Accomplishments

Water Study Presentation

Harry Hayes and Scott Pippin, faculty members in the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government, joined the Habersham Archway on Nov. 17 to formally present the Habersham Water Report. The meeting included Archway’s Executive Committee, as well as, a larger community group, composed of municipal and county water department employees, elected officials and concerned and interested citizens. The meeting included a facilitated discussion of “what comes next?”, with a Q & A session.

New Water Work Group

Following the final presentation of the Habersham Water Report on Nov. 17, Habersham Archway’s Executive Committee stood in agreement that the report’s findings necessitated the formation of a new Water Work Group. The work group will serve to facilitate joint discussions among Habersham municipalities and county government. The group’s first meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m. At that time, the group will discuss goals, possibly identify a chairman, and will discuss ways it can facilitate the determination of infrastructure needs and growth projections. Archway will provide facilitation assistance to the group including a discussion of growth needs and projections, the assessment of each individual system infrastructure, and a discussion of how each independent system can best work together.

Clarkesville Engineering Project

The city of Clarkesville has continued to work with students from UGA’s College of Engineering as they provide new structural design recommendations for a project site near the Soque River. The students have assisted the city in providing design recommendations to support existing pipes spanning the river. The students presented initial design work during a teleconference on Dec. 9 for city officials to review. Initial presentations offered three recommendations for officials to choose from, including options of enclosing the pipes, re-routing them or burying them. City officials were complimentary of all three options. Work on this project will continue next semester.

Health Work Group

The Health Work Group met on Nov. 6. During the meeting, the group adopted a new version of the “Get Healthy Habersham” logo, which will become a logo specifically oriented toward children. The group had expressed the desire to incorporate a proposed new logo which is more “kid-friendly,” and Archway intern and graphic design student Jake Green, worked with the group to produce the new design. The group also sponsored the December Archway column which featured an article on healthy holiday eating. The article appeared in the Dec. 4 edition of the Northeast Georgian.

Ongoing Efforts

Recycling Work Group

Habersham Archway will continue to facilitate work with its community-wide recycling group and will equally facilitate the work of Dr. Maria Len-Rios’ class from the UGA Grady College of Journalism as they complete a public relations and education campaign for local and community recycling. Dr. Len-Rios’ class concluded its work on this project, and made initial presentations on Dec. 4 to Habersham Archway
Professional Rick Story and Operations Coordinator Dr. Sue Chapman. Archway will facilitate the presentations of the campaign proposals to the Habersham community in January 2016.

**EDC Work Group**
Habersham Archway will continue to facilitate meetings of the Economic Development Council (EDC) Work Group, until the group formalizes into an independent entity. The next work group meeting is scheduled for January 2016.

**Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group**
Habersham Archway will facilitate continued meetings of its Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group, with assistance from Dr. Merrill Norton and the College of Pharmacy to collect data and formulate a strategy for implementing local treatment options.

**Looking Forward**

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