

CITY OF CONYERS

Celebration of Community

*An occasional newsletter update on celebrations in our community
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From the Mayor's desk...

Spring is just around the corner and Conyers is a busy place! We celebrated in January with the swearing-in of Council Members Gerald Hinesley, Connie Alsobrook, and Valyncia Smith-Waller, following their successful re-election campaigns. A successful planning retreat in late January has set the stage for more projects and improvements to enhance life in Conyers for all citizens. We look forward to rolling out and sharing those plans with you soon.

I hope you'll attend events coming up including the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, the award-winning Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival on March 23-24 at the Horse Park, and the new Conyers Spring Concert Series combined with our popular Trucks on the Tracks food trucks starting April 13 featuring Soul Cartel.

Thank you for your continued interest in Conyers. Let us know how we can better serve you.

Sincerely,

Vince Evans
Mayor



Download the Conyers Connect App Today

The Conyers City Council will soon be more accessible to citizens via the new Conyers Connect app recently launched.

The app, free for download on smartphones in the Google Play and Apple stores, is a product of Granicus and gives citizens another avenue to directly communicate with their council member about questions or concerns within their district. By downloading the app, citizens also opt-in for communication directly from the city on everything from reminders about upcoming events to notifications about road closures or severe weather in the area. Links to pay bills, view council meetings, and access the city's calendar of events are all easily accessible features in the app.



"We're always looking for ways to further engage our citizens," said Council Member Eric Fears, chairman of the city's IT and Public Works and Transportation Committees. "If someone wants to talk to me about an issue one-on-one, this is a direct link to do that and makes accessibility to city leaders literally a click away."

2024 Conyers Spring Concert Series

Save the dates for free spring concerts on Bank Street in Olde Town Conyers! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, grab dinner from food trucks on-site, and enjoy an evening under the stars.



Join us from 6-10 p.m. on the following dates featuring these artists:

Sat., April 13—Soul Cartel and KimBerli Dee

Sat., May 11—Mother's Finest and Leah Belle Faser

Sat., June 8—Who's Bad, The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience and 80ators

Visit our website and social media pages for more information and updates to these exciting additions to the Conyers events scene.

Swing Into Spring at the Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival



Sat., March 23-Sun., March 24
at the Georgia International Horse Park

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free admission
with \$10 parking fee
(only debit and credit cards
accepted for parking)

For more info: conyerscherryblossomfest.com

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OLDE TOWN CONYERS HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans!

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 5PM - 9PM

5:00 PM PARADE & PARTY

A St. Patrick's Day tradition where all are Irish for a day! Experience the spirit of Ireland at our 2-block walking parade. Afterwards, join us in the Pavilion for more shenanigans and performance by The Drake Irish School of Dance.

6:00 PM WORLD'S SHORTEST ENDURANCE RUN

Following the parade, stroll or sprint to the finish after a 0.1 mile fundraiser run starting at the Conyers Depot. Quirky and nearly over before it begins, don't be late! Tshirts available with entry fee for pre-registered participants.

EVENING SHENANIGANS

Children's activities, live music and flavorful restaurants and food trucks on-site for a festive evening in Olde Town Conyers!



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What is a Certificate of Appropriateness?

Did you know that in 1990, the city adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance which eventually led to the creation of the Olde Town Conyers Historic District? This beautiful district encompasses the historic downtown core of the city and its surrounding residential areas. The city has recognized the importance of this area due to its character and heritage and has designated it as a local historic district.

If you're a homeowner or property owner within the historic district and planning to make any exterior renovations, we'd like to help you out. If your property is designated as a contributing property, you'll need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) before making any material changes to the appearance of a historic property, structure, site or work of art. This includes the replacement of windows, siding, construction or demolition of a porch, or adding to your home, to name a few.

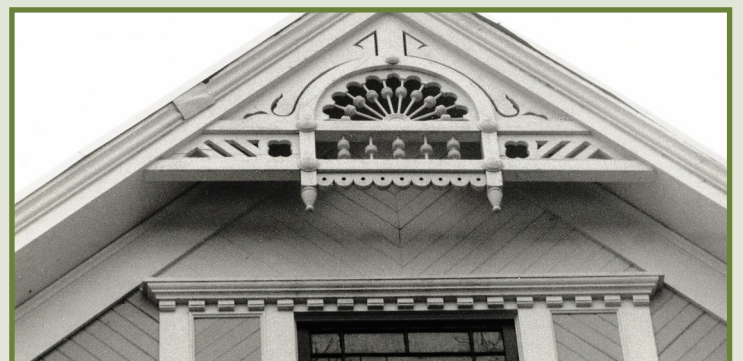
The Conyers Historic Commission issues a COA after evaluating proposed changes to ensure they won't adversely affect the property's historic value. They use tools such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Olde Town Conyers Design Guidelines to make these determinations.

The Olde Town Conyers Historic District consists of two tiers of resources: Contributing and Non-contributing Resources.

- Contributing Resources are buildings 50 years old or older and add to the historic character of the district. These buildings are intact, and few significant changes have been made to the visible exterior elevations. Contributing resources require a COA Application for any external material change.

- Non-contributing Resources are buildings less than 50 years old or are historic buildings that have been so altered that they can no longer contribute to the historic character of the district. Non-contributing resources require an advisory public meeting with the Conyers HPC for large projects.

Conyers is a unique community with a rich history worth preserving. The Conyers Historic Commission is committed to preserving the city's heritage. By establishing a local historic district and design review process, we can ensure that the city's character is preserved for future generations. For more information about the Conyers Historic Commission, contact 770-929-4280.



Prevent FOG in Our Waterways in Conyers

Did you know that FOG (fats, oils, and grease) is the number one cause of sewer system blockages in metro Atlanta? FOG is the semi-solid byproduct of food preparation derived from both plant and animal sources. FOG sticks to the walls of sewer pipes building up over time and can result in sewage backing up into your home, overflowing manhole covers in the streets, or discharging directly into local streams.

Common sources of FOG include butter, cheese, mayonnaise, meats, pastries, gravy, salad dressings, ice cream, sauces, marinades, yogurt and all cooking oils. To help you remember to assist us in reducing the amount of FOG pollution to our waterways, here's a helpful acronym:

- S**—*Scrape* or wipe grease into a sealable container and dispose in the trash.
- C**—*Collect* liquid cooking oils into an oil rendering tank.
- R**—*Rotate* cleaning schedule among fryers and food preparation devices.
- A**—*Assign* clean-up tasks to specific employees.
- P**—*Prepare* foods with minimal amounts of fats, oils and grease.
- E**—*Educate* your household and business on the importance of reducing FOG and following FOG prevention practices.

Contact the Conyers Stormwater Division for more information and helpful hints about how you can protect our waterways and streams.

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