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The people of Elbert County are proud people —proud of our heritage, proud of our homes, our jobs and our country. We are also a warm-hearted people. Just ask any of the many recent newcomers to Elbert County and they will gladly tell you of the warm welcome they received.

Come visit our unique community and experience our historic roots and our beautiful surroundings.

Downtown Elberton is on the National Register of Historic Places. It's home to fine examples of high-style 19th-century commercial architecture. Our city was designated a Main Street City in 1991, and since then, millions of dollars have been invested in improvement projects and external renovations.

Not without ample sporting resources, Elbert County is known as a "Sportsman's Paradise." In fact, fishing is one of Elbert County's top tourist attractions, and it's no wonder why. Record-sized striped bass have been caught in Clark's Hill Lake and many other popular fish are plentiful, too.

Our quality of life is enhanced by our exceptional community services. And, our forward thinking has made Elbert County home to a number of businesses in addition to the granite industry.

In Elbert County, educational services and health services employ two and a half times more people than all the other service industries combined. On the retail-industry side, restaurants and food stores eclipse every other category. Folks in Elbert County, though, consider this to be indicative of discriminating tastes!

Since the area was first inhabited some 10,000 years ago, a lot has changed in Elbert County, but the continuity of the past stays true – where good neighbors are always nearby and family values run deep. We invite you to experience Elbert County, the world's granite capital and so much more!

About Experience Elbert

Experience Elbert is published with pride by The Elberton Star, Elbert County's newspaper and oldest business.

The Elberton Star has been reporting the news of Elbert County since 1887 and provides this factbook as a resource to Elbert County citizens and visitors. Additional copies may be found at The Elberton Star office located at 25 N. Public Square in Elberton, Georgia.

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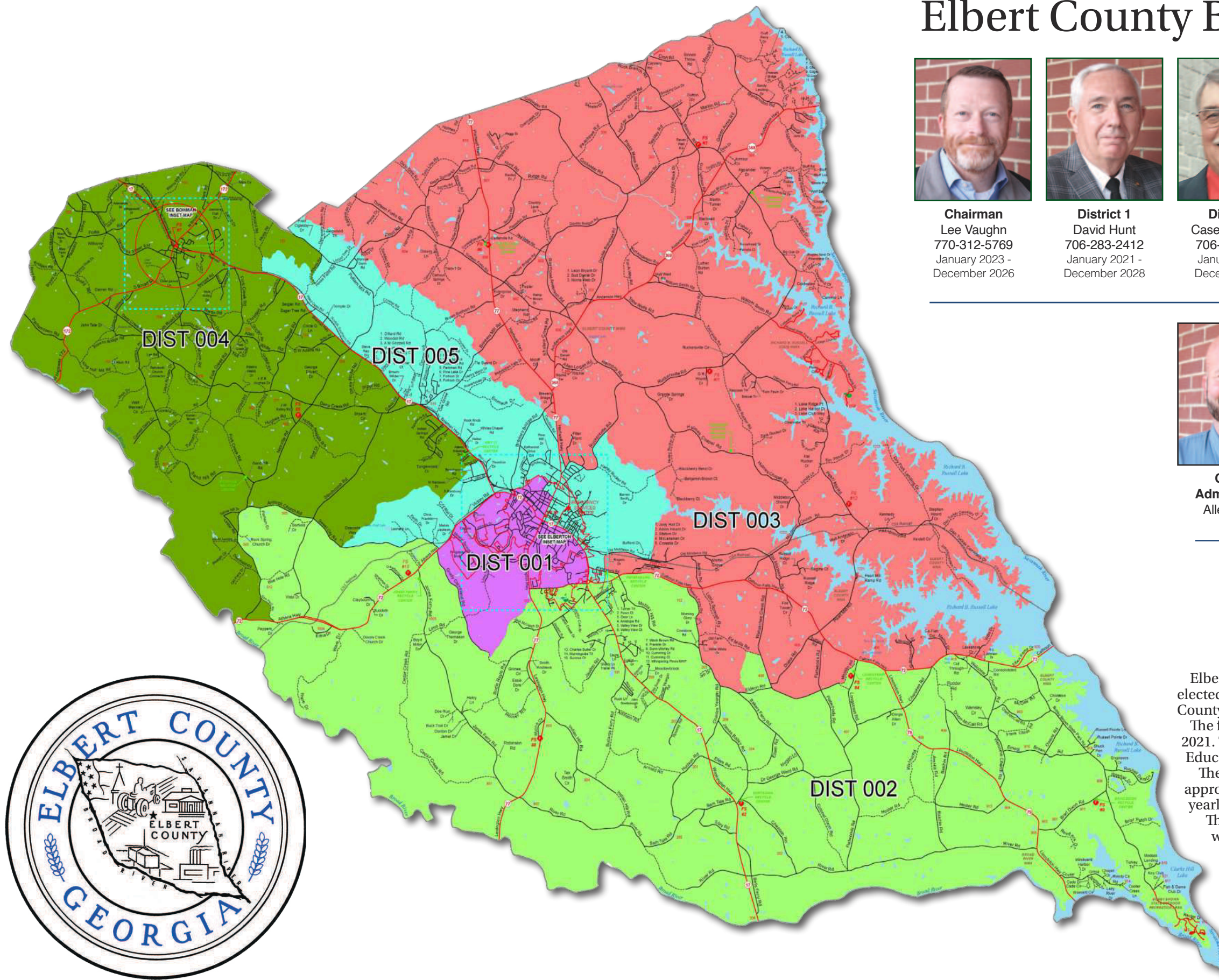


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Elbert County's governing authority is comprised of five commissioners elected in districts, one chairman who is elected county-wide, and an appointed County Administrator.

The five districts are split based on population and were recently redrawn in 2021. The districts coincide with the districts for the Elbert County Board of Education.

The commissioners are responsible for making the final decision on approving rezone requests, setting a balanced yearly budget and approving the yearly millage rate for property taxes.

The county currently collects three one-cent special taxes on sales tax within the county including local option sales tax (LOST), special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) and transportation local option sales tax (TSPLOST). Funds are put back into the county through department needs and county roads.

The commissioners meet the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the county commissioners' meeting room in the Elbert County Government Complex.

Work sessions are held at 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to their regular meetings in the government complex work session room. All meetings are open to the public.

Elbert County Tax Commissioner's Office



Tax Commissioner
Lorrie Higginbotham

**Lorrie Higginbotham,
Tax Commissioner**
Elbert County
Government Complex
706-283-2018
www.elbertcountytax.com

The tax commissioner's office is responsible for the collection, deposit and disbursement of the money that flows through the tax office. Sources of this revenue are title ad valorem tax, annual ad valorem, tag and title fees on motor vehicles, mobile home ad valorem, property tax (real and personal), timber tax, and heavy duty motor vehicle ad valorem. In certain instances, sales tax is also collected by the tax commissioner for the State of Georgia. The office also collects insurance fines and penalties.

The tax commissioner is elected every four years in a partisan election.

The tax rate, or millage rate, is set annually by the Elbert County Commissioners and the Elbert County Board of Education.

Taxes for real estate, individual personal property and business personal property are normally due in Elbert County by November 15 of each year. This due date is dependent on the approval of the digest by the Georgia Department of Revenue and the date the tax bills are available to be printed, as taxpayers must be provided 60 days to pay the tax due. Mobile/mod-

ular home taxes are due April 1 of each year.

The tax commissioner's office should be contacted for questions or information about the billing/collection of property taxes. The assessor's office should be contacted for questions or information about property values.

Tax commissioners collect TAVT (Title Ad Valorem Tax), which is an up-front tax on vehicles purchased from individuals based on the state value. A taxpayer does have an option to appeal the state value if they paid less through the assessor's office. If the vehicle is purchased from dealer the tax is based on the purchase price. Taxpayers have 7 days to obtain a tag and pay the tax on purchases from individuals, 30 days from a dealer, but the dealer must issue a temporary tag.

New residents moving into the state must also pay TAVT, but are allowed to pay at a lesser rate initially.

For vehicles owned before March 1, 2013+, campers and trailers, the annual "birthday tax" is still due.

The tax commissioner is also charged with issuing disabled person parking placards. The placard is free but a doctor's statement must accompany the application.

Elbert County Property Tax Rate 2024:
Incorporated area rate: 10.349 mills
Unincorporated area rate: 9.928 mills
Elbert County Board of Education rate: 14 mills
Incorporated area total millage rate: 24.349 mills
Unincorporated area total millage rate: 23.928 mills

Board of Assessors



Chief Appraiser
Doug Kirkpatrick

Doug Kirkpatrick, Chief Appraiser
Jennifer Stovall, Deputy Chief Appraiser
Elbert County Government
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706-283-2008
www.elbertassessors.com

The Elbert County Board of Tax Assessors is responsible for determining taxability, value and equalization of all assessments within the county. The Board of Assessors notifies taxpayers when changes are made to the value of the property, receive and review all appeals filed and insure that the appeal process proceeds properly. They also approve all exemptions claimed by the taxpayer. The Board of Assessors is currently made up of three members - Chairman Horace Baker, Ed Shive and Jeffrey Benson. The board meets bi-weekly, typically on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Meeting dates and times are posted outside of the Tax Assessors' office. Deputy Chief Appraiser Jennifer Stovall serves as the board secretary and is in charge of board records.

Code Enforcement



Community Development Manager
Meagan Woods

Meagan Woods, Community Development Manager
Destin Coley, Code Enforcement Officer
Elbert County Government Complex
706-213-1000

The Code Enforcement Officer is in charge of investigation and enforcement of alleged violations of various codes and ordinances including, but not limited to, mobile home regulations, subdivision regulations, litter ordinances, abandoned houses and improper permitting. He receives and investigates citizen complaints, provides surveillance for general compliance and provides assistance for determining corrective action.

Building permits for new construction and moving permits for mobile homes are issued from this office. Requests to rezone property are also made through the Code Enforcement office. Once a request has been submitted, the Elbert County Planning and Zoning Board hears the requests in order to make recommendations to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. The commissioners then

take a final vote in whether to approve or deny the requests. The board meets for a work session the third Thursday of the month, followed by a public hearing the fourth Thursday of

every month. The Planning and Zoning Commission Board includes members Thomas Jackson, Otha Graham, Charles Checcini, Johnny Lutz, Corey Bott and Quinn Floyd.

Elbert County Solid Waste/Recycling Centers

706-283-1505

Elbert County residents may dispose of their household trash and recyclables at any of the 10 county-operated recycling centers. Each center has receptacles for cardboard, plastic, aluminum cans, glass, metal, magazines and newspapers.

Residents must purchase blue or yellow bags in order to dispose of other household trash. These bags may be purchased at a number of stores throughout the county. Blue bags are \$2.50 each, yellow bags are \$1.25 each.

A bulk waste bin is provided at each recycling center. Only items which will not fit in a blue bag, such as furniture items, are to be placed in this receptacle.

Centers are open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays.

Commercial haulers and others may take their garbage directly to the county's transfer station on Hulme's Chapel Road.

The transfer station is open Monday through Friday,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Commercial and demolition waste, tree limbs and tires should be taken to the transfer station.

Solid waste/recycling centers include:

- Highway 17 North Center, 1527 Adams Industrial Drive
- Petersburg Center, 196 Petersburg Road
- Bowman Center, 22 N. Segar St., Bowman
- Fortsonia Center, 2405 Chastain Road
- Longstreet Center, 1061 Longstreet Road
- Turner Hill Center, 2117 Turner Hill Road
- Jones Ferry Center, 1061 Jones Ferry Road
- Centerville Center, 1018 Centerville Road

Centers are open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

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The Elberton Granite Association

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Elbert County Sheriff's Office



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The Elbert County Sheriff's Office is a full-service law enforcement agency that serves the citizens of Elbert County.

The Elbert County Sheriff's Office exists to protect life and property, maintain peace and order and to provide law enforcement services. A high value is placed on public safety, awareness and crime prevention.

The Patrol Division is the most visible and recognizable unit of the sheriff's office, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Patrol deputies are responsible for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls, serving civil papers and warrants, arresting and transporting offenders, and enforcing local, state and federal laws. A K-9 unit is assigned to the patrol division. The dog is trained in narcotic detection and tracking.

The Criminal Investigations Division investigates crimes against property, which includes such acts as burglary, auto theft, financial transaction fraud and identity theft. Detectives also investigate crimes against persons such as armed robberies, murder, aggravated assault, rape and family violence. Investigators are on call to respond to serious crime incidents.

Administration personnel provide support for the overall operations of the sheriff's office. Responsibilities include purchasing supplies and equipment, maintaining

the list of sex offenders registered in Elbert County and processing information and reports in accordance with federal and state regulations.

The detention center's function is to receive and process people that are taken into custody. Once a person has been turned over to the jail they are either given an opportunity to post a cash or property bond and be released pending a court hearing, or held until the court disposes of their case. The detention center houses inmates for the sheriff's office, Elberton Police Department and out of county agencies when needed.

The office hosts a Citizens Firearms Course which familiarizes the citizen with basic shooting fundamentals, knowledge of current laws concerning weapons and use of force, and provides one-on-one instruction with certified law enforcement firearms instructors.

Explorer Academy is held during the summer. Students study law enforcement topics. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Elbert County EMS, Elbert County Fire Department and the Georgia State Patrol are also involved in the academies.

Elbert County Animal Control

2160 Hulmes Chapel Road • 706-283-5054

Elbert County Animal Control is a county facility covering only Elbert County.

As many animals as possible are placed in new homes, but time and funding is limited.

An animal is kept for only a limited time before euthanization.

Elbert County Fire Department



Fire Chief
Nelson
Vickery

Nelson Vickery, Fire Chief
114 Mahoney Dr.
706-283-4256 • www.ecfire.org

The Elbert County Fire Department protects 15,000 people living in an area of 370 square miles. The department operates out of 12 stations situated throughout the county.

The 12 stations include:

- 1 - Headquarters - 3 Deadwyler St.;
- 2 - Fortsonia - 2133 Dr. George

Ward Road;

- 3 - Rock Branch - 2870 Rock Branch Road;
- 4 - Longstreet - 1065 Longstreet Road;
- 5 - Deep Creek - 2260 Nickville Road Dewy Rose;
- 6 - Centerville - 1010 Centerville Road;

- 7 - Bowman - 12 N. Broan St. Bowman;
- 8 - Wyche - 2122 Wyche Circle;
- 9 - Petersburg - 3957 Brad Dixon Road;
- 10 - Sweet City Road - 1732 Athens Highway;
- 11 - Ruckersville - 1680 G.R. Hayes Drive;
- 12 - Pearl Mill - 1788 Pearl Mill Road

A living quarters to house the full time firefighters on shift was recently completed on Mahoney Drive behind the EMS building. The department currently has an ISO rating of 4/10.

The department is made up of approximately 160 volunteer firefighters. These volunteers meet each Tuesday night. The stations operate a total of 15 engines, ten tankers, and four brush trucks. Water is supplied in the outlying areas by 68 dry hydrants as well as boat ramp suction sources on Lake Russell and Clarks Hill Lake. Pressurized hydrants can be found in the cities of Bowman and Elberton as well as extending into some areas of Elbert County.



Elbert County Emergency Services



EMS Director
Chuck
Almond

Chuck Almond, Director
112 Mahoney Dr. • 706-283-2003
Non-Emergency 24-Hour:
706-283-9600 • www.elbertcoes.org

Elbert County Emergency Services is comprised of Elbert County EMS, Elbert County 911, Elbert County Emergency Medical Responders, Elbert County Water Response and Rescue, Elbert County Emergency Management Agency and Elbert County Coroner.

Central Communications (Elbert County 911) is responsible for handling all Emergency and Non-Emergency dispatches for all agencies in Elbert County and the City of Elberton. There are 16 full-time and four part-time employees who man the Dispatch Center and are on duty 24 hours per day. Additional assistance is provided during peak times by Emergency Services Administration Staff. The majority of the communications staff are also Emergency Medical Responders with 100 percent being CPR certified. All employees are POST Certified Communications Officers as required by the State of Georgia.

