



Butts County Chamber News!

January 13, 2023

Chamber Members,

Just a couple of weeks ago, our community faced damage from a winter storm, and last night, our community and surrounding areas were hit with some serious storm damage.

We want to thank our local [emergency responders](#) for working tirelessly through the night to clear roads and assess damage. Also, thank you to [Central Georgia EMC](#), [Georgia Power](#), [Snapping Shoals EMC](#) and the [City of Jackson](#) for working so hard to restore power for their customers. We appreciate their ongoing efforts to work through this situation as there are still many residents with property damage and loss of power. Please pray for those who were affected by the storm and those who are working hard to restore roads and services.

Please read through this newsletter to find out about upcoming events and learning opportunities coming soon in our community.

Lisa & Bridget

Need trees removed or other repairs following the storm? Access our Chamber Business Directory online. You can search for a business by name or by just entering a business category, examples: tree removal, roofing, construction, etc.

**Access the Business Directory Here:
[CHAMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY](#)**

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Premier Member:

Parrish Construction Group - "Since being founded in 1995, Parrish Construction Group has grown to become recognized as one of the most reputable and technically advanced Construction Managers in the state of Georgia. We have achieved this premier status through our unwavering commitment to the clients we serve, dedication to excellence, and challenging ourselves to be better today than we were yesterday.

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However, Parrish Construction Group is more than a construction management firm. Behind the countless awards, honors and recognitions, Parrish is defined by its people. We are a team of seasoned and trusted professionals with a passion for community who pride themselves on a job well-done." Phone: (478) 987-5544

Core Member:

High Falls State Park - Located at 76 High Falls Park Drive, Jackson, GA 30233.

Phone: 478-993-3053. Reservations, Accommodations & Facilities:

- 1,050 Acres
- 650 Acre Lake
- 6 Yurts
- 106 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites, some seasonal
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Paddle-In Primitive Campsite (sleeps 25)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 125. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Swimming Pool (fee) – seasonal
- 2 Boat Ramps
- 2 Playgrounds (1 in the Main Day-Use area, 1 in the River Campground C Loop for registered campers)

Business After Hours:

SCTC Butts County Center
1578 Hwy 16 W
Jackson, GA 30233

Thursday, January 26, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The poster features a colorful abstract background of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of green, blue, and orange. At the top right is the Butts County Chamber of Commerce logo, which includes a map outline of the county. Below this is the text 'BUSINESS AFTER HOURS' in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath, it says 'hosted by' followed by the Southern Crescent Technical College logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' and 'C' in blue and orange. A green horizontal bar contains the date 'JANUARY 26, 2023' in white. Below this, a white box contains two bullet points: 'Join us for an OPEN HOUSE and tour our facility' and 'Learn more about our Butts County programs including offerings in Adult Education, Credit Courses, and Economic Development'. To the right of this box, the address 'SCTC Butts County Center, 1578 Highway 16 West, Jackson, GA 30233' is listed. Below the address is an orange bar with the time '6 to 8 PM' in white. At the bottom is a dark blue bar with the website 'www.sctech.edu' in white. A small disclaimer at the bottom left reads: 'Southern Crescent Technical College is a Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.'

Opportunities Offered through Central Georgia EMC:



2023 Scholarship Opportunities

One Application, Two Opportunities

The Walter G. Harrison Scholarship awards \$1,000 to winning students.

The Central Georgia EMC Powering the Future Scholarship awards \$500 to winning students.

Application Deadline
January 27, 2023

Apply Now
www.cgemc.com/scholarships

Student Eligibility:

- Must live in a primary residence serviced by Central Georgia EMC.
- Be accepted or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at any accredited two-year or four-year university, college, or vocational-technical institute in Georgia.
- Complete the two-page Walter G. Harrison application.
- Write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to plans and goals for the future.



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- High school sophomores or juniors, who will be at least sixteen (16) years old by the first day of the tour.
- The student must live and attend school in one of our 14 serviced counties (Bibb, Butts, Clayton, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Morgan, Monroe, Newton, Pike, Putnam, and Spalding counties).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Tour dates: June 15 - 22, 2023
- Application due date: February 10, 2023
- Invitation-only interviews will be held on February 28, 2023



WWW.CGEMC.COM/WASHINGTON-YOUTH-TOUR



2023 Butts County Citizen's Academy

What is the Butts County Citizen's Academy?

