

My Perspective – October 2009

October is here and we are almost at year's end.

At our last Commission Meeting we decided to ask the Recreation Commission to consider managing the new Nelson Heights Community Center. This proposal was to be studied by the Recreation Commission and then they were to bring back their answer or conditions of acceptance. The Nelson Heights Community Center is a well built building which is intended for a wide variety of services for the community. My personal thoughts are that whoever manages it should be embraced by the community it serves and be well received.

In other news...

The Library Board of Directors has selected the 5th of November at 10:00 am to have the groundbreaking for the Porter Memorial Branch Library. This will take place next to the Oak Hill Elementary School. In last month's Perspective we enclosed pictures of this beautiful library. I hope that you can attend this exciting event. It is so important to get the community involved. And, at the same time you can see the progress on the Denny Dobbs Park located just across the street from the library site. And speaking of the Dobbs Park, progress is going well. The trees have been thinned out so you can see the construction from the road near the park.

Newton County has just been awarded over \$20 million for road construction and improvements. The western end of the County will see a traffic light at Spring Road which will greatly relieve congestion in that area. This impact will also be felt, resulting in relief, at the intersection of Salem and Brown Bridge Road. I hate to report that there is no additional funding through GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) for the widening of Salem Road or to assist us with our other Four-Way Stop projects. However, we will continue working with GDOT in hopes that, in the future, money will free up and projects will be up and going again.

Next Month I will bring other issues the Board has considered.

Wishing you a good Halloween.

Commissioner Simmons.