Elbert County residents and businesses may be informed of emergencies and other time-sensitive information through CodeRED, a high-speed emergency notification solution provided by Emergency Communications Network. CodeRED quickly and effectively keeps the community informed of time sensitive information that may impact the entire city/county, or specific neighborhoods through telephone calls, text messages and emails. CodeRED also provides Weather Warning, which sends automatic phone calls, emails and text messages to residents and businesses in the direct path of a severe thunderstorm, tornado or flash flood. During enrollment,

you may select the types of warnings you would like to receive. Weather Warnings are only delivered to those residents and businesses that enroll, so please make sure you are in the database. Make sure to tell family, friends and co-workers who live in Elbert County about this free service and encourage them to enroll. Enroll in CodeRED at www.elbertcoes.org.

The Elbert County Coroner's office is made up of coroner Chuck Almond Jr. and two deputy coroners, Joe Colvard and Beth Seymour. Chuck has served with the coroners office since 1991 as deputy coroner and then was elected coroner in 1999.

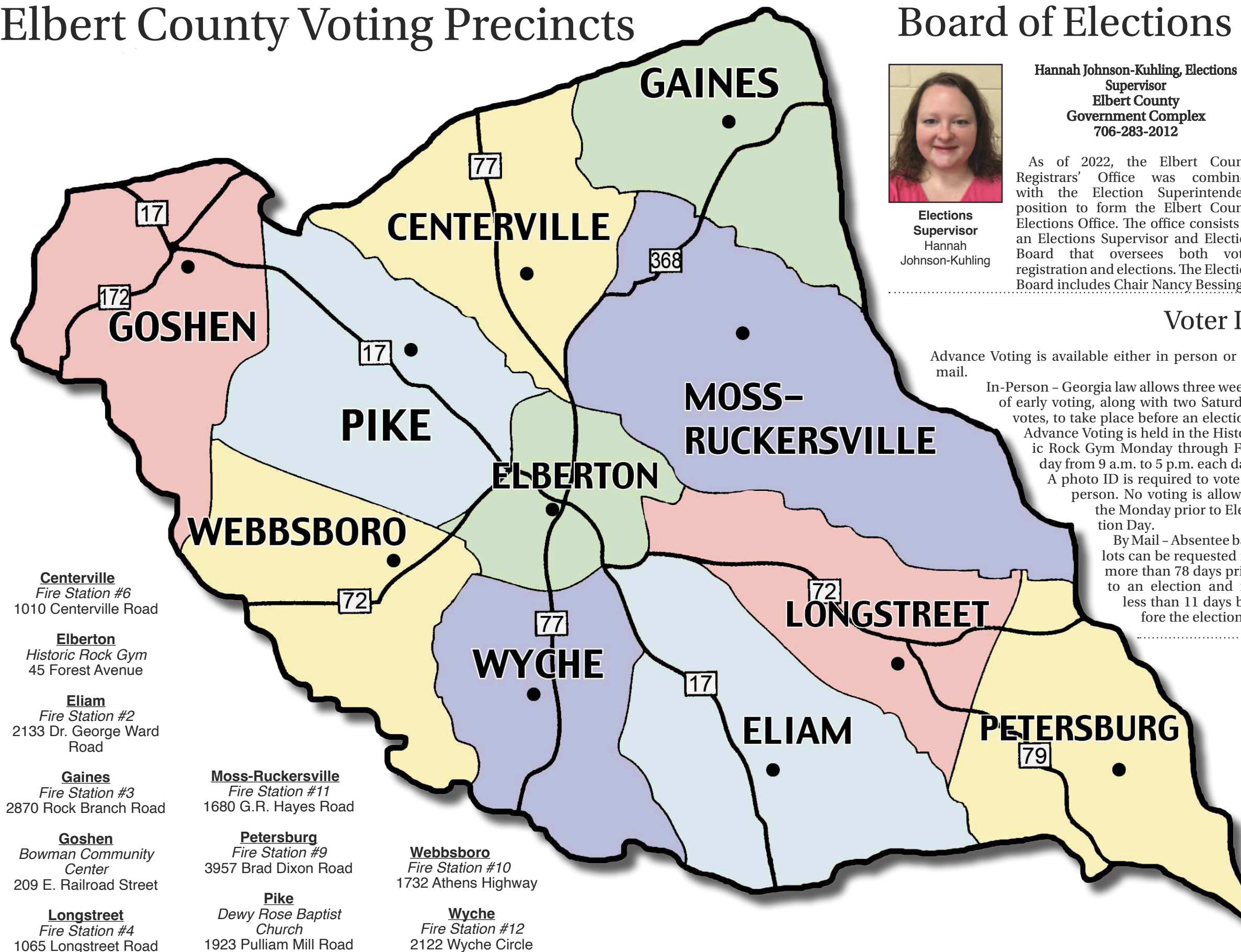
The Coroner's duties are investigative, judicial and administrative.

Elbert County's Emergency Management Agency is directed by Chuck Almond and deputy EMA director Beth Seymour. Emergency managers at the local levels operate under the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. Elbert County EMA develops and maintains a comprehensive state emergency plan to ensure mitigation and preparedness, appropriate response and timely recovery from natural and man-made hazards which may affect residents of Elbert County.

The Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program is a volunteer program sponsored and overseen by Elbert County Emergency Services. Formerly known as the First Responder Program, it consists of volunteers from Elbert County E911, Elbert County Fire Department, paid responders from City of Elberton Fire Department and Elbert County Sheriff's Office, and volunteers throughout the community who provide basic medical care to sick or injured persons until more advanced care can arrive. Responders attend a state-approved EMR course taught by Elbert County Emergency Services and also attend regular in-service education as required by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and Elbert County Emergency Services.

Elbert County Voting Precincts

Board of Elections and Registrars' Office



- Centerville**
Fire Station #6
1010 Centerville Road
- Elberton**
Historic Rock Gym
45 Forest Avenue
- Eliam**
Fire Station #2
2133 Dr. George Ward Road
- Gaines**
Fire Station #3
2870 Rock Branch Road
- Goshen**
Bowman Community Center
209 E. Railroad Street
- Longstreet**
Fire Station #4
1065 Longstreet Road

- Moss-Ruckersville**
Fire Station #11
1680 G.R. Hayes Road
- Petersburg**
Fire Station #9
3957 Brad Dixon Road
- Pike**
Dewy Rose Baptist Church
1923 Pulliam Mill Road

- Webbsboro**
Fire Station #10
1732 Athens Highway
- Wyche**
Fire Station #12
2122 Wyche Circle



Elections Supervisor
Hannah Johnson-Kuhling

Hannah Johnson-Kuhling, Elections Supervisor
Elbert County Government Complex
706-283-2012

As of 2022, the Elbert County Registrars' Office was combined with the Election Superintendent position to form the Elbert County Elections Office. The office consists of an Elections Supervisor and Election Board that oversees both voter registration and elections. The Election Board includes Chair Nancy Bessinger

and members Dustin Ayers, Pamela "PJo" Phelps, Jaamal Rambert and Donna Wood. The board typically meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Elections Office at the Elbert County Government Complex.

The office handles voter registration, absentee ballots, early voting and election day voting. During election season, the secure absentee ballot dropbox is located inside the office while early voting is held in the Historic Rock Gym. Election Day voting is held at the 11 various precincts throughout the county. As of the Nov. 8, 2022 General Election, Elbert County had 13,548 registered voters. Those who have questions about whether or not they are registered may call the Elections Office at 706-283-2012 or visits sos.ga.gov/MVP.

Voter Information

Advance Voting is available either in person or by mail.

In-Person - Georgia law allows three weeks of early voting, along with two Saturday votes, to take place before an election.

Advance Voting is held in the Historic Rock Gym Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. A photo ID is required to vote in person. No voting is allowed the Monday prior to Election Day.

By Mail - Absentee ballots can be requested no more than 78 days prior to an election and no less than 11 days before the election.

- Absentee Ballot Application Request - Applications are available through the Elections Office or you may download a copy through the Secretary of State's website at <https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/>

- Return of Application - Applications requesting an absentee ballot must be returned to the Elections Office 11 days before the election in order for ballots to be mailed out in a timely manner. The last day to request an absentee ballot typically falls on the Friday before the last full week of early voting.

- Return of Ballot - Absentee ballots must be received by the Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. The ballots may be mailed or hand-delivered. If the ballot is hand-delivered it must be your own ballot or the ballot of a disabled person brought by an immediate family member.

Election Day - Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote at your assigned precinct and present a photo ID.

My Voter Page

mvp.sos.ga.gov

My Voter Page is a website offered by the Georgia Secretary of State's Office.

The page allows voters, according to the website, to access:

- Voter registration status
- Mail-In application and ballot status
- Poll location
- Early voting locations
- Elected Officials
- Registration information on file with the county office
- Sample ballot for the upcoming election
- Provisional Ballot status.

Logging in requires a first initial, last name, county of registration and date of birth.

The website may also be used for those needing to register to vote.

Cooperative Extension Service/Elbert County 4-H



Christa Campbell, Extension Coordinator & Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

Lauren Dye, 4-H Agent

Brian Bradford, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent

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www.extension.uga.edu/county-offices/elbert**

**Family and Consumer Science
Christa Campbell**



**4-H Youth
Lauren Dye**



**Agriculture and Natural Resources
Brian Bradford**

The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service in Elbert County provides education in three program areas: 4-H, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Family and Consumer Sciences. Cooperative Extension acts as the local contact for the latest unbiased, research based information from the University of Georgia.

Lauren Dye serves as the 4-H agent and Sophie Walsky serves as the full-time 4-H program assistant. Elbert County 4-H provides hands-on learning through practical application. All Elbert County classes in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades participate in 4-H club meetings with curriculum that assists students with learning the Georgia Performance Standards. 4-H is able to further student's opportunities through scholarships.

Elbert County 4-H provides numerous opportunities for youth and families at low cost. Everyone is welcome. There are animal projects, target sports projects, leadership projects, community service projects, commu-

nication projects and much more. Many summer activities as well as camp are also offered.

The Agriculture and Natural Resource agent position is currently vacant. Information is available on a variety of topics including livestock, row crops, forestry, fruits and vegetables, organic agriculture, pests, agribusiness, sustainable agriculture, gardening, lawn care, ornamentals, disaster planning, invasive species, pollution water and wildlife.

Trisha Willis, the Extension office's Administrative Assistant, can assist clients with submitting samples for soil, hay and water testing. Once the test results are available then staff can assist clients with understanding their results.

Christa Campbell, the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) agent, also serves as the County Extension Coordinator. Jennifer Downer serves as the Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) full-time program assistant. FACS provides education to residents of all ages on a variety of topics related to the home and family. Residents may contact her with questions pertaining to nutrition, health, diabetes, food safety, food preservation, parenting, child development, indoor air quality or financial management. EFNEP is a federally funded program that helps Georgia families eat better for less. EFNEP utilizes the interactive Food Talk curriculum to serve low to moderate income families with a series of 8 sessions. There is no cost for the program.

The Elbert County Extension Office is located inside the Paul J. Blackwell Learning Center on Campbell Street.

Elbert County Rabies Clinic

The Elbert County Extension Service and 4-H offers an annual rabies clinic each spring. Teams are spread throughout the county at various county fire departments.

Discounted vaccinations are given to dogs and cats. The clinic is held in cooperation with a local Animal Hospital, the Elbert County Extension Service and the board of commissioners.

Elbert County Airport



**Airport Manager
Randy Haralson**

**Randy Haralson, Manager
1136 Von Trina Road
(off Calhoun Falls Highway)
706-283-2035**

Situated on 48 acres, the airport is owned and operated by Elbert County.

It accommodates a variety of general aviation related activities including recreational flying, agricultural spraying, police/law enforcement, corporate/business

jets, prisoner transport, ultra-lights, experimental aircraft and forest-fire fighting.

Patz Field has one runway, 5,005 feet long and 75 feet wide.

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Air facility improvements include an automated weather system, pilot-controlled runway lights, precision approach lights, three instrument approaches, a rotating beacon, additional aircraft parking and a partial parallel taxiway.

Senior Center



**Senior Center Director
Lisa Dixon**

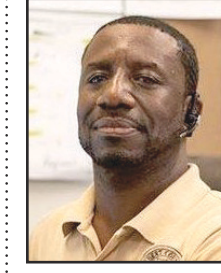
**Lisa Dixon, Director
McWilliams Park
1041 Mobley Hill Road
706-283-2033**

The Elbert County Senior Center is a non-profit organization providing services for people throughout Elbert County who are 60 years and older with a mission to promote the physical, emotional, and economic well being of older adults and increase their interaction in all aspects of senior living; and to enlighten, educate and expand the seniors, knowledge on current information and resources beneficial for them.

The Elbert County Senior Center provides 70-90 meals per day with the Meals on Wheels program and 40-60 meals on-site. The center has a kitchen, recreation room, crafts room, television room and a room for transportation drivers.

Transportation is offered on a limited basis as funds are limited for this service. If you need a ride, call Elbert Transpo at 706-283-2034. Information and referral is provided as needed.

Elbert Transit



**Transit Manager
Billy Jones**

**Billy Jones, Manager
1041 Mobley Hill Rd
706-283-2034**

Elbert Transit has been Elbert County's public transportation resource for over three decades. Named the best transit system in Georgia in 2018 by the Georgia Department of Transportation by being awarded the Frank J. Hill Outstanding Service Award, Elbert Transit's mission is to "serve Elbert County and the surrounding areas by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets the interests and enhances the quality of life" of those they serve.

Elbert Transit operates Monday through Friday, from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no age limit or income eligibility requirements, but those wishing to use the service must call at least 24 hours in advance. Payment is collected when passengers board the vehicle.

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Tim Gaines, Director
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The Elbert County Recreation Department offers county youth a wide variety of programs including Little League baseball and softball, football, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, tennis, karate and baton.

Over 1000 children participate in recreation league sports.

Adult activities include line dancing and pickleball.

Most activities are held at McWilliams Memorial Park on Mobley Hill Road. This family-friendly facility is home to three baseball fields, one softball field, three soccer fields, two football fields and a tennis complex.



McWilliams Park also features a community gathering room available on weekends which includes a stove, microwave, and refrigerator for use. Rental fees include the use of eight tables and seating for up to 50 people. Contact leisureservices@elberton.com for availability and pricing.

Economic Development Authority



Executive Director
Caitlin Dye

Caitlin Dye, Executive Director
1317 Athens Highway,
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706-408-7495
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The Development Authority of Elbert County, City of Elberton and City of Bowman is a government entity that focuses on fostering economic growth and community development.

Its key functions include attracting new industrial businesses, recruiting retail and housing, supporting existing businesses, both small and large, and workforce development.

The Development Authority Board is composed of seven members: the Mayor of the City of Elberton, the Chair of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners, one appointee from the City of Bowman Council, two residents from Elbert County and two residents from the City of Elberton. The Board then appoints an Executive Director to oversee the daily activities of the Development Authority.

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Elbert County Probate/Magistrate Court



Stephanie Hewell, Judge
Elberton Government Complex
706-283-2016

Probate/Magistrate Judge
 Stephanie Hewell

The Elbert County Probate Court exercises jurisdiction in the probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians for adults, temporary guardianship of minors and involuntary hospitalization of incapacitated adults. The court also issues marriage licenses, firearm and fireworks permits and birth and death certificates.

Elbert County's probate judge is elected to a four-year term in a countywide nonpartisan election.

Elbert County records start in January 1791 which was the first term of court for Elbert County.

Marriage Licenses

To obtain a marriage license both parties need to be 18 years or older, each must furnish two pieces of identification (birth certificate, social security card, drivers license, passport, etc.). If either one has been married before they need to bring proof of how that marriage ended (either by divorce or death).

Marriage records start in 1805 but most early records only state name of groom and bride, date the license was given, name of officiant, date of marriage and date the marriage was recorded. Most records from the late 1920s forward will have the original application attached.

Firearm Permits

The applicant must be a resident of Elbert County and at least 21 years of age or 18 or older if they are active U.S. Military. The application is completed in the probate court. New applicants are sent to the detention center where fingerprinting for the background check will be done electronically. Renewals only require a background

check. Once the judge receives the background check and sees there are no disqualifications, the judge approves the permit then contacts the applicant once the permit is received. The permit is good for five years.

