



CITY OF SAVANNAH - CITY COUNCIL

VAN R. JOHNSON, II
ALDERMAN, DISTRICT 1
VICE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Hello Residents of Savannah's Phenomenal First District:

As you may remember, we met with many of the residents of the Godley Station communities on September 13, 2011. Present at this meeting was the City Manager, both Assistant City Managers, Police and Fire Chiefs, as well as Sanitation and Property Maintenance Directors.

Please receive with this letter, important information about your City in general and about your community in particular. This document will also summarize our work to date in addressing many of the issues that were identified during the meeting.

We will be sponsoring a follow-up meeting on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at the **Godley Station School** to give you another opportunity to meet with the City's leadership team with a time-table for ongoing activities in your area.

We are committed to addressing issues such as: defining the relationships between the City of Savannah and each of the individual subdivisions; ensuring that you have a City of Savannah postal address; issues concerning 911 and 311 callback; working with Chatham County to improve ambulance response service in the area; providing emergency life-saving equipment on fire and police units; and assisting you in creating neighborhood associations, if you wish.

We thank you so much for your willingness to work with us as we continue to improve the place you now call home.

Please be reminded that your City is accessible to you by calling 911 in the case of emergencies, 311 for any other issues, on the web at www.savannahga.gov, as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Van', written over a horizontal line.

Van R. Johnson, II
Vice Chairman
Alderman, District 1



Savannah

Fire & Emergency Services



121 East Oglethorpe Avenue – Savannah, GA 31401
Non-Emergency Telephone (912) 651-6759
EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Are space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, sofas and anything else that can burn?
Has your chimney been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months?
If you have a fireplace, does it have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
Smoking materials
Are matches and lighters locked up high, out of sight and reach?
If anyone smokes in your home, do you have a large, deep, non-tip, non-combustible ashtrays?
Are cigarette and cigar butts and ashes soaked with water before throwing them away?
Hazardous materials
Are paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids stored away from flames and sparks?
Is gasoline stored outside the home in a separate shed or garage?
Is your storage area clean- no oily rags, used paint, or varnish rags?
House wiring
Do the tripping points of your fuses or breakers match the capacity of the circuits they protect?
Are bathroom and kitchen wall outlets protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFIs)?
Are extension cords UL Certified, free of cuts and properly used?
Smoke alarms
Do you have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home?
Is there an alarm outside every sleeping area?
Do your smoke alarms Work?
Does everyone in your home know the sound of your smoke alarm?
Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? (If so, replace them)
Does your family have a home fire escape plan, and do you practice it every six months?
Are your portable fire extinguishers fully charged?
Kitchen tips
Does an adult stay in the kitchen when something's cooking on the stove?
Is your stove top clean- no grease, no spills, no clutter?
When you cook, do you turn pot handles in toward the back of the stove?

When available the Savannah Fire & Emergency Services provides smoke detectors free of charge to Savannah Residents by installing the device in your home.

If you would like to schedule a Home Fire Safety Check or a Public Fire Prevention and Safety Program, please call the Savannah Fire & Emergency Service non-emergency phone number at (912) 651-6759 during business hours.



Helpful facts & important information for residents of the city of Savannah, Georgia.



Welcome Home

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Special Insert:
Godley Station, Savannah

They call us the “Hostess City of the South” for good reason: For almost three centuries we have welcomed visitors and newcomers with warm smiles and open arms, not to mention a breathtaking historic district, world-renowned cultural and arts destinations, a thriving nightlife, and a wide range of social and recreational activities.

We’ve got a great history, rich with stories of pirates and cotton and revolution, that keeps getting better. Technological innovators such as Gulfstream Aerospace and home-grown success stories such as the Savannah Bee Company are quickly transforming Georgia’s first city into one of the most dynamic and creative economies in the Southeast. Behind our beautiful façade are forward-thinking residents, a progressive government, and an innovative business community. From the beginning we’ve been a port city, but today our port is the fourth busiest — and fastest growing — in America.

