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BUREAU OF CIVIC AFFAIRS
OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

- **October 1st International City Fall Festival** "Remembering Yesterday" See Page 2 for ad...
- **October 6-16 Georgia Fair**
Georgia National Fairgrounds Agricenter in Perry, GA. For more information call 478-987-9247 or visit www.gnfa.com
- **October 8 Wings and Wheels Poker Fun Run & Annual Wings and Wheels Car Show**
Museum of Aviation. For more information call 478-926-6870 or visit www.museumofaviation.org
- **October 15-16 Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival** Storytelling, live entertainment, arts, crafts, hayrides, petting zoo, food and demonstrations. For more information call 478-922-8265, 888-288-9742 or visit www.Mossycreekfestival.com
- **International City Farmer's Market**
Every Thursday!! Takes place on the corner of Watson Boulevard and Davis Drive from 2PM-6PM. For more information contact Jodi Daley at 478-225-7626
- **See More Events Inside on Pages 2 & 4**

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Tourism Matters to the United States

Travel and tourism is a \$1.6 trillion industry in the United States

If one dollar bill equaled a second of time, then \$1.7 trillion would equal almost 51,000 years.

Travel and tourism generates \$111 billion in tax revenue for local, state and federal governments

If you place 111 billion one dollar bills end-to-end, they would circle the world 422 times.

Each U.S. household would pay \$950 more in taxes without the tax revenue generated by the travel and tourism industry

\$950 will buy about five weeks of groceries for a family of four, will fill the average car with gas 31 times.

The travel and tourism industry is one of the country's largest employers with 7.4 million direct travel-generated jobs.

Direct travel-generated payroll totals \$186 billion; 1 out of every 9 U.S. non-farm jobs is created directly, indirectly or is induced by travel and tourism.

The travel and tourism industry is one of America's largest service exports.

International travelers spent more on their visits to the United States than U.S. residents spent while traveling abroad, creating a trade surplus of \$23.2 billion for the U.S.

Dining is the most popular domestic trip activity and is included in 31 percent of all domestic trips; Shopping is the No. 1 leisure/recreational activity for overseas visitors.

Approximately 2.8 million hotel room nights are sold every day in the United States. That is enough hotel rooms to lodge every person living in Dallas, Detroit, Denver and Orlando combined.

Spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averages \$1.9 billion a day, \$80 million an hour, \$1.3 million a minute, and \$22,300 a second.

(Source: U.S. Travel Association)

The Rescue Ranch Presents The 2nd Annual...

Please join us again this year for a lot of fun for a great cause. All proceeds from our event benefit a low cost spay/neuter for Houston County and the surrounding areas. All day we'll have **arts and crafts, music, food, and raffles**. Drawings for raffles will be held throughout the day. There will be a **mobile vet onsite** offering **\$10 rabies vaccinations**. Also, there will be a **pet salon onsite** with many things to offer. Greyhounds Galore, Star Bright Animal Rescue, and All About Animals are just a few local rescue groups we'll have with some of their wonderful pets for adoption! At 11:00 am promptly we will begin registration for our **Howl'oween Pet Costume Contest** (\$10 entry fee). That's right, bring your furry or feathered friend for a chance to win prizes! Contest will begin at 1:00 pm. And guess what? You might just recognize someone from our wonderful line up of judges!!!

Deadline for vendor registration Oct 1st, 2011

Vendor forms and Pet contestant forms available Thursdays 2pm-6pm at The International City Farmer's Market located at Commercial Circle in Warner Robins or by email michelle.kelly2@cox.net

For more information please call 478-954-0688 or email michelle.kelly2@cox.net or dgoulding@wrga.gov



DOGTOBERFEST

trick or treating with your dog

When: October 29, 2011
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Place: Centerville City Hall
300 E. Church St.

International City Fall Festival Coming Saturday October 1st

For information to participate as a vendor please contact Gena (478) 225-9856, or visit www.wrdda.org

"Remembering Yesterday, Celebrating Tomorrow"



Sacred Heart Fall Festival

**October 22, 2011
9am-5pm**

15 Games, 25 Rides, Performances, Rock Wall, Bingo, Raffle, Silent Auction, Granny's Attic, Arts & Crafts, and Health Fair

For more information call 478-953-4190 or visit www.shswr.org



Saturday, October 22

Warner Robins High School

Cost: \$25.00 (Individual)

**Walk In: \$35.00
Group \$ 105.00 (5 People)**

Kid's Jam: \$10.00 (10 & under)

For more information call 478-396-8224 or visit



GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR
Oct. 2-12
Reithoffer Shows On The Midway
Your Family's Playground
Perry • I-75 Exit 134 & 135 georgianationalfair.com 800-987-3247



GREEK FESTIVAL

Friday, September 30th (11am - 10pm)

Saturday, October 1st (11am - 10pm)

Sunday, October 2nd (11am - 3pm)

Sponsored By:

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
859 First Street
Macon, Georgia 31201

Website:

www.holycross.ga.goarch.org

Facebook:

Central Georgia Greek Festival

Georgia's Annual Volunteer Waterway Cleanup
Rivers need you year around



Contact: Keep Warner Robins Beautiful
Date of Cleanup: Saturday, October 22
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am
Location: Wellston Trail, Corder Road

Come participate in a community water way cleanup! **Volunteer today!**
Join a Rivers Alive cleanup near you by calling the contact above, visiting our website at www.riversalive.org or calling 404-675-6240

Charity Golf Scramble



Friday, October 14.
Check in begins at 11:30 AM, Lunch will be served at Noon, and we will tee off at 1:00 PM. Foursomes, pairs, and single players are all welcome. We're happy to help you find a group to play with.

