

Groundbreaking for New Westside Fire Station

On September 12th the Tifton- Tift County Fire Department (TTCFD) held the official groundbreaking of the new Westside Fire Station, Station 11, 60 Carpenter Rd., Tifton, Georgia.

Station 11 is funded through SPLOST III, and is part of an overall plan to reduce fire insurance rates for property owners in Tift County, and to enhance fire protection and other emergency services provided by TTCFD.

The facility will be approximately 5,000 square feet with two bays for housing firefighting apparatus. The TTCFD city volunteers will operate from the new station utilizing reserve units and other apparatus as needed until full-time staffing becomes feasible.



The addition of the new station will bring the total fire station count to eleven, with seven volunteer stations located throughout the county and three career stations located within or in close proximity to the city limits of Tifton.

For further information or questions, please contact Fire Chief Michael Coleman at 229-391-3972.

Downtown Tifton
is where
Halloween Fun
is happening!



Load up the kids and head for
Downtown Tifton for some spooky, safe fun!
Enjoy trick or treating with
Your favorite Downtown businesses on
Monday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. 'til 6:00 p.m.

It will be loads of fun and lots of laughs!
And the candy is FREE
to all costumed children age 12 and under from your Downtown
Tifton businesses &
the Tifton-Tift County Main Street Program!
*Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Stop by Tifton Garden, located beside La Cabana Restaurant and
the Tifton Terminal Railway to pick up your maps .



For more information, please call Lequrica Gaskins at
the Main Street Office at 391-3966.

History of Tifton

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Tifton, Georgia April 3rd, 1893

The City Council of Tifton met in office of H. H. Tift, April 3rd, 1893 at 8:30 o'clock p.m. and called to order by E. P. Bowen, Mayor Protem. Present: Councilmen Goodman, McCrea and Hargrett. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ordered that, the Clerk open the City tax books on the 15th day of April and that said books be closed on the 15th day of May.

Ordered that, whereas, there was no election held for Mayor on the 25th of March, (owing to some misunderstanding of the date), an election for the Mayor of the City of Tifton, to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Love, be held on Saturday, April 8th, 1893.

There being no further business the Council was adjourned.

J. H. Goodman,

Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Tifton, Georgia May 1st, 1893

The City Council of Tifton met in office of H. H. Tift, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. May 1st, 1893 and was called to order by Mayor C. W. Fulwood. Present: Councilmen Tift, Bowen, Allen, Goodman, and McCrea. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ordered that, the certificate of election and oath of office of Mayor Fulwood be spread upon the minutes as required by the Charter of said City.

Certificate.

Georgia-Berrien County.

This is to certify that this is a true tally sheet of the election for Mayor of the City of Tifton held this, the 8th day of April, 1893.

Jos. A. Alexander, F.H.

J. A. McCrea, F. h.

W. W. Rutherford, N. P. Ex Officio J. N.

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Tally Sheet

For the election of a Mayor for the City of Tifton to fill the unexpired term: C. W. Fulwood, 15.

Oath

Georgia-Berrien County

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all the duties devolving on me as Mayor for the City of Tifton during my continuance in office according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.

C. W. Fulwood

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day April 11th, 1893.

W. W. Rutherford, N.P., Ex-Officio J. P.

Ordered that, a committee be appointed to confer with the Brunswick and Western Railroad relative to street crossing and furnishing better depot facilities at Tifton. Councilmen Tift and Bowen were appointed such committee.

A Board of Health was appointed as follows; Dr. J. C. Goodman, Dr. J. A. McCrea, and Messrs. E. P. Bowen, J. H. Knight and C. A. Williams.

There being no further business the Council was adjourned.

J. H. Goodman,

Clerk

City of Tifton

Environmental Management Department

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The City of Tifton Environmental Management Department encompasses the Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement and Building Inspections functions needed for our community. Staff include Bert Crowe, Director, Judy Dorminey, Staff Assistant, Code Enforcement Officers Houston Shultz and Chad Shadle, as well as Building Inspector Mike Sumner.

PLANNING

The City of Tifton Planning Division is responsible for guiding and regulating the City's long and short term development. This includes the comprehensive planning process which establishes recommendations to effectively guide residential and commercial development for the benefit of current and future residents. Included within the Comprehensive Plan is the Short Term Work Program which identifies specific projects the City should undertake to effectively implement the comprehensive plan. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission assists the City of Tifton with its planning needs.

ZONING

The Zoning Division for the City of Tifton works with commercial and residential development by implementing the City of Tifton's Municipal Code and Comprehensive Plan. Working closely with the development community, as well as the general public, the Zoning Division verifies the zoning of properties, building setbacks, parking, signage and landscaping.

Whether you are planning on buying or selling property, starting new construction or additions, or opening a business of your own, remember to check the zoning first. The Zoning Division also assists the Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Tree Board and Keep Tift Beautiful Board with their functions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Tifton is a wonderful place to live because our residents take pride in their homes and neighborhoods. To keep Tifton looking great, the City has adopted ordinances regulating property maintenance, business licenses and other code matters in both residential and commercial areas. Code Enforcement responds to complaints regarding property maintenance and other issues and regularly patrols the City to identify violations. When violations are identified, enforcement action is taken. This can include warnings and/or notices to appear in Municipal Court.