Vital Records

If you were born in Georgia, you can go to any county in the state to get a copy of your birth certificate. In some counties the birth and death records are kept by the health department, in others, it is the probate court. Elbert County birth and death records start in 1919; there are some Delayed Certificates of Birth that go back to 1870 but not many. Birth and death records are not open to the public. You must be the named person or an immediate family member (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister or grandparent or adult child or grandchild) and have a valid photo ID to receive the record.

The Elbert County Probate Court office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For standard probate court forms see www.gaprobate.gov.

Magistrate Court

Magistrate Court, also called small claims court, is an informal court that handles money claims of less than \$15,000. Claims may be filed in magistrate court in an individual's name without an attorney. Cases are heard and decided by a judge without a jury.

Criminal warrants for the public and all law enforcement agencies are issued through this court. Magistrates may grant bail in criminal cases that do not carry the death penalty. The Elbert County Magistrate Court averages more than 150 warrants per month.

The magistrate court handles charges for violations of county ordinances and the collection of fines.

Landlord-tenant cases, foreclosures, and garnishments are also dealt with in this court.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, the probate judge in Elbert County serves as chief magistrate.

Elbert County Clerk of Court



Leigh W. Starrett
Elbert County Courthouse
706-283-2005

Clerk of Court
 Leigh Starrett

The Clerk of Court for Elbert County performs numerous functions.

The office is in charge of maintaining all court records, including criminal, civil, juvenile, and adoption cases. The Clerk of Court handles Superior Court, State Court and Juvenile Court filings.

The office is a passport acceptance agent and handles notary public commissions.

In conjunction with the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, the clerk's office now offers the Filing Activity Notification System (FANS), providing Georgia citizens with tools to monitor activity regarding their property and records.

FANS is a free, voluntary, opt-in program that can be used to send electronic notifications of filing activity to individuals who create notifications in the system. The notifications generated by this system are not guaranteed to be accurate or complete, and use of the system is subject to an acknowledgment of these

conditions.

To get started, go to <https://fans.gscca.org> and follow the prompts. Those with any questions or concerns regarding the FANS, please contact the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority customer support at 1-800-304-5174 or help@gscca.org.

Real estate transactions are also dealt with through this office.

The Clerk of Court is in charge of each prospective jury, from jury duty notice preparation to juror pay. The Clerk of Court is charged with the reading of the jury's verdict to the court.

This office also processes Notary Public commissions.

Coordinating and preparing court calendars is also done in this office. The Clerk of Court is elected to a four-year term in a partisan election.

Elbert County State Court



Hon. Jimmy Webb
6 Professional Court
706-408-7770

State Court Judge
 Jimmy Webb

Established in 1970, the State Court exercises jurisdiction over all misdemeanor violations. A misdemeanor case is one in which the maximum penalty is one year in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine. Jury trials are authorized in State Court criminal cases, but with six-person juries.

Elbert County is part of the Northern Judicial Circuit, and is the only county

in the circuit to have a State Court.

State Court judges are elected to four-year terms in non-partisan countywide elections.

State Court Solicitor



D. Matt Easom
560 General Daniel Ave. N.
Danielsville, GA 30633
706-420-0073

State Court Solicitor
 D. Matt Easom

The Solicitor is responsible for the prosecution and handling of all misdemeanor cases in Elbert County State Court.

Established by state law and along with the state court judge, the state court solicitor is elected to a four-year term in non-partisan countywide elections.

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Superior Court Judge
Chris Phelps

Elbert County.

There are three superior court judges who travel to each county in the Northern Judicial Circuit to conduct hearings and trials, jury and non-jury, in both civil and criminal cases. With the retirement of Judge John Bailey at the end of 2014, there is a vacancy until the governor appoints a new judge.

There are two terms of court in Elbert County, beginning in

January and July.

Superior Court judges are elected to four-year terms in non-partisan countywide elections.

Elbert County Superior Court is part of the Northern Judicial Circuit, which also includes Hart, Madison, Franklin and Oglethorpe counties. Under the Georgia Constitution, Elbert County Superior Court is a part of the judicial branch of state government and not a department of

Northern Judicial Circuit District Attorney



District Attorney
Parks White

Northern Judicial Circuit
Parks White, District Attorney
45 Forest Ave.
706-283-1716

The District Attorney is the chief prosecuting officer for the State of Georgia within each of the Georgia's 49 judicial circuits. The District Attorney represents the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of felony criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and

delinquency cases in the juvenile courts.

The mission of the office is to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, to preserve the safety of the public, to protect the rights of crime victims, and to pursue justice for all citizens with skill, honor, and integrity; and without fear, favor, or affection. Our goal is to provide fair, effective and expeditious prosecution of crimes, both misdemeanors and felonies.

The District Attorney is also the legal advisor to the grand jury and performs other duties prescribed by law.

The District Attorney is elected to a four-year term in a partisan, circuit-wide election.

Victim-Witness Assistance Program

706-283-1716

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program is a part of the District Attorney's office. The program tries to provide some of the rights which the legal system often denies to witnesses and victims of crime.

The purpose of the District Attorney's Office Victims' Assistance Program is to provide direct support and notification services to victims of crime. The services provided to victims of crime are mandated by Georgia law under the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights (O.C.G.A. §§ 17-17-1 et seq). Such mandates include, but are not limited to, notification to all crime victims of court hearings and education about the stages involved in the criminal justice system. Staff advocates also strive to improve the treatment of victims and witnesses by providing them with assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from a criminal act

and to support and aid them as they move through an unfamiliar, complicated, and time consuming criminal justice system. The most essential services provided include keeping the victim notified of the status of their case and providing opportunities for them to participate in the process, educating victims about the criminal justice system, and ensuring each person is aware of any additional service programs in the community that might also be able to assist them.

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program makes available someone for the victim of or witness to a crime to talk to if they have any questions. The program also provides assistance with any communication the victim needs to make with the Department of Corrections.

Compensation may also be available to the victim of a violent crime. The Victim-Witness Assistance Program has compensation applications and can help with the application process.

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The Elbert County Chamber of Commerce represents 200 plus members (businesses/individuals) united in a partnership of progress where the exchange of ideas and shared resources makes a difference in our community. The Chamber of Commerce is here to promote commerce, tourism, and growth that enhances the quality of life in our community.

The Elbert County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary, not-for-profit, private corporation that acts as a central agency to improve the business environment and build a better community for everyone to live, work and prosper. The Chamber, located in the historic Civic Center, serves as a welcome center offering maps and local area tourism information. Perks



of being a Chamber member include educational seminars and networking events. The chamber's website contains a complete list of chamber members.

The Elbert County Chamber of Commerce is made up of a President and Board of Directors.

Along with monthly business events, the chamber hosts the annual Twilight Stroll by the Granite Bowl 5K in January as well as the annual Elberton Christmas parade in December.

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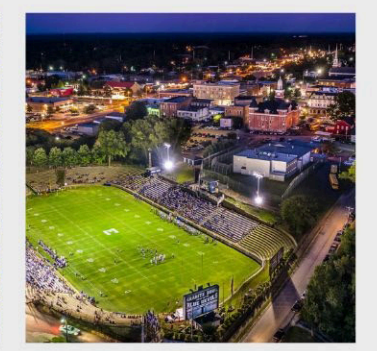
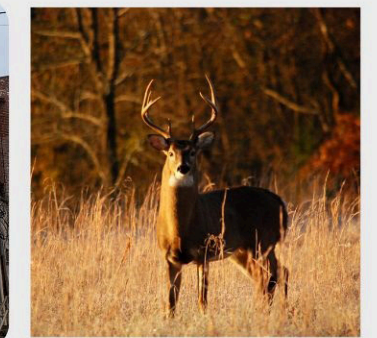
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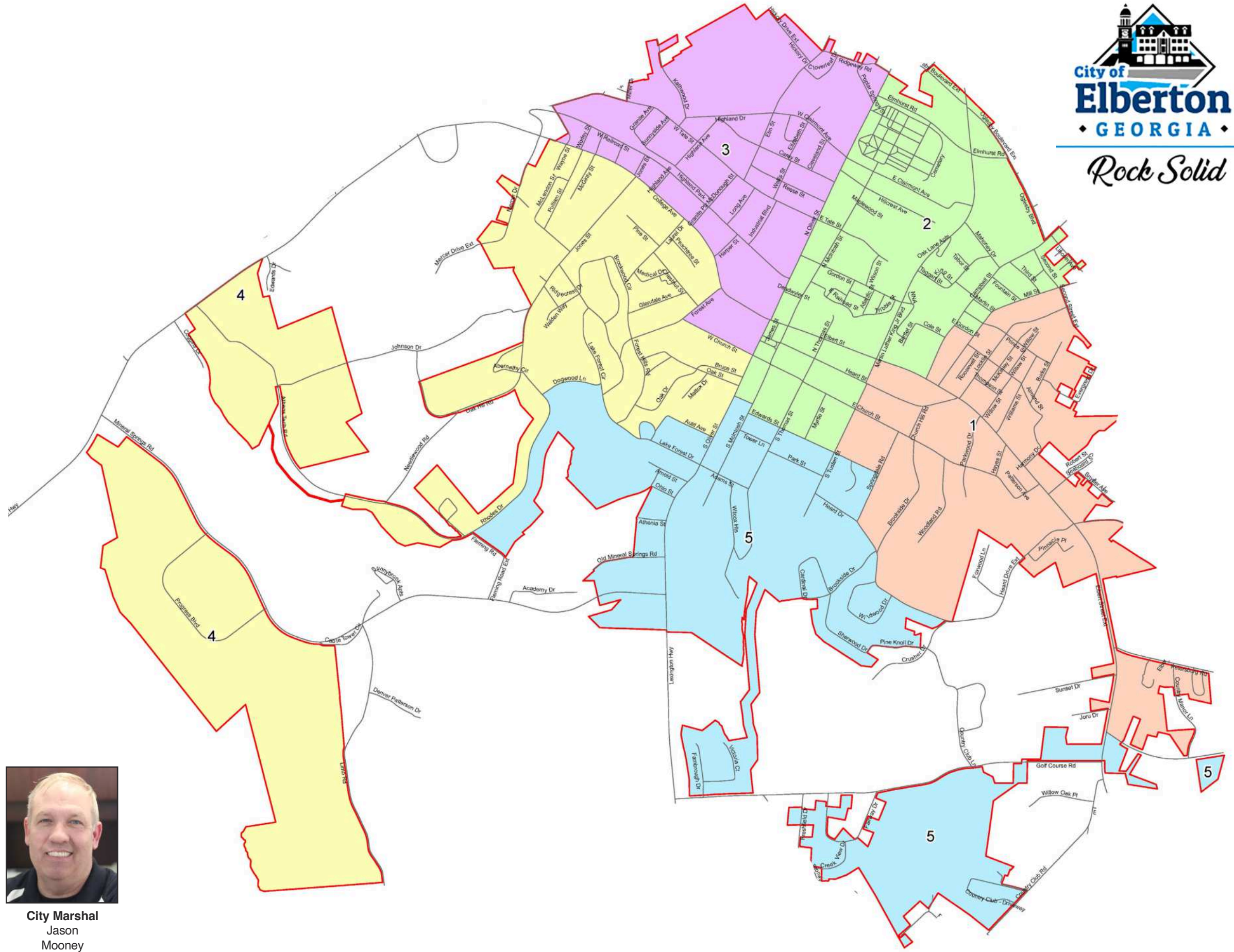
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Cindy Churney



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Steve Jenkins



City Marshal
Jason Mooney



The Elberton City Council consists of a mayor and a council member from each of the five wards.

The mayor is elected by residents city-wide while council members are elected within their wards and must be a resident of that ward.

Municipal elections are held on odd-numbered years. The city clerk serves as the elections superintendent.

The mayor is the presiding officer at the council meetings and is the official head of the city for all ceremonial occasions.

The City Council is the legislative power of the City and determines all matters of policy. The council appoints the City Manager and diverse committee members, as well as annual appointments for the positions of City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge.

The city council meets regularly on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 203 Elbert Street.

The day-to-day operations and services by the City of Elberton are the following:

The City Manager is selected by the city council. He is responsible for day-to-day business operations of the city and all of its service units.

The City Clerk is responsible for the maintenance of the official records of the city and the administration of city elections. Many duties are defined by state law and require adherence to state guidelines for publication of legal notices, maintenance of files, meeting minutes, resolutions, ordinances and records retention schedules. The city clerk is responsible for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses, maintaining the code of ordinances, issuing occupational tax certificates, peddlers permits

and process public records requests.

The Inspections Department oversees building permits, sign permits, plan reviews, driveway cut permits, building codes and ordinances, building numbering, overgrown yards and more. The City Marshal enforces all city ordinances and codes implemented by the city council. This is done through inspections, investigations and citations. The city marshal is responsible for collecting delinquent taxes, issuing citations to businesses for operating without a license, enforcing the alcoholic beverage code, enforcing all sections of the city code, collecting fees due to the city, disposing of abandoned vehicles, filing liens on property, investigating and reporting incidents involving city equipment, vehicles and staff, and issuing citations for junk in private yards, abandoned vehicles and working without permits.

The Zoning Compliance Officer reviews applications on zoning matters, interprets the zoning ordinance and the zoning atlas, keeps records on all zoning matters, makes recommendations to the planning commission, represents the city in matters before the zoning board of adjustment and appeals, and makes recommendations to the city manager and the elected officials.

The Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month in the city council chambers. The planning commission holds public hearings on various aspects of the zoning ordinance and makes recommendations to the mayor and council such as zone changes, updating of the zoning atlas and the placement of mobile or modular homes.

ElbertonNET



David Dotson, Systems Engineer
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ElbertonNET is a department of the City of Elberton offering cable television, high speed Internet and digital phone service.

ElbertonNET offers TV packages to fit any budget that include local news, weather and sports. High definition TV (HDTV) is also available on over 50 channels. On Channel 9: The Community Channel

you can find locally produced programming plus Blue Devil sports, Elbert County Recreation Department games and local church services.

High speed Internet service is offered to homes and businesses within the service area, and four different bandwidth speed plans are available to suit any budget. Businesses needing higher speeds of service can request a direct fiber link for connectivity.

ElbertonNET Digital Phone delivers voice service through a Voice-over-Internet-protocol or VoIP connection as well as commercial IPPBX service. This service allows customers access to E-911 and premium functions such as caller ID, call forwarding and three-way calling at no additional charge. Plus, digital phone customers can check their answering service from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection to the online website. Digital phone includes free long distance anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

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Elberton Utilities is a full-service department of the City of Elberton providing Electric, Natural Gas, Water and Wastewater services to homes and businesses in the City of Elberton and to a large portion of Elbert County.

Elberton Utilities is a community-owned utility where 100 percent of all profits and proceeds are reinvested in the community to benefit the citizens of Elberton and Elbert County.

The City of Elberton has operated electric power facilities since 1895. The Electric Division of Elberton since 1904. The Water and Wastewater Division of Elberton Utilities serves the City of Elberton and some parts just outside the city limits in unincorporated Elbert County. Over 3,600 water service locations including residences, businesses and industry are served with 129 miles of distribution service mains. Over 2,500 wastewater service locations are served with 69 miles of sanitary sewer mains.

Water service is provided by a Water Treatment Plant located on Filter Plant Road on Beaverdam Creek. This location has been used for water pumping since 1904.

While Elberton Utilities still maintains an emergency intake on Beaverdam Creek, water is now pumped from Lake Richard B. Russell. The Water Treatment Plant is permitted to produce 3.0 million gallons per day; their annual peak water production is about 2.7 million gallons per day. Elberton Utilities maintains five elevated storage tanks in Elbert County with a combined storage capacity of

finished water of 1.75 million gallons.

Wastewater treatment is provided by two Water Pollution Control Plants (WPCPs), one located on Falling Creek and the other on Fortson Creek. Combined the plants have a treatment capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day.

Utilities serves the City of Elberton and its enacted service territory of Elbert County by providing electric power to residences, businesses and industry. The Electric Division maintains over 164 miles of distribution power lines and three substations to serve 4,600 individual service locations.

Power is purchased wholesale through the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG Power), and is transmitted through Georgia's unique Integrated Transmission System. Elberton Utilities through MEAG Power has partial ownership of nine generating units at four Georgia sites including Plant Hatch, Scherer, Vogtle and Wansley. MEAG Power is the sole owner of the natural gas-fired plant at Wansley.