For more information contact:

Stephanie Williams
c130gal@gmail.com
478-284-8297



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will be sponsoring one of its signature "Out of the Darkness" walk event in Warner Robins, **October 23, 2011 in Warner Robins** to help raise awareness, erase stigma and to show support to those individuals who lost love ones to suicide. For more information of if you would like to volunteer contact Brenda Frazier at 478-335-4032.



This I believe



This I Believe: "I Can Change the World"

As a recovering addict, Mark Olmsted is familiar with the serenity prayer. But when he got fed up with all the litter in his neighborhood, Olmsted realized there is a difference between the things you must accept and the things you can actually change.

I've always hated litter; in fact, I once walked out in the middle of a date because my companion threw a wrapper on the sidewalk. In my opinion, littering is the most pre-

ventable and stupid of the world's sins, and all the more infuriating because it has no proponents. For example, though I am also against corporal punishment, there are people who would readily argue that it is a useful and necessary form of discipline. But no one ever defends littering—even the people who do it.

Yet, I am not one to throw stones. For the first several years of this millennium, I was a drug addict. My buying and selling undoubtedly contributed to a lot of toxic waste. After nine months of prison and a commitment to sobriety, I felt I had to make amends.

After moving to a working class neighborhood, my first reaction to the trash-filled streets was to say a well-known prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the

courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." As I walked my dog every day, I thought the litter was something I had to accept. After all, what was I supposed to do? Pick it up?

The thought was like a pebble in my shoe. Try as I might, I just couldn't shake it loose.

So one day, I decided to do just that: Pick it up.

In a leap of faith, I went down to Home Depot, bought myself an E-Z Reacher, and started plucking the empty cigarette packs, soda cans, fast food packaging, coffee containers, newspapers, foam cups, and just about anything you can think of into plastic grocery bags. For over five years now, I have filled at least four bags every morning, one for each block of my dog-walking route. Sometimes, I do it again on different streets in the afternoon, especially if I'm having a bad day.

I believe in picking up trash because it's taught me that you can't assume to know the difference between the things you must accept and the things that you can change—you have to think about it. It's taught me to question the premise of all sorts of assumptions I had previously made, from the idea that the only possible reaction to traffic is anger and frustration, to the belief that I was a hopeless addict who couldn't possibly get clean.

Every morning, picking up trash is my answer to the questions: How can I be of service today? What do I have the courage to change? And every night, no matter how much the day didn't seem to go my way, I can fall asleep counting the bags of trash I've picked up, comforted that in this lifetime I've been able to find one thing to do that's unarguably, unambiguously good.

Mark Olmsted's website is:
www.trashwhisperer.com

The Catfish House Warner Robins

All City Hall Employees! Bring in this coupon to receive **10% OFF** your order with your City Id!

The Catfish House located on 2407 Moody Road is open Wednesday through Friday 11am—9 pm, Saturdays 3pm—10pm. Offering the BEST seafood in Warner Robins plus the ONLY restaurant offering AUTHENTIC New Orleans Cuisine! New lunch menu items beginning October 5th including Gumbo, Oysters on the half shell, and Parmesan Crusted Grilled Oysters. Also 6 new menu items for under \$6 and our 30 minute guarantee... Your meal is ready in 30 minutes or less or it's FREE!

Available for Lunch Meetings, Lakeside Dining, and Events! 478-922-2828.



E.L. Greenway Welcome Center
Designated A National Historic Site

99 North First Street, Warner Robins, GA 31093

478-922-5100 888-288-9742 www.warnerrobinsga.gov

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Monthly Awards for September



THRILLER NIGHT

October 28, 2011

AT THE
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Get your Costume On! Chance to win CASH Prizes in the costume contest with Entertainment by A.J. the D.J.!!

Party begins at 8pm—1am
Tickets are \$25 at the door
RSVP Early for \$20 Tickets

Get the V.I.P. Treatment for
\$60 Table
Special Room Rates Available!

For More Information Please
Call 478-602-6200
Located at 589 Carl Vinson
Pkwy, Warner Robins



Home of the Month

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens was selected by Keep Warner Robins Beautiful (KWRB) to receive the *Home of the Month Award*. Pictured with Mr. Owens (holding Max) are KWRB members Susan Green, Terry Duernberger, Francis Wilson, Jack Steed and David Carr.



Clean Campus Award

Feagin Mill Middle School was recognized by the Central Georgia Board of Realtors (CGBR) and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful (KWRB) with the *Clean Campus Award*.

Pictured presenting a media gift to Dr. Jesse Davis, Principal, is Janice Stefanski, CGBR. Also pictured are (LtoR) Susan Green, Terry Duernberger, Francis Wilson, Jack Steed, David Carr (all KWRB), Raquan Rumph, Lewis Davis and Darry Smith, (maintenance team members).



Business of the Month

Keep Warner Robins Beautiful (KWRB) recognized Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens/ Happy Hour School with the *Business of the Month Award*.

Pictured accepting the award from Francis Wilson (KWRB) is Tod Cowart, Executive Director, Jeff Ridley and Lisa Ellingson (holding sign). Also pictured are (LtoR) KWRB representatives Debra Jones, David Carr, Susan Green and Terry Duernberger.



Nominate your favorite Home, Business, or Clean Campus by contacting 478-929-7259 or email KWRB@WRGA.GOV

