please be sure to submit your event permit application, event release and waiver, race route and liability insurance certificate at least 45 days prior to your scheduled event! You can download the form on our website here: <https://www.cityofwinder.com/home/showdocument?id=4724>

GETTING READY FOR SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Before hosting a yard sale, be sure to get a permit from the Planning Department. Please call 770-867-3510 or email Lydia. Skeppstrom@cityofwinder.com for more information.

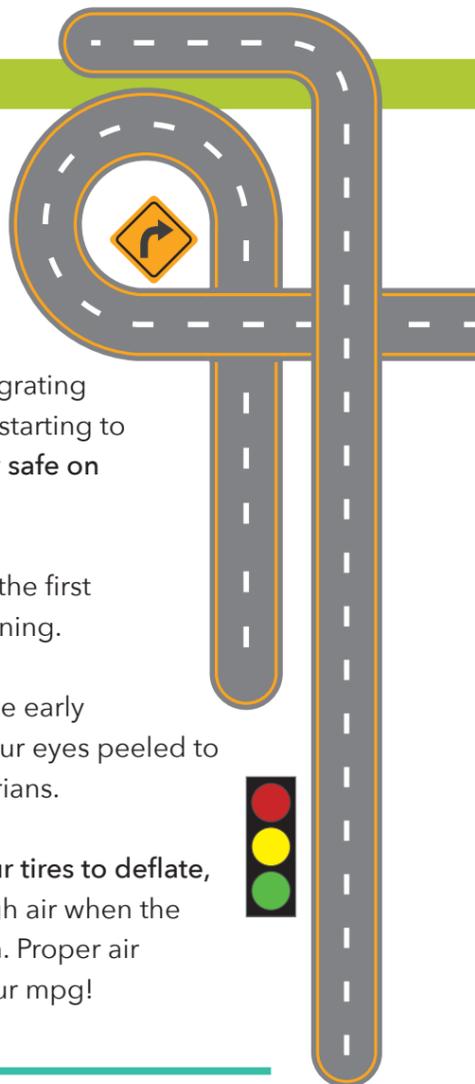
REMINDER:

The renewal deadline for all occupational tax certificates and regulated licenses is April 15, 2019. If you have not received your renewal documents in the mail, please contact the License & Permit Office at 770-867-3510.

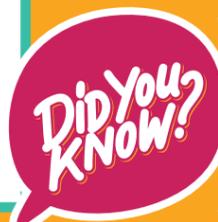
SAFE SPRING DRIVING

The snow is melting, animals are migrating back home, and the temperature is starting to rise! Keep these tips in mind to stay safe on the road this spring:

- ▶ **Roads are the most slippery** the first 10-15 minutes after it starts raining.
- ▶ **Animals are most active** in the early morning and dusk, so keep your eyes peeled to avoid any four-legged pedestrians.
- ▶ **Winter may have caused your tires to deflate**, so make sure they have enough air when the temperatures start rising again. Proper air pressure actually increases your mpg!



JASON GRIFFIN: Jason Griffin started with the City in January 2019. He was a former employee of the City from 2006 - 2018. He will be serving as our GIS Field Tech II. Jason has a son named Cole, as well as two cats; Harley & CoCo. He enjoys watching football with his girlfriend, Peyton.



ST. PATTY'S DAY FUN FACT:

St. Patrick's Day used to be associated with a light blue color instead of green! St. Patrick himself would have gotten pinched! It wasn't until the holiday was linked to the Irish independence movement that it switched to green.



GAS SAFETY FROM THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Natural gas, America's most popular home heating fuel, is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources.

In our community, City of Winder provides natural gas to more than 6,500 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines, typically 2-inch in diameter, branch into household service lines which are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface. The service lines end at each customer's meter where gas is delivered.

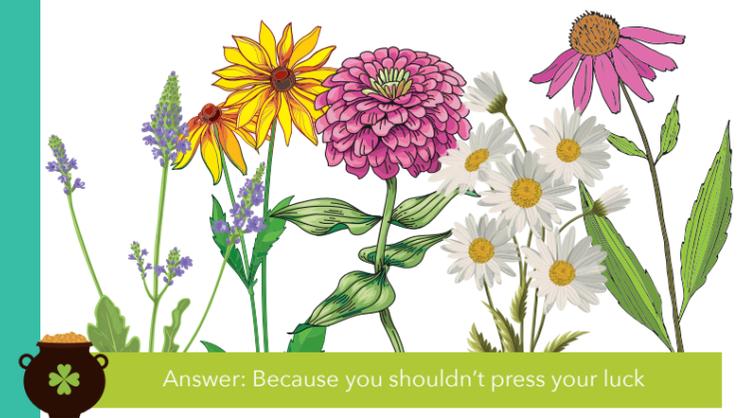
Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. Some of the signs of a gas leak include seeing bubbling water, hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, or dirt or dust blowing from the ground, or the smell of rotten eggs.

If you smell gas, or just think you might have a gas leak, leave the area immediately and call the City of Winder at 770-867-7629 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches, open or close garage doors, use a flashlight or phone/cellphone in the presence of the gas smell, as these devices may be a source of ignition, causing an explosion.

WHAT GROWS IN WINDER?

Spring is just around the corner, so it's time to get out your shovel and start planning out your garden! Here are 5 flowers that will flourish in the Winder springtime:

- ▶ **Verbena:** these sun loving flowers come in blue, purple, pink, red, and white. Water when dry, and they will make a beautiful addition to your garden!
- ▶ **Black-Eyed Susan:** These golden flowers love to live in Georgia! They will attract both butterflies and bees to your garden.
- ▶ **Zinnia:** these flowers are part of the sunflower family, and come in all sorts of warm colors. They are an old-time favorite.
- ▶ **Shasta Daisy:** these white and yellow daisies are easy to grow from seed, and withstand heat, drought, and poor soil. Their edible seeds will attract birds to your garden.
- ▶ **Purple Coneflower:** these violet flowers will bloom all summer in your garden. They will look wonderful in a vase indoors.



Answer: Because you shouldn't press your luck