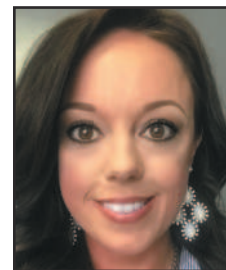
The City of Elberton has operated natural gas service facilities since 1951. The Natural Gas Division of Elberton Utilities serves the City of Elberton and the vast majority of Elbert County. Over 4,000 service locations including residences, businesses and industry are served with 223 miles of distribution service mains.

Elberton is served by the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) interstate pipeline that runs through northwest Elbert and southern Hart counties. Elberton is a charter member of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (the Gas Authority), the largest non-profit natural gas joint action agency in the United States, serving Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.





Main Street Elberton



Main Street Director
Crystal Beebe

Crystal Beebe, Director
P.O. Box 70, Elberton
706-213-3204

The City of Elberton became a Main Street City in 1991. Elberton achieved National Main Street status in 2003.

Main Street is a National Downtown Revitalization Program whose focus is economic development within the context of historic preservation. The purpose of Main Street is to enhance the

quality of life by strengthening the downtown as the center of the community by using a four-point approach: promotion, economic development, design and organization.

Main Street sponsors several annual events downtown including concerts, a car show, the Granite City Fall Festival and candlelight shopping on the square.



The Samuel Elbert Hotel

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The Samuel Elbert Hotel opened in 2017. The hotel has been one of the most prominent local landmarks for generations. The original Tudor Revival style exterior was preserved, and the interior transformed into a full-service boutique hotel.

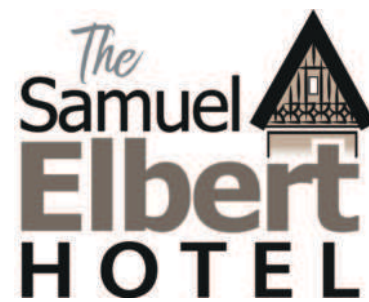
Originally built in 1925, the building was vacant for several years until the City of Elberton bought the property and adjacent parking lot in 2012. Many original features were kept, including the exterior, the original windows and doors, much of the wood trim on the first floor, and the original two-toned terrazzo floors and stone fireplace.

The Downtown Development Authority of Elberton owns and operates the hotel to further its mission to revitalize downtown Elberton.

The Samuel Elbert Hotel and Conference Center features 27 guest rooms and suites, a full-service restaurant and bar and meeting space. A large patio was added on the rear of the building

Guest rooms and suites are situated on three floors. Suites accommodating up to six people are available with two queen beds and a full-size sleeper sofa. There are also suites with a king bed and full-size sleeper sofa that accommodate four people. The standard king room sleeps two people. Rooms on the Executive Floor overlook the public square and have smaller dormer windows.

All guest rooms have access to free wireless Internet, high definition digital television, irons with boards, in-room mini-refrigerators, Keurig coffee makers and hair dryers. All rooms offer free telephone calls anywhere in the United States and Canada.



Elbert Theatre



Theatre Manager
Toni King

Toni King, Theatre Manager
P.O. Box 70, 100 S. Oliver St.
706-213-3109
www.elberttheatre.org

The Elbert Theatre is a fully restored performing arts venue. The historic theatre boasts a seating capacity of up to 358, including a 40-person balcony equipped for dinner theatre or conferences. The theatre has a 22 x 16 foot video screen located on-stage and modern surround sound technology.

The facility is available to rent for community events or private functions.

Tickets to any upcoming events, a theatre history and general event information are available through the theatre website.

The Elbert Theatre shows first-run movies as its production schedule allows. Movies are shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The renovated Elberton Arts Center is located directly behind the theatre on Church Street. The building has its own stage comparable in size to the one in the theatre. The table-and-chair style of seating in the auditorium can host approximately 125 people. The center is available for private rentals, additional theatrical events and community meetings. The building is equipped with a catering kitchen, four actor dressing rooms and a backstage area for preparation or storage during events.

The historic Elbert Theatre is home to Encore Productions and the Elbert Theatre Foundation, two organizations that collaborate in their efforts of fundraising and performance in order to provide the most quality entertainment possible. The Elbert Theatre Foundation is a community-based non-profit association which supports programming and physical improvements at the theatre. Encore Productions provides a four-show live production season with excellence in acting, directing and set creation. These two groups work alongside the City of Elberton in order to promote the arts in Elbert County through various shows, movies, camps and community events.




Encore Productions 2025 Season



March 14-16 & 21-23



May 2-4 & 9-11



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Scott Marunich, Chief
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Police Administration:
706-213-3130

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of Elbert County:**
706-283-0911

The City of Elberton's Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency that employs 24 personnel and provides 24-hour-a-day police protection to the citizens of Elberton. The police department is a showcase of modern police design with many new electronic accessories such as closed circuit camera systems, digital training media and a state-of-the-art computerized records management system.

The department is comprised of two divisions, the administration division and the operations division.

The administrative division is commanded by Capt. Christy David. She oversees the operations of all administrative functions and also supervises the municipal court of Judge Robert Johnson. Capt. David and Court Clerk Nancy Bryan-Segers perform duties associated with records management (both hard copy and electronic), computer operations, city court operations and all management issues pertaining to the Georgia and National Crime Information System (including training and certification). City court is generally held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the city hall courtroom.

The operations division is commanded by Maj. Joey David. That division includes the uniform patrol section, criminal investigations, special operations and animal control.

The uniformed patrol division consists of 16 officers on patrol daily in the traditionally marked black and white

patrol cars. They handle calls for service, traffic enforcement, general patrol and crime prevention, and other duties assigned to them. They work in four squads that are supervised by a shift commander and an assistant shift commander, and staffed with patrol officers.

The criminal investigation division is commanded by Capt. Jeff Algood along with assigned investigators. They are responsible for providing back up and investigative follow up on all criminal cases that are reported to the police department. They are on call 24 hours a day and respond to crime scenes to perform further inquiry or provide forensic analysis. They also perform internal inquiries, and background investigations on police department applicants.

#1Elberton

The #1Elberton is a community watch group formed by the Elberton Police Department in 2022 to bring the city's four community watch groups together into one program. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at different locations, including churches, around the city. The meetings include crime statistics, department updates and fellowship with fellow citizens and the police department.

The mission of Elberton's #1Elberton Community Watch Program is to consider how citizens may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another. Through love, fellowship and good deeds, the program provides a safe place where important conversation can be discussed to help grow each other's understanding of community, ultimately strengthen the Community and the City as #1Elberton. The watch program's five values include compassion, integrity, creativity, dedication and service.

For more information, or for those who would like to participate, email Police Chief Scott Marunich at smarunich@cityofelberton.net.

City of Elberton Animal Control



Animal Control Officer
Timothy Fowler

Timothy Fowler, Animal Control Officer
1457 Filter Plant Road
706-213-3130

The Elberton Police Department Animal Control Division responds to animal control calls within the city limits. The animal control officer is responsible for enforcing city ordinances and removing stray animals. The City of Elberton does have a leash law requiring all dogs and other animals to be confined to the owner's property or to be on a leash when on public streets.

With the assistance of the Elbert County Humane Society, the shelter has recently increased capacity to handle more dogs and cats at any one time, increasing the likelihood of finding an adoptive home for these animals. Anyone missing a pet within the city limits is encouraged to contact



animal control. For information on adoptions, contact the animal control officer at 706-213-3130. For emergencies call 911.

Elberton Fire Department



Fire Chief
Kevin
Jordan

Kevin Jordan, Fire Chief
202 N. Thomas St.
706-213-3100

Firefighters respond to fires, rescue emergencies, hazardous material emergencies and all disaster situations which may threaten the safety of the community. The response area for the department is approximately 3.5 square miles, with a population of 4,600 residents. This area includes 3,800 residential structures and 240 business structures.

The fire department currently has a Class 2 ISO rating, compared to the best Class 1 ISO rating and the worst, Class 10. The Elberton Fire Department consists of one fire chief, with a fire inspection/prevention officer and three shift

commanders who report directly to him. These shift commanders oversee three shifts consisting of six firefighters per shift. The unit consists of 17 full-time firefighters and has a budget of \$1 million.

The shifts rotate every 24 hours, handling all incident calls in the city. Each shift has an officer in charge, a driver/operator and a minimum of two fire fighters who respond with the fire engine.

The department has three pumpers, one aerial ladder and a service truck. The ladder truck is equipped with a 1,000 gallon per minute fire pump and a 75-foot aluminum aerial ladder. The pumpers have the capacity of pumping 1,250 gallons per minute.

Fire prevention programs are offered to interested groups of all ages. Information and literature on the topics of fire safety, home fire safety and workplace fire safety are also available.

City of Elberton Recycling Center

The City of Elberton offers a drive-through recycling center for its residents located at 209 Martin Luther King Blvd. Residents can drive through and deposit their recyclables in the designated bins. The recycling center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center accepts newspaper and magazines, books, mail, advertisements, junk mail and computer paper; cardboard such as cereal

boxes, pizza boxes, shoe boxes and juice boxes; all grades and colors of glass containers; all grades of plastic bottles and jugs; all types of metal food and drink cans; aluminum; and all types of metal. All items must be clean and dry. For questions regarding recycling services, please contact the City of Elberton's Public Works Department at 706-213-3190.

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cityofbowmanga.gov

Bowman city limits cover 2.6 square miles, with a population of 811 people in 2016. Available utilities include water, sewer and natural gas. The city is governed by a mayor and five council members.

Bowman is home to two annual festivals. The Big Iron Crank-Up in April draws visitors from across the area who come to see the "Hit and Miss Engines" of all kinds and enjoy a day of outdoor festivities both on the square and at the park.

The Bowman Fall Festival comes each September. Bingo, activities for the young and young-at-heart, yard sales and live music take place throughout the day.

The city also hosts a Christmas Parade and Mistletoe Market in early December.

Council meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at Bowman City Hall at 7 p.m. Work sessions are held the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings also often take place at the Bowman Community Center, located at 209 E. Railroad St. in Bowman.

The city clerk for Bowman is Tifany Verdell (706-321-4404 ext. 101) and the assistant city clerk is Kendra Jones (706-321-4038 ext. 102).

Bowman Community Center

209 East Railroad St.
Bowman
706-321-4064

The City of Bowman Community Center serves as a gathering place for various Bowman events.

The facility features a large meeting area as well as a fully-equipped kitchen with an ice machine.

Local residents may rent the facility for events such as group meetings, weddings, birthday parties. There is ample parking outside the facility.

Those interested in reserving the facility should obtain an application from Assistant City Clerk Kendra Jones (706-321-4038 ext. 102) or council member Henrietta Williams (706-255-7580).



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Rob Leverett

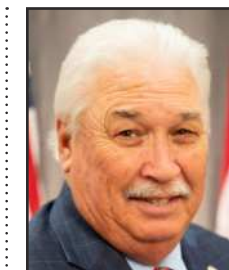
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Rob Leverett is a Republican representing District 123 in the Georgia House of Representatives. District 123 is composed of Elbert and Lincoln counties and portions of Madison, Wilkes and Columbia counties.

Leverett serves as the Majority Caucus Chief Deputy Whip.

He is chairman of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee as well as the secretary of the Judiciary committee.

He also serves on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Governmental Affairs and Judiciary Non-Civil and Juvenile Justice committees.



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Lee Anderson is a Republican representing District 24 in the Georgia State Senate.

District 24 is composed of Elbert, Hart, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Lincoln and Greene counties and a majority of Columbia County. He serves as chairman of the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee, vice-chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, and is a member of the Appropriations and Rules committees.

A former Georgia House of Representatives member, Anderson was sworn into the Georgia House in January 2009 and was sworn into the Georgia Senate in January 2017.

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The Elbert County Health Department is a part of the Northeast Health District, which is comprised of 18 clinics in the 10 counties surrounding Athens. Free or low-cost services are offered to all people county.

Many services are offered through the health department, including birth control and family planning, childhood and school-required immunizations, adult immunizations, HPV immunizations, high blood pressure screening and treatment, STI screening and treatment, and tuberculosis testing and treatment.

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental food program is available through the health department.

The health department offers free HIV testing daily. A full exam for sexually transmitted infections is available at low cost.

For those who qualify and have high blood pressure, an office visit, blood work and blood pressure medicine are available for a nominal fee.

Women over 40 of low income may qualify for help with mammograms. Women's health exams and cervical cancer screenings available, fees based on family size and income.

Many insurances accepted for services.

The Elbert County Health Department is home to Teen Matters, a clinic which provides confidential health services for youth ages 11-18 in a teen-friendly

environment. Many health services are available, most of which are free to teens.

The Teen Matters clinic welcomes and encourages parental involvement, but parental consent is not required in order to use clinic services.

Well testing and septic system inspection are handled through the health department.

Elberton Housing Authority

410 Elbert St.
706-283-5801
ehahous@elberton.net

The Elberton Housing Authority's mission is to enhance communities by creating and sustaining affordable living environments which foster stability and increase self-sufficiency for individuals and families with lower incomes.

The Housing Authority office is open Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Elbert Memorial Hospital



Chief Executive Officer
Tyler Taylor

Tyler Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
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Elbert Memorial Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) that has served as the primary healthcare provider in Elbert and the surrounding counties for over 70 years.

The hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and contributes over \$46 million annually to the state and local economies.

The hospital offers a 24/7 emergency room, inpatient care and hospitalist services, laboratory services, imaging services, outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation services,

cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, surgical services, infusion center and wellness center.

Inpatient and outpatient surgeries are performed at Elbert Memorial Hospital including services in general surgery and orthopedic surgery.

Lake Russell Specialty Healthcare Services (general surgery) is located in The Clyde and Jean Adams Medical Office Building as well as a satellite office for Athens Orthopedic Clinic.