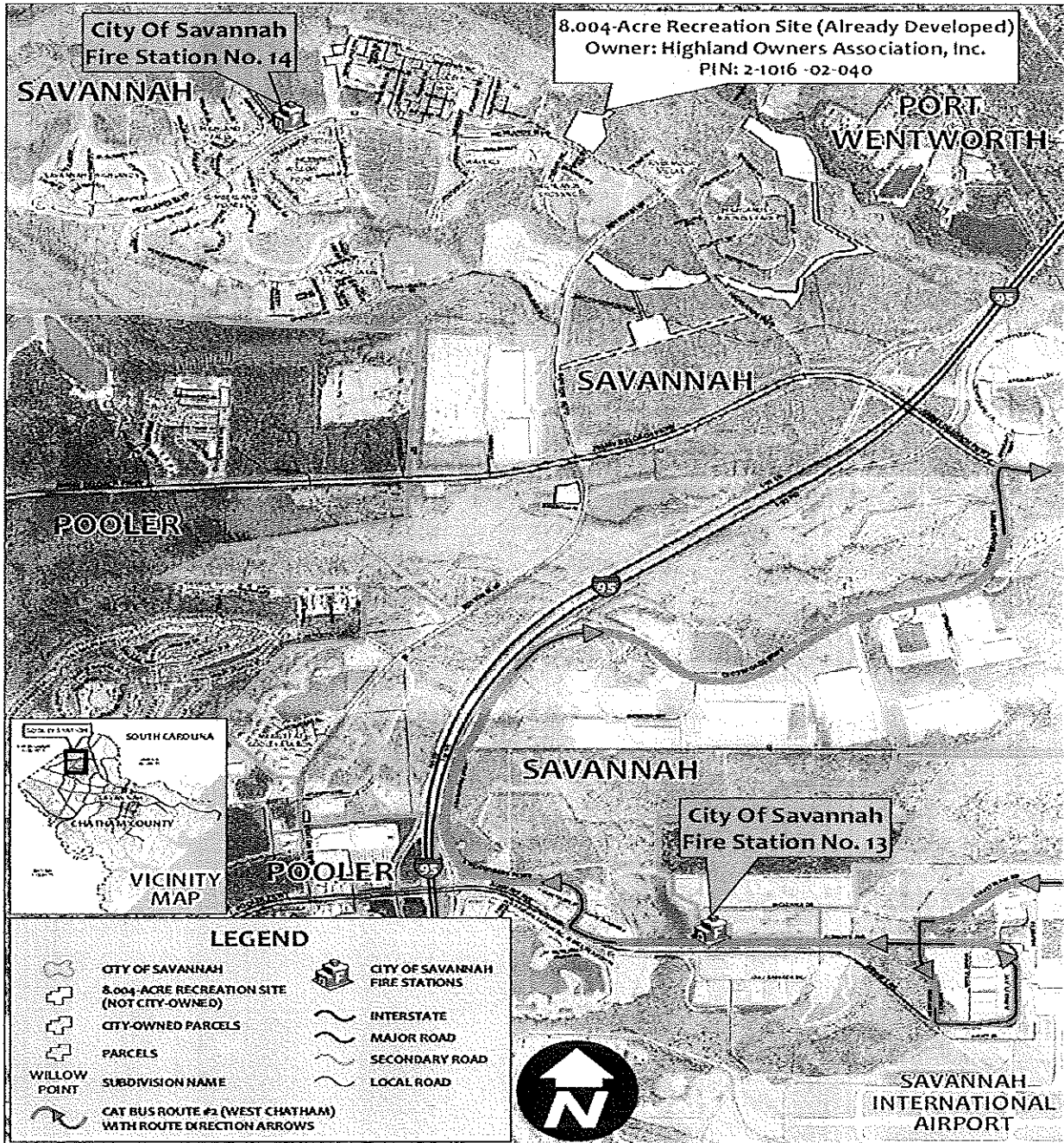
We’ve become a magnet for creative talent, and why not? Art and music are everywhere. The Savannah Music Festival has grown into one of the largest and most diverse music festivals on the East Coast. Two years ago *The Times of London* named it one of “The best events around the world.” It was the only event in the United States to make that list.

