

TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT

TOWN NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT SHOVEL-READY CAPITAL PROJECTS

These shovel ready projects were submitted to our state and federal elected officials for potential funding through the economic stimulus package.

- City well needed to replace 50+ year old well for residential water and fire suppression. This project was studied, approved, and permitted by the EPD, and we have completed the engineering and identified the low bidder. However, revenue shortfalls for the community of Thunderbolt have prevented us from awarding this project.

Estimated cost: \$630,000
Estimated commencement:
Immediately (day after
signing existing contract)

- Water line needed to connect new well to existing infrastructure. This .9 mile extension is an upgrade and replacement for 70+ year old 6 inch water line to a 10 inch line. This will give us additional infrastructure capacity for residential consumption and fire protection. The engineering for this project has been completed, and the Town of Thunderbolt can start accepting bids within 10 days of funding approval. Revenue shortfalls for the community have prevented us from pursuing this project.

Estimated cost: \$550,000
Estimated commencement:
Within 30 days of funding
approval

- Sidewalk extension needed adjacent to Johnson High School in Thunderbolt for the safety of students and other pedestrians. This will connect to a city of Savannah sidewalk that ends at our Town limits. This project has been through the engineering process, and we can start accepting bids within 10 days of funding approval. The Town's revenue shortfalls and loss of SPLOST funding from Chatham County have prevented the Town from pursuing this project.

Estimated cost: \$40,000
Estimated commencement:
Within 30 days of funding
approval

Total funding for all three projects: \$1,220,000
Additional specifications and details available upon request

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thunderbolt Community Improvement Association meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m. in Thunderbolt Senior Center. During Months: September through May. Contact Beth Goette with any questions at begodan@comcast.net

- Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Meetings are held every third Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.

- Rain Barrel Course February 7, 2009 10:00a.m at Thomson Park
- Thunderbolt Water Education Festival for Thunderbolt Elementary Fourth Graders on April 16, 2009

CONSERVATION IN THE HOME

The connection between water and energy usage is frequently overlooked. Every kilowatt of energy we use requires two gallons of water to produce. Simple choices we make around our home to save energy, saves water too. The following are simple tips:

- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Check your hot water heater for leaks and reduce the temperature controls to vacation settings when out of town
- Clean your light fixtures to get more of your energy usage. Up to 20% of the light can get lost in the dust
- When replacing appliances look for the EPA's Energy Star and Water Sense labels



Paper yard waste bags may be obtained from local retail stores such as Home Depot, Ace Hardware, Wal-Mart, and some grocery stores.



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**ON CALL AFTER HOURS NUMBERS
FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN CASE OF
WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION OR
SEWER LINE BACK UP:**

912-644-7999, IF UNAVAILABLE
CALL 912-247-4449

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Have you wondered why you are no longer hearing the "Alarm" when a fire has been reported?

Answer: The Fire Department and Volunteer Firefighters are notified by Savannah/Metro Dispatch. When a fire is reported Dispatch sends a message to our Fire Department and Volunteer Firefighters' pagers.

You will hear the "Weather" warning on the 1st Wednesday of every month at noon for testing purposes; when severe weather conditions are reported in our area; and if a hazardous or life threatening incident occurs within the Town.

Town Ordinance Reminders:

- Trash Containers should be placed at the front edge or side edge of your property and removed back into your yard away from the street after pick up.
- Burning leaves, trash, or debris is prohibited unless written permission given by the local authority.
- All raked leaves should be placed in paper bags then placed on the front edge or side edge of your property to be picked up on the designated dry trash pick up day which is Wednesday. Do not put any dry trash in a pile or plastic bags.
- Any cut tree limbs or brush should be no longer than 3 feet and should be placed on the front edge or side edge of your property to be picked up on the designated dry trash pick up day. Any cut tree limbs or brush longer than 3 feet is the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of, unless you contact the Town Hall and arrange and pay any fees that apply.
- Disposal of large items such as appliances, mattresses, furniture, etc. is the responsibility of the property owner and not the Town unless you contact the Town Hall and arrange and pay any fees that apply. There is a metal recycling bin available for use and is located at the Public Works facility on Bonaventure Road.
- A Newspaper and Magazine recycling bin is located within the Town parking lot located on Russell Street.

If you have any questions, all Town Ordinances are available for view at the Town Hall.

Thunderbolt Police Department

2008/2009 Monthly Comparison																										
	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Yearly	
Classification of Offenses	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	3	0
Robbery	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	4	1	4	1
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Simple Assault	2	3	4	6	2	3	1	1	5	4	1	4	2	2	34	3	34	3	34	3	34	3	34	3	34	3
Burglary	1	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	10	5	3	42	2	42	2	42	2	42	2	42	2	42	2
Larceny-Theft	9	10	5	5	5	7	5	9	6	7	8	8	9	3	78	10	78	10	78	10	78	10	78	10	78	10
Motor Veh Theft	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	2	8	2	8	2

Both Burglaries occurred during the first part of January, 2009. The first incident was on Gragg Street and the second occurred in the 200 block of Bonaventure. The two stolen motor vehicles were recovered. Please use caution, do not leave the keys in your parked vehicle or leave your vehicle running at anytime, even in your front yard. You don't know who's watching!!

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Please Remember to Install and Test Smoke Alarms