BUILDINGS INSPECTIONS

The Building Division is responsible for the issuance of permits based on the current requirements of the building code as adopted by the City of Tifton. We review all construction plans for compliance with the building codes and any City ordinance that may apply. We at the Building Department have the duty and responsibility to the citizens of this City to make sure that any new construction, remodel, or addition done to property, is safe and completed in accordance with requirements of the codes. We also make sure that all life, safety, & fire codes are adhered to. The state also charges us with the responsibility to see that all rules associated with the Americans with Disabilities Acts are followed in order to afford all citizens with equal access to business and housing. The Building Division strives to provide the proper information and efficient process to give the customer the service they deserve in a timely manner.



Tifton is planning its Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration! December 1-3

This year's theme: "A **RED**, **WHITE** & **BLUE** Christmas"

Lequrica Gaskins, Chair of the City of Tifton Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration, announced that plans are under way for the 13th Annual Tifton Hometown Holiday's Christmas Celebration. Because this year will establish the 10th anniversary for 911, we were inspired to identify a theme that would reflect our support and honor those who have served and protected our country said Gaskins. This year's festival promises to create family-friendly fun filled memories and a day of sights, sounds, great food, and shopping for everyone. We have something special for children and adults of all ages. Attendees will step into the holiday season by the sweet sound of local entertainment. We have adopted the motto of the Tifton Merchants Association again this year: Think Local, Buy Local, Be Local. As a result, many local vendors will adorn the streets as they create an atmosphere of magical holiday cheer. Local churches and organizations are encouraged to sign up as food and craft vendors. Although the festival will be offered on a smaller scale, we promise to offer a spectacular holiday celebration to remember!!!

Our Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Mayor, J. G. "Jamie" Cater, will be the parade's Grand Marshall. Other traditional events are being planned and will be announced soon.

We are so thankful for our great sponsors. Without the support of individuals and businesses within the community, we would not be able to offer this successful - quality event. Because of the generosity of our sponsors, we are able to offer the Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration to the community for FREE! Gaskins said "I am convinced that this is what the bright spirit of our community looks like". On behalf of everyone touched by the festival, our thanks go out to our sponsors.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Lequrica Gaskins @ 391-3966. Donations are tax deductible.

Thank you, Tifton, for your continued support. More detailed information about this year's festival will follow soon.



Paint the Town PINK

Calendar of Events



October 1-31: The Pineapple Post - Breast Cancer Awareness Sale

During the whole month of October, 100% of any Breast Cancer Awareness Items sold will go to support Breast Cancer Awareness.



October 1: Survivors Celebration - Masonic Lodge, Kennedy Road, 10 am until 12 Noon



October 7: Health Fair - Leroy Rogers Senior Center, 9 until 11 am

Concert in the Park - Tifton Gardens, 12 Noon



October 8: "Pink" Luncheon & Presentation - Three Graces @ Lankford Manor, 12 Noon

Featuring *Diane Bruno*, Senior Partner @ Una Vita-US & Italy. Speaking on Women's Health Issues and Sustainable Health Practices. Tickets - \$15 in Advance, includes luncheon & Pink Champagne Cocktails. All proceeds will benefit local Breast Cancer Awareness

Downtown Party with a Purpose - Cato Knight Parking Lot, 5 until 9 pm

Prayer & Release of Balloons - Veterans Memorial Park, 6:45 pm

Downtown Merchants open late, offering promotions to benefit local Breast Cancer Awareness. Antique Car Show, Live Entertainment with TCHS Jazz Band, Food Vendors, Decorated Bra Contest, Children Events & MORE!



October 9: Sunday Buffet @ Harper's in the Myon

Musical Entertainment in Myon Courtyard and Dining Room. Water in the Myon Fountain will be PINK. All female guests will receive a pink carnation and educational material on Breast Cancer Awareness. Hefty portion of proceeds will benefit Breast Cancer Awareness.



October 11: Live Auction - Elks Lodge, 7 pm until, Raising funds to help LOCAL survivors in need.



October 14: Concert in the Park - Tifton Gardens, 12 Noon

Gospel Sing - Tift Theatre, 7 pm, Featuring the Faithful Servants



October 20: Fashion Show featuring Downtown Shops - Tift Theatre, 7 pm

20% of proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Awareness; Theatre open from 5-9 pm with Retro Dance Music, Hot Popcorn & Tours.



October 21: Concert in the Park - Tifton Gardens, 12 Noon



October 22: The Pineapple Post Pink Party - All Day

10% of ALL sales will go to Breast Cancer Awareness. Also serving Pink Petitfours and Pink Lemonade all day.

Concert with "Doctor, Doctor" - Tift Theatre, 8 - 10 pm



October 27: Breast Cancer Awareness Lecture - UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, 6 pm

Lecture by Debra Hardeman. Hosted by Tift Regional Medical Center.

FREE and Open to the Public. Complimentary Meal will be provided.



October 28: Concert in the Park - Tifton Gardens, 12 Noon

For more info, please call Lequrica Gaskins at (229) 391-3966