Savannah is one of the most beautiful cities in the nation, and we’re not just saying it. We’ve actually earned the bragging rights. *USA Weekend Magazine* declared Savannah one of the “Top 10 Most Beautiful Places in America.” *The New York Times* named us one of the “World’s Top Ten Trendy Travel Hot Spots.” *Conde Nast Traveler* picked us as a “Top 10 U.S. City to Visit.” *Southern Living* placed us as second on its “Best Southern City” list. And *Travel & Leisure Magazine* named us to its Top 10 “America’s Favorite Cities” list.

Congratulations on choosing to become a part of the Savannah experience. We couldn’t be happier to have you. Please take full advantage of all the opportunities Savannah has to offer. And let us know how we can serve you better. Welcome Home.



Godley Station Area of Savannah



Area Streets

- Archwood Drive
- Ashleigh Lane
- Ballasalla Loop
- Barrier Court
- Basswood Drive
- Bay Willow Court
- Benton Boulevard
- Brickhill Circle
- Bridlington Way
- Bushwood Drive
- Canyon Falls Way
- Carnegie Way
- Central Park Way
- Chandler Bluff Drive
- Chenoa Court
- Cromer Street
- Crystal Lake Drive
- Cumberland Way
- Fairgreen Street
- Falkland Avenue
- Fall Lake Way
- Godley Park Way
- Greatwood Way
- Greyfield Circle
- Grimsby Road
- Hartland Court
- Havasu Lake Drive
- Hawkhorn Court
- Highlands Boulevard
- Jimmy Deloach Pkwy
- Lakepointe Drive
- Millwood Lake Drive
- Monteith Road
- North Park Boulevard
- Norwest Court
- Orkney Road
- Pumpkin Hill Road
- Redrock Court
- Redwall Circle
- Rivermoor Court
- Sedona Drive
- Shellbark Way
- Spring Lake Circle
- Spring Lakes Drive
- St. Mary Circle
- Summer Lake Way
- Sunbriar Lane
- Telford Street
- Timber Crest Court
- Twin Oaks Place
- Verano Lake Drive
- Waverly Way
- Westbourne Way
- Whitehaven Road
- Willow Point Circle
- Willow Point Lane
- Winslow Circle
- Winter Lake Circle

City of Savannah Services

“Savannah will be a safe, environmentally healthy, and economically thriving community for all of its citizens.”

Savannah Fire & Emergency Services

Savannah Fire and Emergency Services (SFES) is comprised of over 300 professional, fully-trained firefighters dedicated to protecting the community from fire and other life threatening dangers. SFES has earned an ISO Class 2 rating, —a Public Protection Classification attained by only 1% of communities nationally. To ensure a quick response to citizens’ needs, SFES operates 15 fire stations strategically located throughout the city. Visit the City’s website at savannahga.gov to learn more.

Arts, Culture & Recreation

The Savannah community embraces diversity, a choice reflected in our art, culture and recreation. The City of Savannah encourages its residents to explore the many opportunities available to enjoy cultural and artistic programs, educational activities, local and international performances, festivals and more. For more information about events or the City’s athletic, after-school, senior, and neighborhood programs, visit us online at savannahga.gov.

Public Utilities & Facilities

The City of Savannah encompasses miles of public facilities and infrastructure, including scenic parks, a municipal forest, streets, sidewalks, traffic control systems, cemeteries and storm water systems. These systems are inspected and maintained year-round with the goal of providing Savannah’s citizens with systems that are fully functional, hazard-free, aesthetically pleasing, meet local, State, and Federal requirements, and plan for the future.

Requesting Services: 3-1-1

For emergencies, citizens should call 9-1-1. However, for non-emergency needs, all citizens are encouraged to contact the City of Savannah’s Call Center by dialing: **3-1-1**. Customer Service Representatives are available to receive your request and ensure it is routed to the appropriate City department for assistance. The 3-1-1 Call Center is available to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however if you aren’t near a phone or have an after hours request, **311** can be accessed online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the City’s website: savannahga.gov. Residents may also call 351-3434 for assistance during night hours, on weekends, and holidays.

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Dept.

