

General primary election to be held May 24

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The General Primary Election will be held this year on May 24. All seven precincts will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Precinct locations are the Roy Burns Senior Citizen's Center, the Young Farmers' Building, the Metasville Fire Department, the Edward B. Pope Center, Rayle City Hall, the Courthouse (Room 113), and the Tignall School Lunchroom.

Candidates may qualify for the election beginning March 7-10 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on March 11 from 9 a.m. until noon. Qualifying will take place in the Probate Court Office, Room 422. The qualifying fee for the position of Chairman of Board of Commissions is \$1678.57. For the Board of Commissioners, District 3 and 4 seats, and the Board of Education, District 1

and 2 seats, the qualifying fee is \$72. Packets, with step-by-step instructions, are available for pick-up at the Probate Office for those interested in qualifying.

Early voting will be May 2 thru May 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office on the first floor of the Courthouse (Room 113). The polls will be open at the Courthouse for Saturday voting May 7 and May 14 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The earliest day to apply for an absentee ballot is March 7 with last day to submit an absentee ballot application being May 13. Applications for absentee ballots can be located at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov; www.wilkescountyga.org or by calling the Registrar's Office at 706-678-1850. Absentee ballots must be received by election night at 7 p.m. or before. The last day to register to vote for the May election is April 25.

Deerlick Astronomy Village Spring Open House on go

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Deerlick Astronomy Village has scheduled its Spring Open House for Saturday, March 26, from 5-11 p.m.

During the Open House, guests will be given a brief orientation, an introduction to astronomy basics, tour a working observatory, get a laser light sky tour, and gaze through telescopes to see planets, constellations, and star clusters. Tours will be conducted by amateur astronomers.

To preserve the integrity of the Village's dark sky, guests are asked to arrive before dark and to observe dark-sky etiquette: no white lights after dark and dim car parking lights only. Red

lensed flashlights and binoculars are allowed. Please dress in layers and wear close-toed shoes. Temperatures at the Village drop when the dew settles after sunset.

The Village opens its gates in the spring and fall of each year for tours. Located mid-way between Atlanta and Augusta, eight miles from the I-20 corridor, Deerlick Astronomy Village enjoys a quiet, rural setting that is easily accessed yet offers some of the darkest skies in the south.

Deerlick is family friendly with an 11-acre observing field, nature trails, and picnic and camping facilities.

For directions or further information visit <https://deerlick-group.com> or call Jane Kuehn at 706-816-3844

Lexington Avenue public hearing

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Martin Luther King were proposed, including erecting a plaque on Lexington Avenue, giving Lexington Avenue an additional commemorative name, and renaming a different street. Henry Crew also suggested Revolutionary war veteran Austin Dabney as another local black citizen the council could honor.

At the end of the hearing, the Councilmen allowed an opportunity to respond to the public's comments.

Councilman Hill stated that he would take the public comments under advisement. Councilman Charles Wagner asked the crowd if adding a commemorative name to Lexington Avenue would be a viable option. Several attendees responded favorably but said the action must be legal.

Councilman Andy Anderson remarked that he is encouraged by the turn out for the meeting and greatly appreciates the feedback from the citizens of Lexington Avenue. He also thanked the citizens for turning out. Additionally, Anderson thanked Councilman

Cullars for bringing the matter up to get it on the table.

Councilman Cullars thanked the crowd for turning out as well and stated that the point is to honor MLK for what he did for the nation. Cullars explained that since the council has now heard from the public on the matter, the council will work to decide whether they will move forward with renaming Lexington Avenue or find another way to honor MLK.

Mahoney complimented Cullars and the Council for their unity on the idea of renaming Lexington Avenue. He also encouraged those in attendance to attend every city council meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, Bruce Bailey asked what the next step would be now that the Council has heard from the public. Mahoney explained that the council will likely have a work session meeting with the city attorney, before the next regular council meeting, to go over the options available.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be March 14.



Stephen's House Food Pantry (God's Marketplace) is open every third Thursday of each month, 3-4:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Church, 1365 Tignall Road. For more

information, contact the church office at 706-678-3423.

Yard Sale at Roy C. Burns Senior Center, 108 Marshall Rd Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The County Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting March 10 at 6 p.m.

The Washington City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, February 14, at 6 p.m. at the Pope Center.

The Board of Registrars will hold their monthly meeting March 10 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse.

Pre-K Registration will be March 7-11 at W-WES

Washington-Wilkes Elementary School will hold Pre-K registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year the week of March 7-11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily at the school. Registration will begin at 9:00 on Monday, March 7, in the Media Center. Any child that will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2022 is eligible to attend. A child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022 may also be eligible if they have never been enrolled in the Georgia public Pre-K program.

The following items are mandatory in order to register your child for Pre-K.

Birth Certificate (Your child must

be 4 years old by September 1, 2022)

Proof of Residency (This must have your physical address) The following are not accepted: driver's license or cell phone bill.

Social Security Card

You are encouraged to have the following items when you register your child, but it is mandatory to have them on file within the first 30 days of school

(1) Georgia Immunization Certificate

(2) Georgia Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition (Form 3300)

There are 66 slots available and the first 66 to register will be

admitted to the Pre-K program. If you are not among the first 66 to register your child will be placed on a waiting list for the program.

The WWES Pre-K program is a lottery funded program and we must follow all guidelines set up by Bright from the Start. Pre-K is building the foundation needed to prepare your child for kindergarten. It is very important to remember that a parent requirement is to agree to send your child to school each day and that your child remain for the full instructional time. If you have any questions before registration begins, please contact the school at (706) 678-7124

Washington First United Methodist Church 2022-2023 Pre-Kindergarten

Call 706-678-7116 for more details or to request a registration package.

To secure your child's spot, you'll need to pay \$75 for registration and \$150 for the first month's tuition.

Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2022 and potty trained.



3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

(Mon.-Thurs)
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

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Community Calendar

- First Mondays Lions Club, Lions Club building, 6 p.m.
- First Tuesdays Iris Garden Club litter pickup, various locations
- Second Weds. Fishing Creek Wildlife Action, Harris Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturdays Litter pickup, meet at CofC, 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays Washington Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club, 1 p.m.
- Thursdays Washington Rotary Club, Woman's Club, noon
- Fridays Alzheimer's Support, Connely Gallery, 11 a.m.
- March 8 Iris Garden Club Field Trip, meet Episcopal Church, 9:30 a.m.
- March 12 DAR, Woman's Club, 11:30 a.m.
- March 14 Woman's Club, clubhouse, noon
- March 17 Wilkes County Chapter Ladies Homestead Gathering, Danburg Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
- March 18 Classic South Quilt Guild, Wesley Hall, First United Methodist Church, 2 p.m.
- March 23 WALLI Readers, home of Katie Price, 10 a.m.
- March 28 Civil War Round Table, Woman's Club, 6 p.m.
- May 14 - Iris Garden Club Spring Garden Tour, Robert Toombs House Headquarters, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.