Leadership Development

- If you know anyone interested in participating in the 2013 Pulaski Tomorrow class, please have them contact us at (478)783-LEAD or visit the Pulaski Tomorrow Facebook page.

- The 2012 Pulaski Tomorrow class is raffling a custom made smoker/grill at the Christmas parade on December 1. The money will be used to by life-saving AED equipment for a number of public places.

- Pulaski Tomorrow’s 2012 class graduated on October 23 at the Southern Hills Golf and Country Club. Congratulations to new Pulaski Tomorrow Graduates: Allen Brantley, Amy Johnson, Ashley Rodgers, Bob Johnson, Brian Smith, Brock Hardy, Catherine Cravey, Chris Linder, Greg Gordon, Jesse Caldwell, Kenzie Harpe, Lynn Grant, Nevin Shennett, Paul Puccinelli, Robert Herman, Robin White, and Sara Myers. Special thanks to Liz Conner for all of her work to make this event a success.

- Welcome to new Pulaski Tomorrow Chairman Robert Herman. Robert replaces outgoing Chair Harley Lawson. Harley was the first Pulaski Tomorrow chair and has served for three years. Thank you for your service and leadership, Harley.

Community Health

- Archway is part of a team working with Taylor Regional Hospital and Georgia Southern University’s Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health to complete a mandatory assessment of community health engagement for the IRS. The needs assessment and focus groups recently conducted by UGA’s College of Public Health will be utilized, and the Community Health Issue Work Group will work with Georgia Southern to survey the community and construct a community health engagement plan with the hospital. Community survey data will be presented to the engagement committee on January 15. Shelly Berryhill represents the City on this Committee.
Economic Development

- The new Pulaski Tomorrow website will launch this month. The site will deliver the information business prospects are looking for when they research the community. This project was made possible through the efforts of UGA graduate students and Georgia Web Services as part of the Co-op initiative. This three year grant from DCA seeks to improve community web presence.

- The UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted focus groups in Pulaski County on Friday, August 3rd on behalf of the Chamber. Suzanne Barnett and Josh Walton from SBDC will be assisting the Chamber this fall with social media, new member Board Training and developing a work plan for 2013. They will also work through the Chamber to provide continuing education opportunities to Hawkinsville businesses in 2013.

- UGA students from a number of disciplines will be in the community this fall to focus on developing the area’s Agritourism potential. They will work with the Chamber and area businesses to create concepts for tourism, lay out the physical space, comply with safety regulations, create a business plan and a marketing concept. Students toured Hardy Farms in September and are working on their presentation. The first presentation will be in December.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA College of Environment and Design students have presented their initial work on the design of the Uchee Shoals trail and other summer projects. Their design work will be incorporated into a new interpretive sign located at the City Boat Landing. Lee Slade spoke on behalf of the community at the College of Environment and Design and recognized the contributions of the department to Pulaski County and Hawkinsville.

Housing

- Archway will continue to support the Housing efforts of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.

- Archway toured the Cotton Mill Lofts and Market with Ocmulgee Order in September. These beautiful new facilities are currently seeking tenants.

Public Education

- The Hawkinsville High School Art Club visited the Georgia Museum of Art on the UGA campus on November 7. The group toured the exhibits and had a hands-on art experience at the Museum.
The tour is part of the Museum’s “Adopt-a-Bus” program that provides transportation and a museum experience for Georgia students. The Club is advised by Randy Colson.

- UGA College of Education faculty members JoBeth Allen and Roberta Gardner presented information about neighborhood-based tutoring and enrichment programs to the Education Committee in November. They will return in December to meet with the Executive Committee.

- Archway supported the “Are you Smarter than a Child?” literacy fundraiser on October 16. Congratulations to Lorraine Holmes and the CLCP on a fantastic event.

- The latest test scores are in for Pulaski County Schools. There were significant improvements in CRCT scores, as well as end-of-course tests, and SAT scores improved by 61 points from last year. Great job students and teachers!