

"My Perspectives"
September Newsletter

We are now beginning to start the fall season and it will finally begin a little cooler weather pattern.

I would like to catch you up on what's happening in the county. In district two, I have decided to place two radar poles on the Highway 212 and Oak Hill Road section of Highway 212. Also, I have requested the speed limit reduced to 35 M.P.H. I believe this will help us out until the intersection gets redesigned. I think crosswalks would be a great advantage to the citizens at Brown Bridge & Salem Road at the Walgreens and CVS Drug Store, so I have included this in my request to the State Department of Transportation via a letter seeking permission to do all these initiatives.

I would also like to report the Wal-Mart has decided to delay their opening until mid-2010. However, the Walgreen's property is progressing on schedule. There has been movement on the property, and we hope the building will get started soon.

In sadder news, we now have the name of the 70-year-old man that died in a truck accident on Oak Hill Road on July 22, 2008, Richard Arnold of Conyers, Georgia. Mr. Arnold died at the scene of the accident. Our deepest condolences go out to his family during their hour of grief. The site of the accident occurred one block from my own backyard.

We are also saddened by the loss of 14-year-old Willeshia Rachel Hill who died this month due to kidney failure. Her family made use of our Indigent Burial Fund that we make available to those who are not financially able to pay for a burial. Presently, the county pays \$300.00 towards the burial, but I am working to raise this amount to at least \$500.00. We plan on asking any new cemetery that opens in the county to donate a portion of their plots for a Paupers Cemetery.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone of voting age to get out and vote in November. This is a very important election and we need far more than 10-14% turnout from our 49,000 plus registered voters to vote. Please make time to vote in all elections. There is no excuse for not exercising your right to vote. When you don't vote...you don't have a voice...AND WE ALL LOSE!

My best always,

Commissioner Simmons