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) has over 600 dedicated police officers committed to reducing crime in our community, both by preventing crimes from occurring whenever possible and by promptly arresting those who commit crimes. Our success depends on the involvement of our citizens, and we solicit every resident’s support in safeguarding your valuables and property and reporting suspicious activity by calling: 9-1-1.

Sanitation Services

The City’s Sanitation Bureau manages the collection of municipal solid waste generated within the city, from street cleaning to curbside recycling. Bureau services include residential and commercial refuse, recycling and litter services, refuse disposal, and street cleaning. For more details about services that are available to you, please visit the City’s website at savannahga.gov.

Water Resources

The City’s Water Resources Bureau serves and supports many vital functions that keep our City safe and comfortable, to include Water Utilities, Water Supply and Treatment, Storm Water Management and Environmental Affairs. The increasing growth of the Savannah community keeps the Water Resources Bureau focused on providing efficient and comprehensive management of today’s resources while also planning for the needs of the future. For questions about water utilities billing and service, please call (912) 651-6460. For other assistance, please see “Requesting Services: 3-1-1”

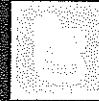


Accessing Your Government

Savannah's City Hall is located at 2 East Bay Street on Yamacraw Bluff, overlooking the Savannah River. Savannah's Mayor and Aldermen conduct City Council meetings on the second floor of City Hall every other Thursday afternoon. These meetings are open to the public along with scheduled work sessions. The City Manager is appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen and carries out the programs and policies established by City Council. For specific dates and times of City Council meetings or contact information for the City Manager and other city administrators, please visit the City's website at:

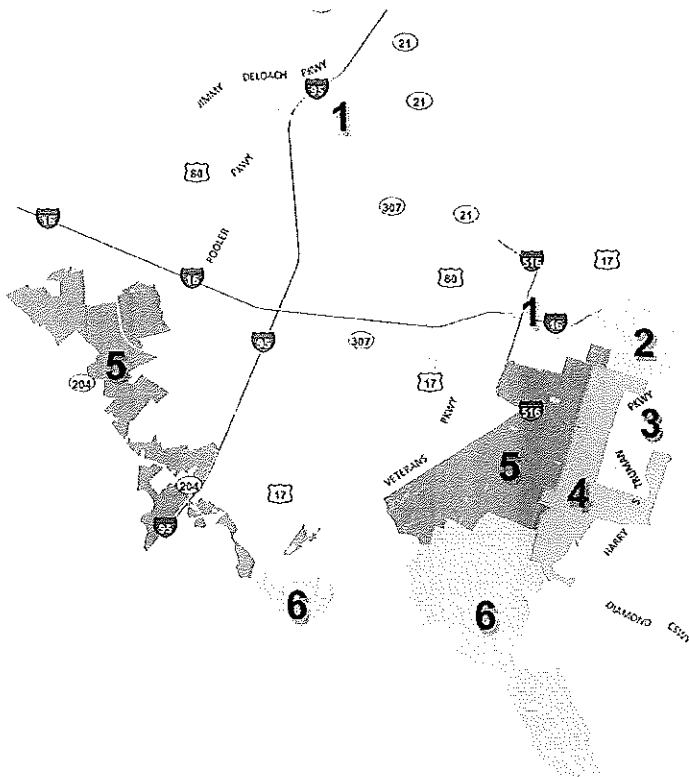
www.savannahga.gov. Requests for City services can be reported by dialing 3-1-1.

Citizens can also stay connected to the City of Savannah through our Podcast, Facebook and Twitter.



Contact us at: 3-1-1
www.savannahga.gov

City of Savannah Aldermanic Districts



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Godley Station, Savannah - District 1

Important Facts & Residential Concerns

Area Boundaries

The area encompassing Godley Station, Savannah is generally bounded by Effingham County and Pooler city limits to the west, Port Wentworth on the north, Pooler city limits on the south and Interstate 95 to the east.

General Information & Census Data

The Godley Station, Savannah area was developed as a planned multi-use community, with plans for residential, commercial, and light industrial areas. The total area is just under 2,400 acres.