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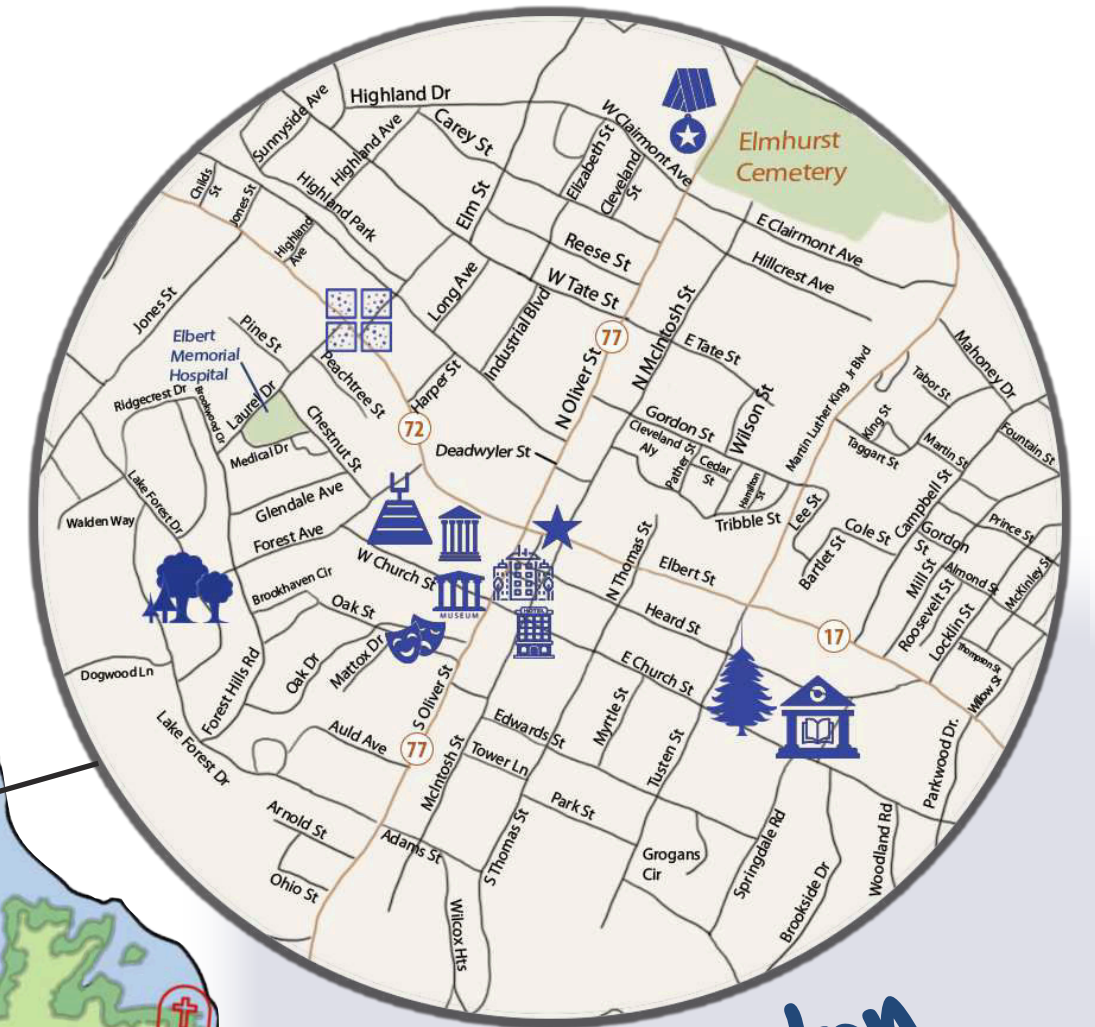
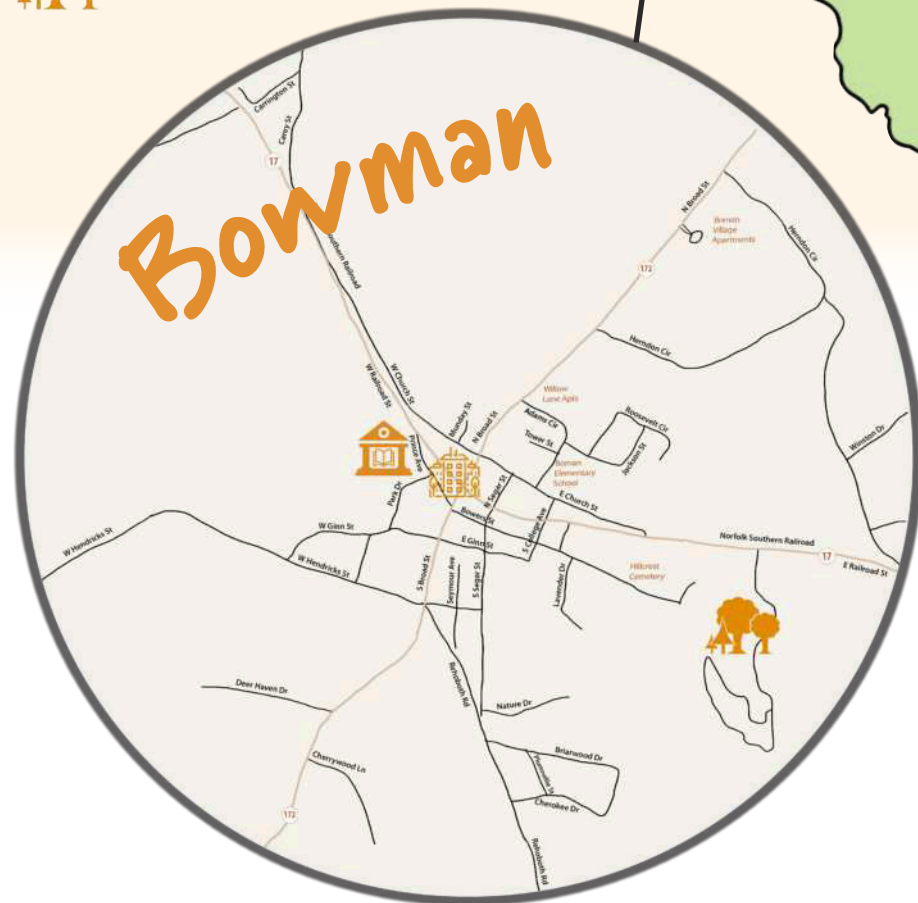
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Elbert County Map Key












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Bowman Map Key

-  Historic Downtown Bowman
-  Bowman Public Library
-  Bowman Park



Elberton

-  Historic Downtown Elberton
-  Samuel Elbert Hotel
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serves as the chairperson. Keith Harper serves as the vice chair. The board meets the third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Elbert County Board of Education Meeting Room. Work sessions are held at 5:30 in the Staff Development Room one week prior to the regular meetings. The schedule may change due to holidays or conferences, and is available on their website.

The board of education is made up of five members elected in districts and an appointed superintendent. Teresa Barnett

Board of Education Police Department



Police Chief
Shayne Bennett

Shayne Bennett, Police Chief
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The Elbert County Board of Education Police Department serves the students and staff of the Elbert County School District. The department was created in 2021 and is funded through the board of education.

A school resource officer is staffed

at each school.

School resource officers include:

- Shayne Bennett - Chief of Police and SRO at Elbert County Elementary School;
- Marc Fleming - Assistant Chief of Police and SRO at Elbert County Comprehensive High School;
- John Curlee - Lead Investigator at Elbert Virtual Academy;
- Shatoya Belcher - SRO at Paul J. Blackwell Learning Center
- Tammy Gilliard - SRO at Elbert County Primary School; and
- Blake Young - SRO at Elbert County Middle School.

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The Elbert County Public School System currently educates over 3,000 students in pre-kindergarten through high school.

The system operates the Paul J. Blackwell Learning Center (Head Start/Pre-K), Elbert County Primary School (grades K-2), Elbert County Elementary School (grades 3-5), Elbert County Middle School (grades 6-8), and Elbert County Comprehensive High School (grades 9-12).

In addition, Elberton Education Center (EEC) serves as an alternative school setting for the CrossRoads program grades 6-12 and for former high school students seeking a high school diploma.

All Elbert County public schools are accredited with quality by the Georgia Accrediting Commission, and the middle and high school are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

More than half of the highly-qualified professional staff in Elbert County schools hold advanced degrees (Master's degree or higher).

A full complement of administrative and support personnel

are also employed, including media specialists, counselors, social workers and administrators. Paraprofessionals are available to assist in the instructional program as needed, especially in the early grades and for students with special learning needs.

Both college preparatory and technical career courses of study are available at the high school. Specialized classes are offered throughout the schools to meet each student's individual needs, including gifted education, remedial courses and a wide range of classes for students with disabilities.

A variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs offer students the opportunity to participate in activities outside of the classroom. Students may choose from fine arts, JROTC, athletics and many clubs, as well as several work-study and apprenticeship programs.

In 2010 Elbert County Comprehensive High School (ECCHS) was awarded a technology grant for eTextbooks. The grant provides each high school student with access to a netbook for their personal use during the school year that includes a wide range of digital content such as textbooks, interactive text, related video links, sound files and graphics not found in a traditional textbook.

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All courses are mastery-based, which means students cannot fail a course. There are no deadlines, so students can

take as much or as little time as they need to successfully complete their coursework. To better meet the different learning styles of students, Foothills offers a variety of course formats including textbook and web-based instruction. All methods provide self-paced, individualized mastery learning.

Students enroll at Foothills for many different reasons. Some students must work during the day or take care of families. Other students have quit high school in the past and decide to come back for their diploma. Students also enroll to make up classes they have failed at their local high school. Still, others prefer a self-paced, individualized curriculum.

Elbert Foothills site directors are Chuck Colquitt and Erica Gaines.

The Granite Bowl

Elberton City Parks Director Ben Sutton asked a simple question to Elberton High School Football Coach Lee "Chunk" Atkinson about 70 years ago. "How would you like a new football stadium?"

With that, the Granite Bowl was born.

What was once one of the city's biggest eyesores is now arguably the most unique football stadium in America and a gathering place for the community.

"At first I couldn't visualize a stadium there," Atkinson said, "but (Sutton) did... he could see it." At the time, Sutton required a broad vision.

The area between the Elbert County Courthouse and what was then Elberton High School (now the Elbert County government complex) was a swampy garbage dump in the early 1950s. "It was just a swamp behind the Rock Gym," Atkinson said.

Sutton and Atkinson took the idea of a new stadium to the Elberton City Council, who told them the city didn't have the money to build the stadium. Sutton asked the city to buy a culvert for the spring, purchase lights and poles, and clean up the area. "We'll take care of the rest," he said.

The cleanup came in the summer of 1951, and by June of 1952, the area was clean and taking shape as Sutton and contractor Elbert Worley continued to work on the spring.

When the time came for construction, Sutton went to granite sheds in town soliciting granite cut in blocks. He also asked for bulldozers and donations from local businesses to pay workers to lay the blocks and the concrete.

"He did all the legwork," Atkinson said. "He's the man responsible for that stadium, really."

By early 1954 the new field was taking shape. Sutton announced that the stadium would be done enough by that fall for football games to be held there and should seat 5,000.

The City of Elberton had spent \$18,000 on the site at that point. "Not a piece of granite in the stadium was paid for—it was all donated by local granite manufacturers," Sutton told *The Elberton Star*.

City Councilman Walter Eaves seemed to understand the significance of Sutton's work. "The people of Elberton will be prouder of this stadium—when complete—than anything the city has ever done," Eaves said. "However, it's going to take more money to complete it, and if the people want it completed, they should see their councilman and encourage him to go ahead with the project."

"When the stadium is finally completed, it will be one of the finest in the state, and already it is considered one of the city's greatest recreational assets," wrote *The Star*.

After settling issues of lights and rotted bleachers, the city



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invested more funds to get the stadium up and going for the fall of 1954, and the first game was played on Sept. 10. The stadium was not complete, but several seasons of football were played in this first phase of construction.

Several issues were addressed through the years such as drainage, seating and concessions. Dr. Robert Bretches, a dentist who was also the president of the Elbert County Booster Club, approached Atkinson about finishing the stadium in 1961. What he proposed included the current entrance design and expanding the seating capacity to 20,000. Using the same technique as Sutton, Bretches went to local businesses and granite companies and solicited equipment, labor and granite.

Through the years, the Granite Bowl has seen many updates including new scoreboards and updated visitors seating and amenities, and today it is regarded as one of the best stadiums in the state and the most unique.

School Sports Magazine declared in its September 2000 issue that "when it comes to high school football stadiums in America, the Granite Bowl may be the best."

"We should be ever mindful—and appreciative—that the Granite Bowl is the result of a momentous cooperative effort between the granite industry, sports boosters and local government officials," Elberton Granite Association Executive Vice President Tom Robinson said in 2003.

"Over 100,000 tons of donated granite, plus untold hours of volunteer labor, use of equipment and other donated material transformed a weed-and-vine-covered ravine into a spectacular sports facility valued at \$1.5 million in the early 1960s. The Granite Bowl, erected at little or no cost to tax payers, is a magnificent gift and legacy to this community's young people and citizens of the 'Granite Capital of the World.'"



Athens Technical College



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Opening in 1997, The Elbert County Campus of Athens Technical College serves hundreds of students each year. Students can complete the requirements for several academic programs including diesel equipment technology, industrial systems technology, cosmetology, commercial truck driving, practical nursing and welding. The campus also offers many general education courses.

At the Elbert County Campus students may complete requirements for the Industrial Systems Technology degree, or nearly all course requirements for several diploma and certificate of credit programs.

The Office of Continuing Education at the Elbert County Campus serves Elbert, Hart and Wilkes Counties. Courses range from computer and software application courses to professional development and general interest courses.

The Office of Business and Industry Services provides customized training to local businesses and industries.

The Adult Learning Center accepts new students on a weekly basis at no charge. After assessment, in-person and online courses are used to help students prepare for the

GED or HiSET test. The new Career Plus HSE program also allows students to enroll in college courses while obtaining a high school equivalency credential at the same time. Scholarships are available for qualifying students.

The Career Planning and Placement Office located in the Yeargin Building provides students and alumni with a centralized service to assist in locating employment opportunities and developing job search skills.

The Academic Support Center offers free tutoring to all currently enrolled students. The tutors can provide assistance in accounting, math, English, science and speech.

The B. Frank Coggins Jr. Building includes eight classrooms and eight technical laboratories to accommodate the air conditioning technology, carpentry and plumbing, commercial truck driving, computerized drafting, electrical construction/maintenance, industrial systems technology and machine tool technology programs.

With the addition of an \$8.2 million Agriscience Center and Arena — the Tom McCall Agricultural Complex — programs in agricultural science and conservation law enforcement began in 2022. The lab building includes horticulture, poultry science, animal science and wildlife science labs. The arena building has a large arena for livestock shows, including a concession stand and tie-outs for livestock, and an agricultural mechanics lab. The campus also includes a library and bookstore located in the Yeargin Center for student needs. Picnic pavilions are available near the campus lake to accommodate outdoor activities.

Elberton Granite Association



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The Elberton Granite Association, Inc. is the largest trade association of granite quarriers and manufacturers in the United States. More than 250,000 granite memorials are manufactured annually by E.G.A. firms and shipped

throughout the United States.

The Elberton Granite Association, Inc. represents more than 150 member firms. In addition to encouraging traditional memorialization and high standards of quality, the Elberton Granite Association, Inc. also maintains a voice in the national and international granite industry with regard to market development and technology.

The Elberton Graniteer magazine, published quarterly by the Elberton Granite Association, features news on the memorial industry with a focus on Elberton firms. Each issue features a complete listing of all firms and has a circulation of approximately 11,000 worldwide.



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Attracting more than 4,000 visitors annually, the Elberton Granite Museum and Exhibit features exciting historical exhibitions, artifacts and educational dis-

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Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake is a multipurpose project constructed under the supervision of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was authorized for construction by the 1966 Flood Control Act as Trotters Shoals Lake. It is named in commemoration of the late senator from Georgia, Richard B. Russell.

The Russell Project is one of three inter-connected dams and lakes located in the Piedmont region of Georgia and South Carolina on the upper Savannah River. Together the three projects form a chain of lakes 120 miles long on the Georgia-South Carolina state border.

The Russell Power Plant is a peaking power plant, meaning that power is generated at times when electricity is in the greatest demand. The power plant contains eight 140,000 horse-power turbines (this is equal to nearly 1000 family cars). The power produced at the Russell power plant is sold through the Southeastern Power Administration to power companies located in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

Federal regulation prohibits private use of public lands on Lake Russell. With a 300-foot collar of public land around Russell Lake, most development on adjacent private property is not visible on the lake. Because of this, Lake Russell offers

a quieter recreation experience in a pristine environment. More than one million visitors each year enjoy the beautiful scenery and a wide variety of recreational activities including water sports, hunting, hiking, picnicking, camping and fishing.

Lake Russell contains 26,650 acres of water and 540 miles of shoreline, and 26,500 acres of public land surrounds the lake.

Russell Dam Visitor Center

4144 Russell Dam Dr. • 706-213-3400

The visitor center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center is found one-half mile from the dam. Brochures, maps, displays and information about Lake Russell, including wildlife, water safety and shoreline management are available, as well as historical, archaeological and natural resource management displays.

Educational programs on basic water safety and safe boating are offered by park rangers at the Lake Russell office auditorium or off-site at your meeting or school location.



Richard B. Russell State Park

2650 Ruckersville Road • 706-213-2045

Located on a 26,650 acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state's best fishing and boating. The campground and fully-equipped cottages are located on or near the water's edge. All park facilities are wheelchair accessible, including the swimming beach.

The park's six miles of inter-connected trails allow visitors to walk rather than drive to almost anywhere else in the park, with the opportunity to see plant and animal life along the way. Other activities available at the park include disc golf, rowing, biking, kayaking and canoeing. Richard B. Russell State Park is a part of the Muddy Spokes Club.

The park and lake served as the Olympic rowing training center for several countries prior to the 1996 games in Atlanta. Many college rowing teams continue to use the park for training.

Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course, a beautiful 18-hole course, is contained within the park and offers incredible views of the lake.

Richard Russell State Park offers 27 tent, trailer and RV campsites (cable TV hookups available) and 20 cottages.

Three picnic shelters and a group shelter are available for group rental. An event room seating 80 is also available.

Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course

2790 Olympic Rowing Dr.
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This 6,800-yard course is situated on a peninsula within Richard B. Russell Park, with amazing views of the water. Holes 10 and 18 actually touch the water. The course rating is 72.5 and has a slope rating of 134.

Season: Open all year from 8 a.m. to dusk (closed Christmas Day). Hours may vary according to season. Tee time reservations are recommended on weekends and holidays.



