

Merle Norman Homerville

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combination that has quickly become a customer favorite thanks to its convenience and versatility.

Yet for Guess, the business has always been about more than products. She has worked to continue building an environment where customers feel comfortable, valued, and welcomed.

Being located in downtown Homerville has played an important role in that mission.

“Downtown Homerville is in the heart of the community, offering excellent visibility and accessibility,” Guess explained.

The location allows her to connect with customers, collaborate with fellow business owners, and participate in events that bring the community together throughout the year.

“Being part of downtown Homerville allows me to invest in the community that has supported local businesses for generations,” she said.

Community involve-

ment remains a cornerstone of the business. Merle Norman Homerville regularly participates in local events, supports fundraisers, and sponsors organizations throughout the area. Guess believes supporting the community is one of the greatest responsibilities—and privileges—of being a small business owner.

As downtown Homerville continues to grow and evolve, businesses like Merle Norman Homerville help create the vibrant atmosphere that encourages residents to shop local and support one another.

For those considering opening a business of their own, Guess offers simple but valuable advice:

“Be active in the community, build strong customer relationships, and support other local businesses.”

Looking ahead, she hopes to continue expanding products and services while strengthening the connections she has built with customers and the

community.

“Our next step is continued growth, expanding our products and services, and strengthening our connections,” Guess said.

Perhaps what customers may not realize is just how much heart goes into every service, product recommendation, and interaction.

“Customers may not know how much we truly love helping people feel confident and cared for—it’s the heart of everything we do,” she said.

For Guess, downtown Homerville represents more than a business district. It represents history, relationships, and a spirit of local pride that continues to make small-town living special.

“Downtown is special because of its charm, strong community support, and locally owned businesses,” she said.

Merle Norman Homerville is located at 17 East Plant Avenue in downtown Homerville. To learn more, visit the business on Facebook or call (912) 470-9985.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET; NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF HOMERVILLE, GEORGIA

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5, notice is hereby given that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 (the “Tentative Budget”) will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Homerville, Georgia (the “Mayor & Council”) for consideration at a special called meeting on June 4th, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers at city hall of the City of Homerville, Georgia.

The Tentative Budget was reviewed and discussed by the Mayor & Council at its regular meeting on June 11th, 2026. A copy of the Tentative Budget is available for inspection by the general public at the central office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and may be purchased for \$.10 per page and will be made available, upon request, to the news media.

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 (f), the Mayor & Council will conduct a public hearing at which time any persons wishing to be heard on the Tentative Budget may appear and make their comments. The public hearing to consider the Tentative Budget will be held on **June 18th at 5:00 PM** in the council chambers at city hall of the City of Homerville, Georgia. All persons wishing to be heard concerning the Tentative Budget may appear and comment at the public hearing.

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-81-6, the budget resolution or ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 shall be adopted by the Mayor & Council at special called meeting, to be held on **June 18th, at 6:00 PM** in the council chambers at city hall of the City of Homerville, Georgia. In addition to the public hearing, the public is invited to attend and be heard upon the adoption of the budget resolution.

THIS RELEASE IS BEING MADE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 & § 36-81-6.

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Newspaper awards

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Enterprise of Watkinsville won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award for doing the most during 2025 to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and to protect the public’s right to know. Judging for the award was done by the University of Georgia’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

According to the judge, “The Enterprise’s consistent, dogged pursuit of public records from a school district seemingly intent on doing the wrong thing again and again demonstrates the importance of a community newspaper.

It’s emblematic of the work communities need to govern themselves and hold their elected officials accountable.”

One journalist was honored as winner of GPA’s Emerging Young Journalist Award. Journalists younger than 30 with less than five years of experience writing professionally for a newspaper are eligible. The winner was Will Thomas of The Newnan Times-Herald.

“Will joined The Newnan Times-Herald as a Georgia Press Association intern in the summer of 2024 and quickly became a key contributor. A Newnan native, he brings valuable local knowledge to his reporting while

maintaining the curiosity and independence essential to good journalism.”

The photograph chosen as the Photo of the Year was taken by Katie Goodale of The Augusta Chronicle of a runner being covered in clouds of multicolored chalk dust.

Hunter Riggall of the Marietta Daily Journal won a \$5,000 prize from the Center for Integrity News Reporting. This was the first year the organization offered a state-level prize in Georgia. Riggall was honored for a series of stories reporting on homelessness in his community.

The Georgia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities sponsored an award recognizing achievement in reporting on mental health issues. Jill Holloway of Thomasville Times-Enterprise was honored as the first-ever winner.

There were 2,273 total entries in the contest. Judging was done by members of the Oklahoma and Louisiana Press Association in February.

The News’ parent company, AIR Publications, Inc., won 15 total awards Friday, with the Berrien Press winning 11 and the Quitman Free Press taking two awards.

“We’re very proud of the work our staff did in 2025 to be recognized as among the state’s best,” said Publisher Len Robbins. “Publishing a community newspaper is a community effort, and we appreciate all of our staff, members of the community, readers, and advertisers who have contributed to the process.”

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Project Overview:

The City of Homerville is seeking services for the following: Pine Forest Cemetery

- Mow and weed eat
- Rake leaves into piles beside road to be picked up.
- The work will be contracted only for the summer months starting May 1st until September 30th.
- All bids must be turned in at City Hall by the close of business at 5:00pm on July 9, 2026. No bids will be accepted after this time.

For more information, please contact Joseph Mizell at 912-520-8090.

Must be insured and licensed for approval

Project Overview:

The City of Homerville is seeking services for the following: Side Walks

- Mow, weed eat, & edge all sidewalks & median (N. Church St, S. Church St, East & West Dame Ave, and East & West plant Ave.

Homerville Signs

- Mow and weed eat around the Welcome to Homerville signs on Hwy 84 (East and West ends)

Downtown

- Mow and weed eat around buildings and alleyways (between Church St and King St)
- Mow and weed eat around parking lot and buildings (between Church St and Smith St)

Macy Branch Park

- Mow and weed eat the park (between East and West Park St)
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Saturday, June 27 9 AM

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Destruction of Special Education Records Clinch County Board of Education

The Clinch County School System announces the intent to destroy specific special education records according to the Common Records Retention Schedules for school systems, under the Georgia Archives University System of Georgia. All special education records for students reaching the age of 22 on or before June 30th of each school year are scheduled for destruction in July of that same year. The student or parent may need these records for social security or other reasons. Any person desiring to obtain his/her records may contact the Special Education Department and will need positive identification, prior to June 30, at 46 South College St, Homerville, GA 31634.

Destrucción de registros de educación especial Junta de Educación del Condado de Clinch

El Sistema Escolar del Condado de Clinch anuncia la intención de destruir registros específicos de educación especial de acuerdo con los Programas de Retención de Registros Comunes para los sistemas escolares, bajo el Sistema de Georgia Archives University de Georgia. Todos los registros de educación especial para estudiantes que cumplen 22 años el 30 de junio o después de cada año escolar están programados para su destrucción en julio de ese mismo año. El estudiante o el padre pueden necesitar estos registros por seguridad social u otras razones. Cualquier persona que desee obtener sus registros puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Educación Especial por escrito y con identificación positiva, antes del 30 de junio, en 46 South College St, Homerville, GA 31634.