

## Quick Notes...

### CITY STREET CLOSINGS

- > Friday, April 17, 5:00-9:00 p.m., for the Country Road Cruisers Car Show: W. Jefferson (from Thomason to Main); N. 2nd (from W. Jefferson to W. Washington).
- > Saturday, April 18, 1:00-2:00 p.m., for the NAACP Parade: NEW ROUTE - College/N. Main/W. Jefferson; and Second.
- > Saturday, April 18, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., for NAACP Festival, N. 2nd (from W. Washington to W. Jefferson).
- > April 24-25 from 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, for Madison Fest: N. 2nd (from W. Washington to W. Jefferson).
- > Saturday, May 9, 8:00-12:00 noon for the Madison in May 5K: Academy, W. Central, Old Post, Dixie, and S. First (as well as intersecting streets along the route)
- > Monday, May 25 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, for the Ride for America motorcycle parade: N. 2nd (from W. Washington to Jefferson), W. Jefferson (from Main to Thomason), Thomason (from W. Jefferson to HWY 83).

### TIME TO FLUSH THE HYDRANTS

The Fire and Utility Departments have tentatively scheduled the spring flushing of the hydrants for **April 27 - May 8**. Make sure to run home faucets and avoid washing laundry (particularly light colors) if water is temporarily discolored.

### CITY HOLIDAY: MEMORIAL DAY

Madison City Hall will be closed to observe Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25**. Our doors will be open bright and early at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

### RECYCLING ON THE HOLIDAY

The City's recycling vendor will provide regular service on Monday despite the holiday.



## HOUSE WATCHING

Madison — one of the five 2015 GICH freshman communities — sat at the front of the class to absorb all the goodness that the **Georgia Initiative for Community Housing** offered at the Spring Retreat in Macon. The retreat included two days of classes and upperclassmen presentations, showcasing the diversity of housing activities and community accomplishments. Among a variety of topics, our GICH Team learned housing assessment basics, housing development from a builder's perspective, and legal tools for addressing housing issues. Planning Director Monica Callahan noted that



"Madison's GICH Team includes representation from all three local governments — city, county, and school board" as well as citizens with expertise and time to lend to local housing opportunities.

Madison was also fortunate to draw Community Development Manager for Georgia EMC, Pat Merritt, as its team facilitator. Perry Hiott, Managing Director for Georgia Cities Foundation, and Theresa Owen, Planner for the NEGA Regional Commission, also participated in Madison's team meetings. For the next six months, our GICH Team prioritized as its goals: 1) establishment of a series of educational work sessions to learn about specific housing issues, policies, and programs; 2) creation of subcommittees to gather information and resources to accomplish the education process; and, 3) active participation in the upcoming Comprehensive Planning process. After two vigorous team discussions, Callahan thanked Merritt for working with Madison, which always comes with lots of opinions and aspirations. Councilmember Carrie Peters-Reid endorsed the GICH Retreat as "eye-opening" and "potentially very positive for improving our existing neighborhoods and residential future."



**Sat., April 25, 2015**

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**Buy Amazing Plants, Local Food, Handcrafted Arts & Crafts;**

**CRAFTING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & ADULTS; Great Lectures & Demos From The Pavilion;**

**Live Music Throughout The Day;**

**'Greener' Living Ideas & Tips;**

**Learn About Electric Vehicles From Georgia Power;**

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