Bobby Brown Park

2509 Bobby Brown State Park Road
 (21 miles southeast of Elberton off Hwy. 72)
 706-283-5500 • www.bobbybrownpark.com

Bobby Brown Park is a 665-acre outdoor recreation area situated on a peninsula between the Broad and Savannah rivers which flow into the upper end of Clarks Hill Lake. The park is operated and maintained by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners.

Being located on Clarks Hill Lake, the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River, provides excellent boating, skiing and fishing.

The Broad River side campground has 25 campsites available (11 waterfront and 14 interior sites) and is closed Dec. 1 through March. The Savannah River side has 33 sites available (seven waterfront and 27 interior sites) and is open year-round. The amperage on each site is 30/30/20 and each site has a water hookup, fire ring and picnic table. Both

campgrounds have comfort stations (restrooms, showers, handicap access) and washer/dryer available. There is also a dump station located in each campground.

For a more primitive camping experience, the Pioneer Campground offers a fire ring, picnic shelter and waterless toilet.

Two outdoor group picnic shelters and an air conditioned indoor group shelter are available to rent.

The park offers five yurts, complete with air conditioning, for a unique camping experience. The day-use boat ramp is open year-round.

A self-guided Land Navigation Course is available to help beginners learn how to use a compass, as well as 1.9 miles of trails, a playground and picnic sites.

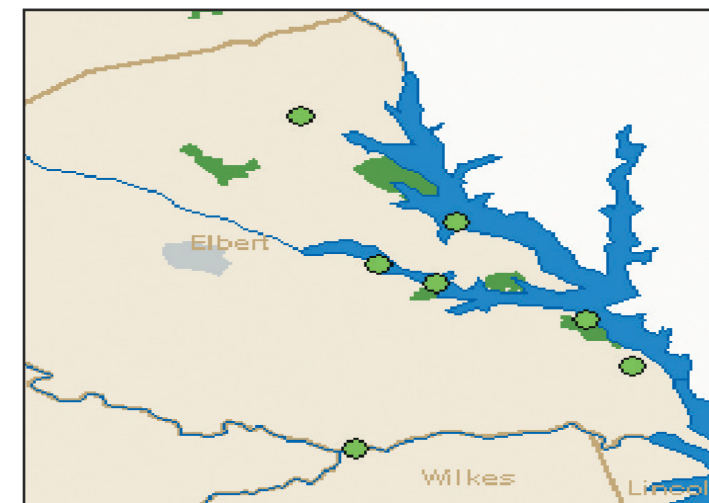
The park includes a nine-hole disc golf course and a 3D archery range with 20 targets. Paddle boat, paddle board and kayak rentals are also available.

A \$3 daily park pass is required.



Friends of Richard B. Russell State Park

Friends of the Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites is a 501(c)(3) organization that works to raise awareness of the economic and intrinsic values of Georgia's greatest treasures. In Elbert County, Friends of Richard B. Russell helps to serve Richard B. Russell State Park. The group is headed by a board that helps create visions and goals for what the Friends group can help the park with, specifically in the area of landscaping. The 2023 to 2024 officers include President Elizabeth Tyler, Treasurer Daniel Graves and Board Members Valerie Evans and Gerry Besharat. The Friends group receives funding through membership purchases offered by the state organization. Memberships have different levels and tiers of pricing that include perks of annual park passes, camping nights and use of picnic shelters. Those interested in becoming a Friend of Richard B. Russell State Park, or any state park, can visit the state website at <https://friendsofstateparks.org/> or their respective Friends group website.



Boat Ramps

Several boat ramps are located in Elbert County, some maintained by the Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Boat ramps are located at Richard Russell State Park, Bobby Brown Park, the Richard Russell Dam, Middleton, Pearl Mill, Coldwater Creek and Dry Fork Creek. A boat ramp is also located on Broad River at Washington Highway.

Friends of Bobby Brown Park



Friends of Bobby Brown Park group was formed in March 2015 to help the park get back on its feet after the Elbert County Board of Commissioners took over the former state park. The group works to continue park improvements and replace fire rings, picnic tables and grills. They also bring entertainment and festivals to the park to continue drawing visitors. Like the state park system, Bobby Brown sells memberships to help fundraise for the Friends of the park group.

The application to become a friend of the park can be found on Bobby Brown Park's website at <https://bobbybrownpark.com/friends-of-bobby-brown-park.html>.

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The Elbert County Historical Society holds meetings every third Monday at the Elbert County Public Library meeting room.
 Meetings are held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Officers include President Charlie Roberts, Vice President Susan Sexton, Secretary Devon Davis, Treasurer Scott Wilson and Immediate Past President Herman Glaze. The Board of Directors include Joyce M. David, Joanne Dyal, Jerry Eavenson, Jewell Glaze, Gail Harper and Barbara Slay.
 Dues are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family and \$500 for lifetime members.

Stephen Heard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Charlotte Deringer, Chapter Regent
 StephenHeardDAR@gmail.com
 www.dar.org

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR volunteers help provide guidance and assistance to those looking into family genealogy. The Stephen Heard DAR Chapter is responsible for maintaining Nancy Hart's Cabin and Heardmont Cemetery. The organization participates



in Nancy Hart reenactments for school groups, grave markings, provides refreshments for veterans during the high school's annual JROTC Veterans Day program, places flags at graves and memorials during patriotic holidays and provides blessing bags to local homeless populations.

Samuel Elbert Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Russell Banks Terrell, President
 samuelelbertsar.rbt@gmail.com
 www.gasocietysar.org

The Samuel Elbert Chapter was founded December 1, 1996 by Rev. Jack R. Bozeman who was, at that time, President of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The chapter serves several adjoining counties in North Georgia with membership. It was named after Gen. Samuel Elbert who fought for the Patriots out of Savannah, was captured twice and was named the first Governor of Georgia. He was at the Battle of Yorktown. Charter members included President - Robert Heard, Vice President - Charles Cecchini, Treasurer - Leon Stratton, Secretary - Russell Slaton, Registrar - William Banks Sr., Chaplain - William Ross Banks, Jr. and Kirk Bozeman, James Louis Bradley, L. H. Hunt, Charles Mann, Thomas Sigman Sr., Thomas Sigman

Jr., Thomas Sigman III, Timothy Sigman, Larry Wilson, Marion Slaton, Clyde Adams, Brown Thompson, and Sherrif Gene Anderson. The chapter's big events throughout the year include the Battle of Vann's Creek Ceremony on the first Saturday in December and gravesite ceremonies announced throughout the year.



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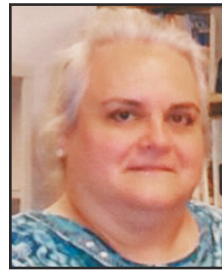
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Elbert County Public Library provides an extensive variety of services and programs for the public. County residents are served through the main library in Elberton, a small branch in Bowman and the Bookmobile.

More than 50,000 items make up the collection which includes books, 60 different magazines, DVDs, books

on CD as well as e-books which are available through the library's website at Georgia Destination Download.

Several newspapers, including The Elberton Star and Athens Banner-Herald are available for use in the library. Archives of The Elberton Star are available on microfilm or in print volumes dating back to 1888.

The library's website highlights upcoming programs and activities and provides access to the PINES statewide circulation system, GALILEO electronic databases and the e-book link that offers electronic books as well as downloadable audio-books. Basic information about the library and links to the community are also located on this website.

Patrons can check out several "park passes" - Georgia State Park Pass for Free Parking, Family pass for the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, Georgia State Historic Site Family Pass, Chattahoochee Nature Center Family Pass, Macon Museum Pass for the Museum of Arts and Sciences, The Tubman Museum, and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum on the campus of Emory University. Patrons can also monitor their electricity use by checking out the Kill-A-Watt power meter.

By checking out a special ZooAtlanta DVD, patrons can earn a free family pass to this popular Atlanta attraction.

Computer Coaching is available for those who want to learn more about using a computer or improve their computer skills. Library staff is available for individual one-hour coaching sessions which are scheduled by appointment. There are sixteen computers available for public use in the computer lab of the Elberton library and four computers in the Children's area for computer games and learning activities.

The library offers broadband Internet access (100 MBPS), as well as the Microsoft Office suite of programs. There is also access to GALILEO, which includes some 165 online databases for research, job career assistance, practice tests for entrance and occupational certification programs and Mango Languages for self-paced foreign language studies. Wireless internet service is available throughout the library and even into the library parking lot.

For those interested in local history and genealogy, the library maintains an extensive collection of materials on family, Elbert County and regional history. Ancestry.com Library Edition is available at the Elbert and Bowman Library

via the Galileo databases.

Children's programs are offered at the library throughout the summer as part of the annual Summer Reading Program. During the school year special storytime and craft programs are offered on holidays and other occasions. Check out the library's FaceBook page for especially scheduled events. The library staff and volunteers also bring monthly storytimes to all pre-K, HeadStart and kindergarten classes as well as to most area day care centers.

Adult programming include author visits and book signings, beginner quilting classes, various crafts classes and financial literacy programs depending on community demand.

The Bookmobile serves people throughout the county who are unable to get to the library on their own. It also visits the hospital, personal care homes, day care centers and the jail.

The Elbert County Library is a member of the statewide PINES system which gives patrons access to a shared collection of 916 million books and materials that can be delivered to the patron's home library free of charge.

Fax, copy and notary services are available at the library. A scanner and color printer/photocopier are also available.

Library hours are Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bowman Library



Librarian
Vivian Barnes

Vivian Barnes, Librarian
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www.elbertlibrary.org

A subsidy of the Elbert County Public Library and member of the PINES Library System, the Bowman Library is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Book sales are offered Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patrons may use the library to check out books, movies, magazines and audio

books, make copies, and send faxes. Other materials available for checkout include a zoo video (receive a ticket for three admissions to the Atlanta Zoo when returned), a Georgia State Park Pass (check out for one week) and passes to the Atlanta History Center (admits six), to the Go Fish Education Center in Perry, to the Alliance Theatre (admits four), to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame (admits), the Tubman Museum and the Museum of Arts and Sciences (all in Macon) and to the Michael C. Carlos Museum, William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, Chattahoochee Nature Center and Word's of Puppetry Museum (admits four). A family theatre pass is also available for checkout.

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The Elberton Star is Elberton's oldest business, having begun in 1887. The newspaper is owned by Community Newspapers, Inc., a company based in Athens, and is printed in Cornelia.

The Star offers award-winning news and sports coverage on a weekly basis.

The paper is printed on Tuesday evenings and is delivered through the mail on Wednesday to subscribers. Single copy sales racks are located outside the post office and The Elberton Star office.

In addition to several special sections published throughout the year, The Elberton Star also publishes Main Stays, a magazine showcasing Elbert County's small businesses and Experience Elbert, a fact book on the county.

The Elberton Star staff includes editor/publisher Julie Weeks reporter Mark Wells, advertising representative Valerie Evans, production/office manager Barbara Slay and circulation/delivery driver Earl Saxon.



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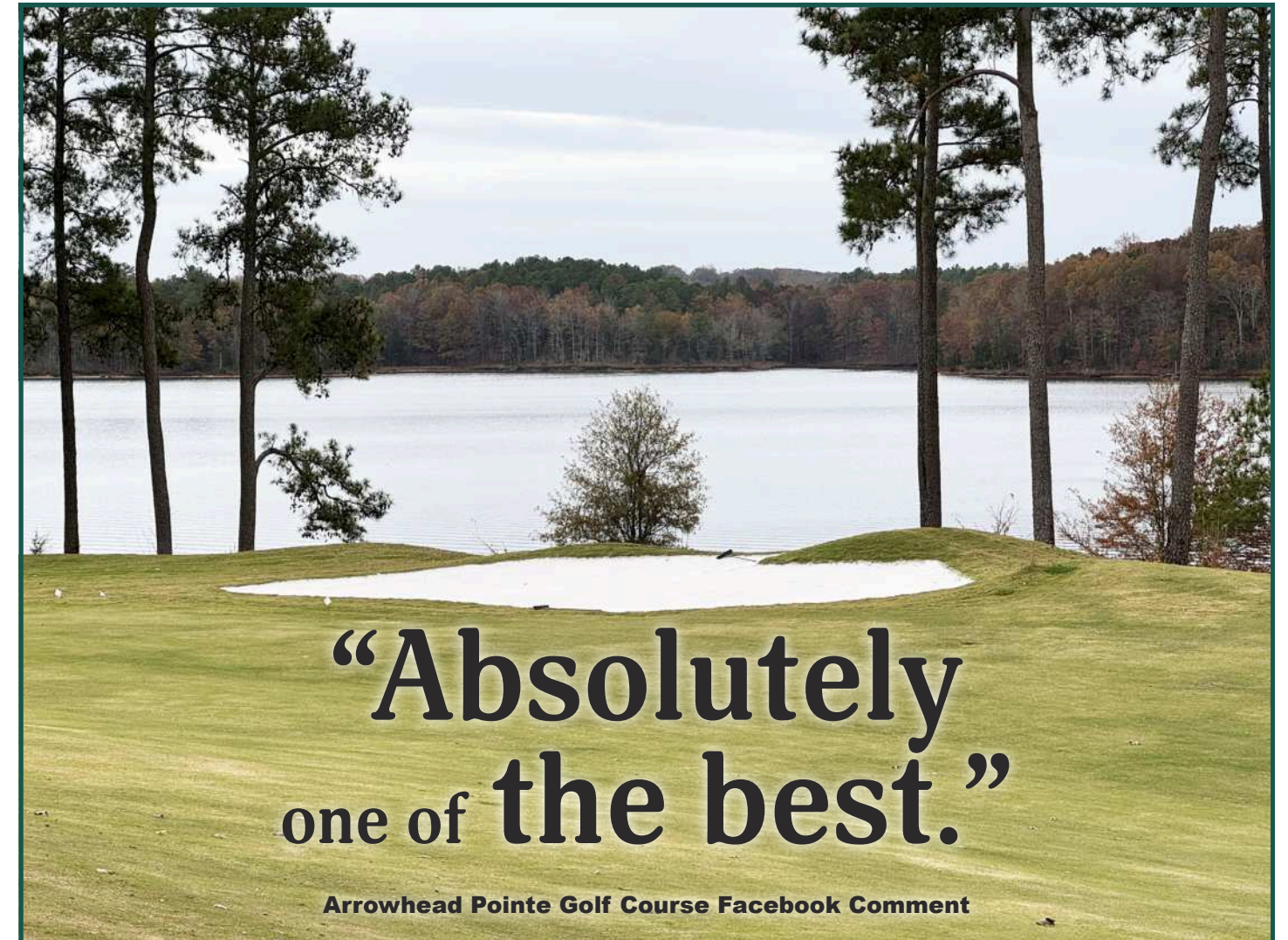
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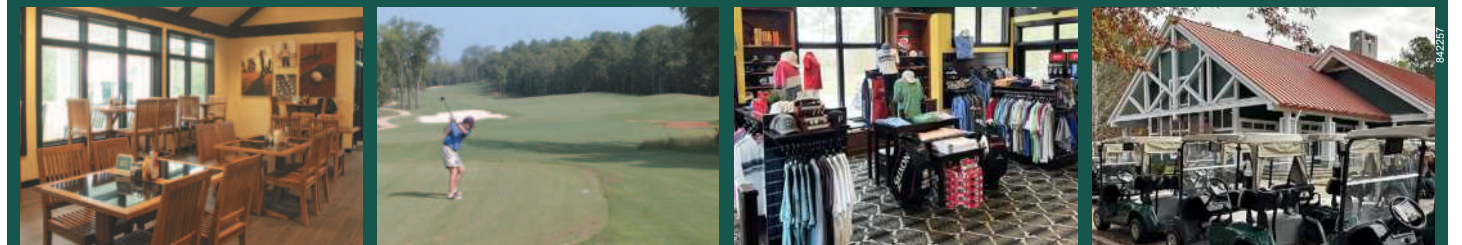
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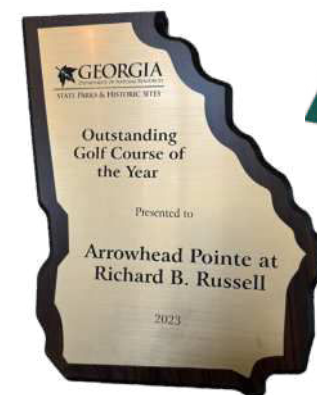
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Macaroni KID Elberton is an online newsletter and website that helps local parents and caretakers find kid-friendly events, activities and fun stuff to do in Elbert and Elbert County. The newsletter features a seasonal event guide and a community calendar to help with your weekend plans. The website includes family-friendly activities, parenting resources, local business spotlight, craft inspiration, recipes and games to inspire family fun all year long. Macaroni KID Elberton is offered as a free service to the community, published by local Elberton mom, Amy PerezVelasco.