Godley Station, Savannah is part of Census Tract 107, which is bounded by the Chatham County line on the north; the Pipe Makers Canal on the south; the north channel of the Savannah River on the east; and the Chatham County line on the west. The census tract includes portions of the cities of Savannah, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Garden City and unincorporated Chatham County. The area's total population as of the 2010 Census was reportedly 16,797, with 6,150 occupied housing units at that time. Median home value for owner-occupied homes was \$179,100, and median household income was a reported \$55,420.

Common Area Green Space & Right-of-Way Maintenance

Access to the area is via Benton Blvd and Highland Boulevard, both of which are maintained as City streets. The area was designed to have a suburban feel with considerable green space maintained as mowed lawn. Nearly all of this green space is owned and maintained by property owner associations. There is a master association which has responsibility for all common area maintenance outside of the individual subdivisions, and this association is responsible for maintenance of the medians and the street rights of way of both Highlands and Benton Boulevards.

Recreational Areas

The 8+ acres designated as recreational area on the original plat has been dedicated to the master homeowners association, Highlands Owners Association, Inc. It does not appear that any area in the planned community has been designated for City provided recreational amenities. Each of the Homeowner Associations designates its common areas as public space; however, control of these public spaces is maintained within the Homeowner Associations by Covenant.

Public Safety

The Godley Station-Savannah area is serviced by the West Chatham Precinct of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. For fire and other life-threatening emergencies, Godley Station-Savannah is serviced by Fire Station No. 14, located at 480 Highlands Boulevard. (See Godley Station Area Map)

Signage

Signage clarifying the speed limit at the Benton Blvd School Zone has been addressed. New speed limit signs were installed in the school zone in September, 2011.



Storm Water Systems

Maintenance of the storm water systems is provided in part by the City, and partly by the individual Homeowner Associations. The City maintains the common underground drainage pipes in the areas under the control of the six Homeowner Associations with public access and the master POA. The storm water ponds, which for the most part have been designed and landscaped to be aesthetic amenities, are maintained by the Homeowner Associations to meet their aesthetic standards. The City has flow easements to allow public storm water to flow through these privately maintained ponds, which are connected by publicly maintained pipes for which easements have been granted to the City.

City Water, Streets & Sanitary Sewer Maintenance

The City provides water and sewer service throughout the entire master planned area. All of the City maintained water and sewer infrastructure are in dedicated utility easements. There are currently nine individual residential subdivisions in the Godley Station area. Three of these are gated subdivisions; and only City water and sanitary sewer infrastructure in defined maintenance areas are maintained by the City. Maintenance of all streets, storm water, and street lighting infrastructure within these gated communities is, by recorded Covenant, the responsibility of the three individual homeowners associations. These three subdivisions are:

- Godley Park
- Rivermoor Villas
- Highland Crossing

The City maintains the streets and street lighting in the remaining residential subdivisions and the Highlands Business Park, which is located to the east of Benton Blvd on Highlands. The subdivisions for which the City maintains streets and lighting are:

- Cumberland Point
- Highland Falls
- Savannah Highlands*
- Spring Lakes
- Waverly
- Willow Point

**Street lighting within Savannah Highlands is still being maintained by the developer of this subdivision and has not yet been transferred to the City of Savannah for maintenance.*

Neighborhood Associations & Getting Involved

The City of Savannah has a long-standing tradition of working in cooperation with neighborhood associations and homeowner organizations throughout the city. Our city's residents are considered vital partners in the health and long-term success of our beautiful city. The City of Savannah encourages local neighborhood associations to join the City's registry of active neighborhood groups and apply for Neighborhood Association Certification status with the City. Participation helps to keep local resident associations advised of pertinent issues affecting the area, keeps City officials informed about resident organization meeting dates and times, and ensures resident organizations are advised of training and networking opportunities with fellow resident leaders throughout the city. For more information on how you and your neighbors can form a neighborhood association or become certified, please call the City's Call Center at 3-1-1.

Other Key Concerns

The City of Savannah will be working with the U.S. Postal Service to resolve addressing issues and resident concerns regarding emergency notification. Additionally, resident concerns regarding potholes on Crystal Lakes Drive in Spring Lakes have been reviewed and repairs will be completed during the month of October, 2011.

For more information about the City of Savannah and residential services:
Please call 3-1-1 or visit the City's website at: www.savannahga.gov