Georgia Department of Human Services

Elbert County Division of Family and Children Services
Kristy Daniels, Director
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DFCS administer the Food Stamp, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Protective Services, foster care and agency adoption programs for the eligible people of the county. TANF is a work program where residents can receive time-limited cash assistance.

Medicaid programs are available to children, pregnant women, adults 65 and older and adults who are legally blind or permanently disabled. Medicaid programs can assist with community care, nursing homes, hospice care and other programs for medical needs.

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Georgia Department of Driver's Services

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Georgia 811

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Georgia Forestry Commission

GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION



Wesley Moss, County Chief Ranger
1065 Jones Ferry Road
706-213-2027
www.gatrees.org

The Georgia Forestry Commission is the state agency responsible for providing leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources.

Commission professionals provide a wide variety of services including fire detection, issuing burn permits, wildfire suppression and prevention services, growing and selling quality tree seedlings for planting and many other services. Elbert County has a total land area of 236,000 acres, 120,142 (50.91 percent) of which is in forest.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

1/214th Field Artillery Battalion
Calhoun Falls Highway • 678-569-8221

The Battalion Staff and Headquarters Battery of the Georgia National Guard are located in Elberton. Three other firing batteries are managed by the staff in Elberton: A-Battery, Winder; B-Battery, Thompson; and C-Battery, Waynesboro. The 1/214th Forward Support Company located in Washington is also managed here. These five units including the HHB in Elberton make up the battalion. The battalion was mobilized to Afghanistan in the spring of 2013, undergoing a multitude of mobilization combat training before deployment.

The battalion started working out of the current armory in 1959. The armory underwent extensive renovations in 2004.

A security force made up of soldiers from the Georgia Army

National Guard was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) under the Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery flag in 2006. This unit was deployed to Camp Cedar in Iraq with a mission to perform base security.

During both of the wars since Sept. 11, 2001, multiple soldiers from the 1/214th have volunteered and mobilized with other units in Iraq and Afghanistan. Soldiers from across the state, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Texas travel to drill at the local HHB.



Georgia Department of Veterans Services

45 Forest Ave. • veterans.georgia.gov/elbert

The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve the 774,000-plus veterans residing in Georgia, their dependents and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans benefits.

The department's mission falls into two basic tasks: informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits; and directly assisting and advising veterans and their families in securing the federal and state benefits to which they are entitled.

The department operates field offices in the state's 159 counties. The department owns the Georgia War Veterans Home

in Milledgeville and the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta. The Department of Veterans Service assists veterans and their dependents in filing claims and securing medical evidence and other data necessary to prosecute their claims filed with VA and other federal and state agencies.

The Department of Veterans Service also serves as the state approving agency for education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Elberton office is typically open one day a week. For a current schedule, contact the parent office in Hartwell at 706-376-4461.

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The Pulliam-Burton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5456 is a nonprofit veterans service organization, comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The VFW offers programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide. Post 5456 meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

American Legion

amlegpost14@att.net
706-436-6653

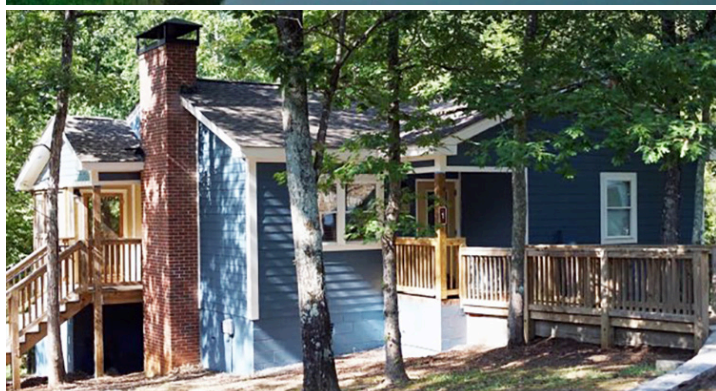


The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Their mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military and communities through devotion to mutual

helpfulness. Those who have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged or are still serving active military duty honorably, are eligible for membership with The American Legion.

Elbert County's local American Legion post is GA Post 0014. The American Legion meets the second Tuesday of every month in the old I.V. Hulme 4-H Center located at 10 Cloverleaf Drive.

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- Antioch Missionary Baptist**
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706-283-5602
- Believers Baptist**
89 Clairmont Ave.
706-213-8200
- Bethel Baptist**
366 S. Oliver St.
706-283-4541
- Bethel E Baptist**
2576 Calhoun Falls Highway
706-283-7610
- Bowman Baptist**
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706-245-7876
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- Doves Creek Baptist**
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706-283-3921
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- Fork Creek Baptist**
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- Fortson Grove Baptist**
2988 River Road
706-283-4645
- Fortsonia Baptist**
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706-283-1564
- Hall Grove Baptist**
2582 Deep Creek Road,
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706-283-0753
- Harmony Baptist**
2055 Harmony Road
706-283-9328
- Holly Springs Baptist**
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706-245-6169
- Lake Russell Baptist**
1047 Bobby Brown Park Road
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308 Campbell St.
706-283-3584
- Maple Springs Baptist**
Old Hartwell Road
706-283-3618
- Martin Grove Baptist**
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706-213-8080
- Mt. Calvary Baptist**
204 Williams St.
706-283-6690
- Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist**
218 Willow St.
706-283-6126
- Mt. Zion Baptist**
343 Rehoboth Road, Bowman
706-245-5112
- New Birth Missionary Baptist**
2118 Hartwell Highway
706-283-0139
- New Dove Creek Baptist**
1000 Doves Creek Church Drive
706-522-2616
- New Era Baptist**
365 Mill St.
706-283-9827
- Northside Baptist**
384 N. Oliver St.
706-283-2322
- Pleasant Grove Baptist**
2537 Pleasant Grove Road,
Bowman
706-245-5429
- Rehoboth Baptist**
3017 Rehoboth Connector,
Bowman
706-245-6872
- Rock Branch Baptist**
2150 Coldwater Road
706-213-9200
- Rose Hill Baptist**
1008 Wahatchee Creek Road
706-283-3209
- Rucker's Grove Baptist**
2649 Dempsey Brown Road,
Dewy Rose
706-283-7716
- Springfield Baptist**
1515 River Road
- Tate's Grove Baptist**
1644 Bobby Brown State Park
Road
706-213-0564
- Union Grove Baptist**
680 Pulliam St.
706-213-6278
- Vance Creek Baptist**
2196 Harpers Ferry Road
706-283-8841
- Vans Creek Baptist**
1733 Ruckersville Circle
706-283-7144
- [Catholic](#)
- St. Mary's Catholic**
155 Forest Ave.
706-376-4112
- [Christian](#)
- Elberton Christian**
1128 Calhoun Falls Highway
706-283-3804
- True Agape Christian Center**
1105 Brewers Bridge Road
706-213-7007

- [Church of Christ](#)
- Campbell Street Church of Christ**
1002 Campbell St. Extension
706-283-2508
- [Church of God](#)
- Bowman Church of God**
476 E. Railroad St.,
Bowman
706-245-9283
- Mt. Zion Church of God**
337 Mill St.
706-283-9666
- Elberton Church of God**
1026 Hartwell Highway
706-283-8926
- [Episcopal](#)
- St. Alban's Episcopal**
109 Brookside Drive
706-283-4563
- [Gospel](#)
- St. Luke Full Gospel**
1608 Sweet City Road
706-213-0001
- [Jehovah's Witnesses](#)
- Jehovah's Witnesses**
1349 Mineral Springs Road
706-283-9932
- [Lutheran](#)
- Holy Trinity Lutheran**
20 Forest Ave.
706-283-4341
- [Methodist](#)
- Bethlehem United Methodist**
1025 Welcome Church Road
- Coldwater Methodist**
1753 Coldwater Road
706-283-1954
- Concord United Methodist**
2503 Harmony Road
706-283-5785
- Eliam United Methodist**
2130 Dr. George
Ward Road
706-283-3902
- First Methodist**
132 E. Church St.
706-283-1863
- Francis Asbury Methodist**
1016 Ruckersville Road
706-283-5956
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109 Brookside Drive
info@gracumcellberton.com
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- Norman Grove CME**
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- St. Paul CME**
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706-283-4783
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706-283-7687
- Woodlawn United Methodist**
3780 Brad Dixon Road
- [Pentecostal](#)
- Belulah Pentecostal**
1791 Montevideo Road
- Celebration Outreach Center**
1333 Washington Highway
706-371-6287
- Elberton Pentecostal Holiness**
822 Heard Drive
706-283-7676
- Flatwoods Pentecostal Holiness**
2353 Dr. George Ward Road
706-283-8988
- [Presbyterian](#)
- Calvary Presbyterian**
118 Carey St., Bowman
706-283-5637
- First Presbyterian**
154 S. McIntosh St.
706-283-3741
- Westside Presbyterian**
651 Pulliam St.
706-283-7784
- [Other](#)
- Corinth Congregational Holiness**
2227 Corinth Church Road
706-245-6609
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
1156 Willie Black Road
706-283-6422
- The Divine Connection**
887 Elbert St.
404-922-0489
- Faith Worship Center**
325 N. McIntosh St.
706-283-1919
- Greater Heights in Christ**
1463 N. Rainbow Drive
706-213-1004
- Love in Action Christian Center**
1193 Frances Dean Drive
706-283-0703
- River Hills**
70 N. Broad St., Bowman
770-867-0909
- Welcome Wesleyan**
1364 Welcome Church Road
706-988-3894

A Quick Reference to City and County Services

Public Safety

In case of emergency call 911

Non-Emergency Numbers:
 City of Elberton Fire Department
 706-213-3100
 City of Elberton Police Department
 706-213-3130
 Coroner
 706-283-2003
 E-911
 706-283-9600
 Elbert County Fire Department
 706-283-4256
 Elbert County Sheriff
 706-283-2421
 Emergency Medical Services
 706-283-2007

Assistance Services

Advantage Behavioral Health
 Systems - 706-213-2048
 NEGA Council on Domestic
 Violence - 706-377-4141
 Road to Recovery
 1-800-ACS-2345
 SafeHouse Ministries
 706-213-7657
 Salvation Army
 706-283-1804
 T.J. & Friends Foundation
 706-283-1395

City of Bowman

Clerk's Office - 706-321-4404
 City Shop - 706-321-4047 ext. 104
 Library - 706-321-4036 ext. 103

City of Elberton

Animal Control - 706-213-3130
 City Hall - 706-213-3100
 Utilities Customer Service
 706-213-3278
 Housing Authority of Elberton
 706-283-5801

Court System

Clerk of Court, Civil Court,
 Criminal Court and Juvenile Court
 706-283-2005
 District Attorney - 706-283-1716
 Magistrate Court - 706-283-2027
 NE GA CASA - 706-886-1098
 Probate Court - 706-283-2016
 State Court
 Hon. John Stephen Jenkins
 706-283-8240
 State Court Solicitor
 706-340-8362
 Superior Court
 Hon. Harvey Wasserman
 706-384-4377
 Hon. Jeff Malcom
 706-376-7151
 Hon. Chris Phelps
 706-283-2046

Elbert County

Action, Inc - 706-283-5622
 Animal Control/Animal Shelter
 706-283-5054
 Board of Commissioners
 706-283-2000
 Elbert County Division of Family
 and Children Services
 706-213-2001
 Elbert County Library
 706-283-5375
 Elberton Airport-Patz Field
 706-283-2035
 Extension Serv./4-H
 706-283-2037
 Recreation Department
 706-213-0749
 Senior Services Center
 706-283-2033
 Civic Center - 706-283-1540
 Code Enforcement - 706-213-1000
 Public Works/Road Department
 706-283-2030
 Solid Waste Disposal/Recycling
 706-283-1505

Tax Assessor
 706-283-2008
 Tax Commissioner
 706-283-2018
 Voter Registration
 706-283-2012

Education

Elbert County Board of Education
 706-213-4000
 Elbert County Elementary
 706-213-4600
 Elbert County High
 706-213-4100
 Elbert County Middle
 706-213-4200
 Elbert County Primary
 706-213-4700
 Elbert County Campus of Athens
 Technical College
 706-213-2100
 Elberton Education Center
 706-213-4165
 Paul J. Blackwell Learning Center
 706-213-4400

Funeral Homes

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory
 706-283-5142
 Macks Funeral Home
 706-283-4566

Georgia Offices

Child Support Recovery
 706-213-2014
 Department of Juvenile Justice
 706-213-2006
 Driver's License Examiner
 706-213-2200
 Forestry Commission
 706-213-2027
 National Guard
 706-213-2008
 State Probation Office
 706-213-2032
 Veteran's Services
 706-376-4461

Health Services

Elbert County Health Department
 706-283-3775
 Elbert Memorial Hospital
 706-283-3151

Local Information

Chamber of Commerce
 706-283-5651
 Development Authority of Elbert
 County, Elberton and Bowman
 706-213-7600
 Elberton Main Street
 706-213-0626
 The Elberton Star
 706-283-8500
 WSGC Radio
 706-213-1051

Post Offices

Elberton
 706-283-2821
 Dewy Rose
 706-283-6613
 Bowman
 706-245-5418

Richard B. Russell Dam

Generation Schedule
 706-213-3410
 Hydropower Section
 706-213-3480
 Richard B. Russell Project Office
 706-213-3400
 Richard B. Russell Powerplant
 706-213-3460

Park Information

Bobby Brown Park
 706-283-5500
 Richard Russell State Park
 706-213-2045

U.S. Offices

IRS Tax Information
 1-800-829-1040
 USDA Service Center
 706-283-3021
 Social Security Administration
 1-800-772-1213

Your Representatives

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 404-656-5115
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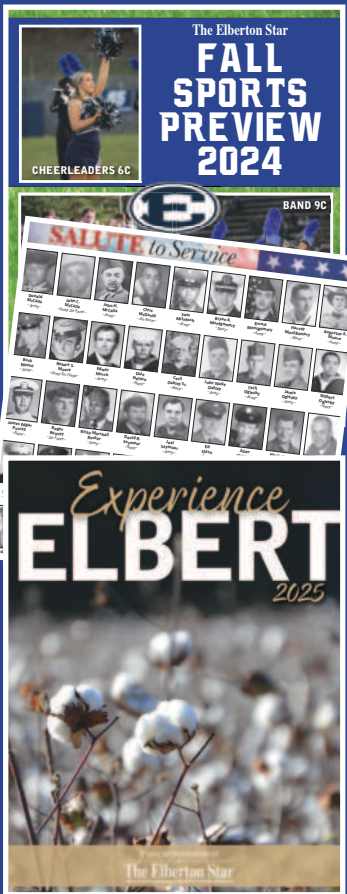
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Bridging Faith Gaps



www.bridgingfaithgaps.com

Bridging Faith Gaps is a safe and affirming place for all marginalized groups, including the LGBTQIA+, to question, explore, and commune with like-minded people in order to build connections and heal from the pain of religious trauma.

Bridging Faith Gaps began as a Fresh Expressions organization of the North Georgia United Methodist Church Conference. The Fresh Expressions program is a function of the United Methodist Church. Although they are supported by the UMC, Bridging Faith Gaps, Inc. is not a church. It is laity (non-clergy) led with no formal structures, rituals, or expectations. Meetings are held in a secular establishment and not on church property.

The organization's Mobile Pantry Program is dedicated to reaching the underserved parts of the community where the need is greatest. With a fully equipped trailer, Bridging Faith Gaps provides essential resources to those who need them most including hygiene products and clothing.

Bridging Faith Gaps is a 501(c) Non-Profit organization serving Elbert County and the greater area of North Georgia. The organization is also a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network(RMN).

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Meetings are held twice weekly at the AA Clubhouse. Meetings begin promptly at 8 p.m. on Sunday and Thursday nights.

Alcoholics Anonymous 5th Tradition

933 Elbert St.

Meetings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for closed discussion from 12:15 p.m. until 1 p.m. at the AA Clubhouse, between Hunan's Chinese Restaurant and Walmart. There is also a meeting on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at the same location and it is an open meeting. Tuesday meetings at 5:45 p.m. are a big book study and Thursday meetings at 5:45 p.m. are a step study.

Damascus Road Overcomers Outreach

2827 Bowman Highway, Bowman
706-988-8162

Damascus Road meets Monday nights from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church's Community Center. The meetings involve a 12-step recovery group that addresses addiction and those affected by it.

Celebrate Recovery

132 Heard St.
706-283-3921



Celebrate Recovery

Meetings are held Thursdays at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in the Recreation and Outreach Center (ROC). Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program where God heals hurts, habits or hang-ups.

Mother to Mother Recovery Center



Tlayra Jordan • 706-351-8952
mothertomother2022@gmail.com
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Mother to Mother Recovery Center is a drug addiction treatment center started by certified addiction recovery empowerment specialist Tlayra Jordan. Mother to Mother was founded due to Jordan's passion for wanting to help other women because she knew that addiction had the ability to destroy individuals, families and entire communities. The center offers anger management, parenting, individual counseling, narcotics/alcoholic anonymous, women empowerment groups, health and wellness, celebrate recovery and church services. Recovery services are offered in four phases, including things like intensive recovery support, around-the-clock accountability, recovery planning, counseling, communication skills, active listening, coping skills, financial literacy, moral recognition therapy, self-advocacy, self-awareness, family reunification and relapse prevention plans. Services are offered for women 17 and up.

Harmony House



Child Advocacy Center
21 Chestnut St.
706-245-8700
harmonyhousecacacsac.org

Harmony House provides specialized services for child victims of abuse and adult victims of sexual assault. Harmony House's mission is to provide a central location using a multidisciplinary team approach to the evaluation, intervention, prevention and treatment for children (and their non-offending caregivers) as well as those adults who have been victims of sexual assault. The Harmony House serves Georgia's Northern Judicial Circuit consisting of Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison and Oglethorpe counties. Harmony House provides immediate crisis intervention, forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, professional therapeutic services, case management, victim advocacy, criminal justice support court preparation, and structured group support. Harmony House is a public charity and contributions are tax deductible.

Northeast Georgia CASA



Melissa Barrett, Executive Director
221 N. Broad St., Toccoa
706-866-1098
www.northeastgacasa.org

The mission of Northeast Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is to provide trained and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in juvenile court proceedings, with the goal of a safe, permanent home for each child. Northeast Georgia CASA serves children in Elbert,

Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Madison, Oglethorpe, Rabun and Stephens counties. There are approximately 250 children annually from this circuit who are in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services, yet currently only a handful of them have representation in court. A CASA volunteer is appointed to a child after the child has been placed in foster care. The CASA volunteer gathers information about the child's situation, attends court proceedings and makes recommendations to the judge regarding placement and services for the child. Being a CASA volunteer requires no special education or background. Volunteers are required to be 21 years of age and are carefully screened and trained prior to being sworn in as an officer of the court.

Elbert Partners for Health

info@elbertpartnersforhealth.org
elbertpartnersforhealth.org



Elbert Partners for Health (EPH) was created in 2017 to create a thriving, educated, healthy, and hopeful community. The organization strongly believes that outside factors such as zip code, income, race, religion, education, etc. should not prevent individuals from the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. The group has joined together with over 40 partners within the community to help diminish the barriers that may prevent individuals and communities from reaching their full potential. The group's mission is to improve the health outcomes of Elbert County residents through strategic, educational, and collaborative initiatives aimed at identifying and removing barriers to good health decisions. As a community-based non-profit, EPH seeks to increase awareness and utilization of available services and resources, as well as to educate the community about the effects of poverty on any individual's health and well-being. The group strives to meet people where they are and connect them to services that will educate, empower, and enable them to make the best decisions they can for themselves and their families. EPH's current focus is on nutrition, food security, substance abuse prevention, mental health, and educational success. The group will continue to identify and address a variety of factors that affect the quality of life for our residents, because EPH firmly believes that physical health is much more attainable when all members of the community are also healthy financially, spiritually, socially and emotionally. The group partners with other organizations to provide

programs such as:
Check and Connect Mentor Program

EPH has partnered with the Elbert County School District to place Check and Connect mentors at Elbert County Primary and Elementary School to work with students who are struggling with attendance, their academics, and/or their behavior. These paid mentors work with 10 to 14 students at each school, meeting with them regularly and working with their parents, caregivers, and teachers when needed, to provide additional support, encouragement and accountability.

National Diabetes Prevention Program: Prevent T2

EPH has partnered with UGA County Extension to offer a local nutrition education and support class called Prevent T2. Christa Campbell, Elbert County Family and Consumer Science Agent, serves as a Lifestyle Coach for the class, which meets on Monday evenings. Prevent T2 is a CDC-recognized year long, research-based program that focuses on teaching participants how to eat healthy and increase physical activity to achieve better health. Research has shown that people with prediabetes who take part in a structured lifestyle change program can cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58 percent (71 percent for people over 60 years old). The class can help teach even those who are not pre-diabetic to learn healthy habits that will help achieve and maintain a healthy weight and lower risk for chronic disease. For more information, please contact Christa by email or call the Elbert County extension office at 706-283-2037.



The Salvation Army



Director
Donna
Christian

Donna Christian, Director
262 N. McIntosh St.
706-283-1804

The Elberton Salvation Army helps the community in many ways. The most visible presence is in the red kettle campaign during the Christmas season.

The Elberton Service Center operates as a family thrift store, an Emergency Disaster Service Canteen that is available for disaster relief as well as serving meals periodically at

The Elberton Salvation Army provides groceries, clothing, utility assistance, prescription assistance, and lodging for transients.

During the Christmas season, holiday food boxes and toys for children are distributed. Prisoners in Elbert County and some surrounding counties are also provided with a hygiene kit, fruit (if permitted), and a Salvation Army War Cry.



community events.

SafeHouse Ministries



Director
Sue
Beitzel

1333 Washington Hwy.
706-213-7657

SafeHouse Ministries provides short-term emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and the homeless. They serve approximately 80 families per month with food.

Funding is provided through private individuals and businesses. The SafeHouse Walk-A-Thon fund raiser is held each year in conjunction with the Elberton Fall Festival.

Funds are used locally to help members of the community with food and shelter, transportation and referrals to other agencies for assistance.

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Women of Hope

1026 Hartwell Highway

Women of Hope is a program for widowed, single or di-

vorced women. Meetings are the last Thursday of each month at noon at the Elberton Church of God. Meetings begin with lunch and are followed by a time of fellowship.



Elbert County Methodist Food Ministry. Inc.

2503 Harmony Road

Elbert County UMC Food Ministry is a nonprofit serving food boxes to the needy on the third Saturday of each month at Concord UMC (2503 Harmony Road, located at the corner of Hartwell Highway and Harmony Road). Clients must

meet the monthly income guidelines based on number of persons in household, but are not asked for proof of income.

The United Methodist Churches of Elbert County distribute food the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8 a.m. The distribution point is Concord UMC at the intersection of Highway 77 and Harmony Road.

Helping Overcome Poverty in Elbert County (HOPE)

1088 Ruckersville Road
762-847-3869
Elberthope.org

HelpingOvercomePoverty in Elbert County (HOPE) is an interdenominational ministry through a collaboration of churches and social agencies in Elbert County.

HOPE envisions a collaboration of Elbert County churches and social agencies through which the cycle of poverty within our community is broken and everyone has the tools to become self-sufficient.

HOPE provides a clearinghouse for evaluating needs of individuals and making referrals for needed assistance. By using HOPE as a clearinghouse, the organization is able to track who receives support and prevent duplication. As a result, more people received assistance.

HOPE provides participating churches and community organizations an opportunity to help those in need address the root causes of personal, social and economic problems through a faith-based initiative.

HOPE provides a framework for future collaborative efforts between churches and community agencies as new needs are discovered.

HOPE provides volunteer opportunities for local



residents who want to make a difference in Elbert County.

Emergency financial assistance for rent, utility bills, life-sustaining prescription medication or an unexpected expense that would have an adverse effect on earnings.

Additional assistance may include home or appliance

repair, GED exam fees, financial counseling or other services deemed necessary for daily living.

HOPE offers a budget mentoring program where mentors meet with families to help create a budget and offer tips on living within a budget.

Participating churches refer Elbert County residents in need of emergency assistance to HOPE and the residents then contact HOPE for a phone interview followed by a personal appointment.

HOPE volunteers interview applicant and coordinate available funds and/or refers applicant to appropriate agencies. All information is confidential.

All fund payments are made directly to providers. No funds are given directly to applicants.

Appointments for HOPE may be made by calling 762-847-3869.



TJ & Friends Foundation

P.O. Box 6161, Elberton
706-283-1395
www.tjandfriendsfoundation.com
<https://www.facebook.com/TJ-Friends-Foundation-Inc>



In 2008, three friends, Darren Scarborough, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Webb and their wives came together for the cause of cancer. Their longtime friend, TJ Johnson found out he was one of many to join 'a family.' This family is not necessarily one sought after. It consists of hundreds of cancer patients in Elbert County. Those three friends joined with many more to prepare an escorted motorcycle ride from Elberton to Helen. People from all surrounding areas came to ride in support that day and the friends raised eight thousand dollars to aid in the duration of chemo treatments, surgeries, hospital stays, and whatever TJ and his family needed during this time.

That ride and the realization of the numerous cancer occurrences in Northeast Georgia inspired the friends to

organize a group of people who have the passion of helping cancer patients get through the battle with a monetary donation. The group is diverse and many have had experience with cancer or have loved ones who have experienced the dreaded disease.

This organization is a federally tax exempt 501(c)3 non-profit organization and hosts a number of events throughout the year in order to raise funds to give to currently being treated cancer patients in seven counties: Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Madison, Oglethorpe, Wilkes and Lincoln.

For those experiencing the burden from cancer, applications can be obtained on the TJ and Friends website. Those who feel led to donate to assist the mission of this foundation can also use the website to place a tax deductible donation.

Since its organization, this foundation has given away over \$1.2 million to cancer patients in the seven counties served.

Mercy Ministries

706-318-7266

Mercy Ministries is a cancer ministry of Elberton Pentecostal Holiness Church. Applications for possible financial assistance

are accepted from anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer. A special care package will be given to patients receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments. All patients will be placed on the church prayer list and will receive cards of encouragement.



Elbert County Colon Cancer Support Group

Pam Allen - 706-207-6575
Ruth Hunter - 706-498-0906
Edna Eberhardt - 706-988-0902
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Colon Cancer survivor Pam Allen founded the Elbert County Colon Cancer Support Group to help alleviate the financial hardships cancer patients and their caretakers go through.

Colon Cancer Awareness Month is held in March, and the group participates by hosting a "Dress in Blue Day" throughout the county. The group also holds an annual banquet in March and participates in the Belk Charity event in April. The group also held its first annual walk in 2022.

The annual banquet includes speakers and doctors from the University Cancer and Blood Center in Athens that speak on different aspects of colon cancer.

The group, made up of colorectal cancer survivors and caretakers also helps provides support to current cancer

patients.

According to the American Cancer Society, the recommended age for regular colonoscopy screenings is now 45 years old, down from a prior age of 50.

According to the Fight Colorectal Cancer organization, symptoms of colorectal cancer include a change in bowel habits; blood in the stool; diarrhea, constipation or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely; stools that are narrower than usual; frequent gas pains, bloating, fullness or cramps; weight loss for no known reason; and feeling very tired and weak.

Risk factors, according to the organization, include age, a family medical history of polyps, colorectal cancer or inflammatory intestinal conditions and a variety of lifestyle conditions include a high diet in red meats, processed meats and fat, low physical activity, obesity, smoking and heavy alcohol use.

Road to Recovery

1-800-ACS-2345

The local chapter of the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery provides free transportation to treatments for cancer patients.

The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-

fighting organization with a vision of ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. The American Cancer Society is the only organization working to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.



Keep Elbert County Beautiful

10 W. Church St.
706-567-0481
Litter Hotline 706-213-3261
www.kecb.org



Keep Elbert County Beautiful (KECB) is a 501c3 charitable organization supported by Elbert County. Its mission is to promote public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Elbert County.

KECB is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Georgia Beautiful. Goals are to increase recycling, decrease littering and illegal dumping, improve the overall appearance of Elbert County and promote community involvement.

KECB's Executive Director is paid by Elbert County on a

part time basis, but the directors on the board are volunteers. All funding for KECB projects is generated through membership sales, donations and fund raising activities. One hundred percent of these funds are spent on projects for Elbert County.

Efforts include working with the schools on anti-littering and pro-recycling education; purchasing recycle bins for the schools to supplement those already there; helping initiate a recycling program at the Elbert County Government Complex and Courthouse; holding quarterly recycling events in Bowman and Elberton; having trash clean ups every 4-6 weeks; and helping to get the fines for littering and illegal dumping increased.

Humane Society of Elbert County

Jeanne Dixon
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Elberton, GA 30635



The purpose of the Humane Society of Elbert County is the prevention of cruelty to/suffering of animals, the elimination of over-population and the enhancement of citizen awareness.

It is an established 501c3 organization made up solely of unpaid volunteers and

animals, eliminate the overpopulation of companion pets, funded only by donations. The Humane Society does not have a facility for holding or adopting animals, but they do assist and support the local animal control facilities in the city and county with their financial needs and assist them with moving animals into safer environments.

The Humane Society's purpose is to foster the humane treatment of

implement associated educational programs, support established animal management control programs and establish a shelter for abandoned companion animals.

The Humane Society's work primarily consists of offering affordable spay and neuter services to the community, providing emergency medical assistance and/or food to companion animals and sponsoring

educational programs to make the community more aware of the needs of household pets. They also provide limited support for regulating the feral cat population through our Community Cat program.

For more information on the spay/neuter program, pet food emergencies or to volunteer, call Jeanne at 706-988-9350.

Granite Country Animal Partners



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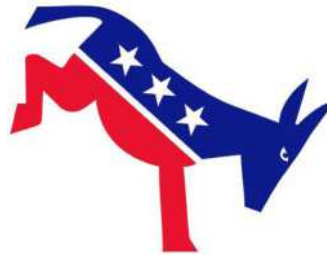
Granite Country Animal Partners, INC (GCAP) is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation and licensed animal rescue that promotes opportunities for

animals belonging to families in need.

With access to the right resources, people can become empowered to properly care for their pets. GCAP strives to find new strategies for dealing with challenges in our community.

From Jan. 1 through Nov. 11, 2022, GCAP moved 160 dogs from the county animal control through their own rescue along with a network of larger rescue programs and to adoptions.

Democratic Party Republican Party



The Elbert County Democrats meet monthly during presidential and midterm election years and bimonthly in off-years.

Meetings are held on third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Elbert County Civic Center.

The party's Facebook page, "Elbert County Democratic Party," posts meeting notices and other relevant information. Donna Wood serves as the party's representative on the county Board of Elections and Registration.

Party members are active in voter registration drives, voter education and information, pre-election rallies and providing transportation to the polls.



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The Elbert County Republican Party supports candidates for local, state and national offices who work for limited government, fiscal responsibility and personal liberty.

The public is invited to attend the party's monthly meetings, held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elbert County Public Library.

The meetings are informal and usually last about an hour. Meetings will occasionally include speakers from outside the county, e.g., primary candidates and county officials may with updates on county issues.



Friends Helping Friends Club, Inc.

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Friends Helping Friends (FHF) Club, Inc. is a 501c3 charitable organization whose mission is to provide inclusive educational opportunities for Elbert County students facing special challenges at no cost to the school system or to the students served. Some of those educational opportunities include school trips, special events, summer camps, school supplies, sensory motor development equipment, special projects and scholarships. Elbert County Middle School and Elbert County Comprehensive High School both offer the FHF Club which is a service club composed of student members who assist special education teachers and their students during FHF trips and events.



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