It is important that we, as a county government, avail ourselves of every opportunity to educate our citizens on how the County Government works. The Butts County Citizen's Academy is a new, interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise the Butts County Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Butts County on how the daily County Government operations contribute towards building a better, sustainable community. Classes meet weekly for 6 weeks, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the County Administration Building, beginning February 2nd and ending March 13th, 2023.

Standards for Admissions

- Applicants must make a commitment to attend all sessions.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old, clear of any felony arrests and clear of any misdemeanor arrests within six months of applying.
- Participants must be a resident, a business owner or employed full time in Butts County.
- The Citizen's Academy is a learning and informational program. Acceptable conduct standards will be maintained by participants to assure each session is a positive experience.

Citizen's Academy - 1st Class Begins February 2nd, 2023

The Butts County Citizen's Academy is an interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise their County Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Butts County on the contributions of daily County Government operations towards building a better community. A variety of County staff and officials will lead each session.

Applications for the Citizen's Academy must be turned in by January 13th, 2023. Please fill out and return original copies to the Butts County Administration Office located at 623 W. Third Street, Suite 4 in Jackson. You must commit to attending all six sessions when submitting. For more information, call the Administration Department at 770-754-8200.



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Office 770-754-8200 Fax 770-754-8211
www.buttscountyga.com

2023 Butts County Citizen's Academy PRELIMINARY Syllabus

All Classes are 6PM-8PM each Tuesday at the Butts County Administration Building

Thursday, February 2, 2023

- Orientation Night
 - Overview of Program
 - County History
 - Administration & Management
 - Budget & Finance

Thursday, February 9, 2023

- Public Safety
 - EMS
 - Fire, EMS and EMT
 - Law Enforcement

Thursday, February 16, 2023

- Planning & Economic Development
 - Development, Planning, Zoning
 - Economic & Habitat Development

Thursday, February 23, 2023

- Public Works and Water
 - Roads, Streets, Bridges, Transportation
 - Solid Waste
 - County Water Management

Thursday, March 2, 2023

- Courts and Taxes
 - Judicial Services
 - Assessments
 - Taxes

Thursday, March 9, 2023

- Quality of Life Services
 - Leisure Services
 - Senior Services
 - Elections
 - Public Library

Graduation & Evaluations



2023 Butts County Citizen's Academy Application

As a resident, applicants must be at least 18 years of age & must reside within each in Butts County. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

Name: First Middle Last

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: / /

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

*Driver's License Number & Issuing State: _____

Employer Name & Address: _____

List any additional agencies which you have lived or worked: _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in Butts County? _____

How did you hear about the Citizen's Academy? _____

Have you ever been arrested for any offense other than minor traffic offenses? _____

If yes, please provide details: _____

Are you committed to attending all sessions of the Academy? _____

Short Size (For NCAA Uniform photo, circle size) S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. The Butts County Board of Commissioners, Butts County Government is authorized to make any investigation of my personal history deemed necessary for consideration to attend the Citizen's Academy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*This information is required for verification of data provided. It is not used for any additional purposes.



JANUARY PROGRAMS



Friday, January 6th

Wolf Moon Walk - 6:00 pm

Join the pack for a walk under the Wolf Moon Light! Join us under the light of the full moon and hear some of the ancient beliefs surrounding full moons. Please bring head lamps or flashlights for your walk in the dark. Preregistration required. Call 770-504-2277

Saturday, January 7th

Bark in the Park - 1:00 pm

Join us on the Overland Nature Trail for a 3/4 mile hike with your furry best friend. All dogs MUST be friendly and on a leash while within the park. Meet at the trailhead in the Springs picnic area.

Saturday, January 14th

Winter Wildlife Hike - 10:00 pm

Enjoy a 3/4 mile rustic winter hike with our park naturalist and learn about the winter survival of wildlife and more. Meet at the Overland Nature Trail in the Springs picnic area.

Museum Open - 1:00-3:00 pm

Stop by the Indian Springs museum to learn about the historic springs and the Creek Indians who once lived in the area.

All programs require a \$5 Parkpass, or an Annual Parkpass.

For more information, please call the park office at 770-504-2277

Saturday, January 21st

Multi-Use Trail Hike - 10:00 am

Join the park naturalist on a guided hike on the Multi-Use Trail. We'll be walking a portion of the trail for a 3-mile moderate hike. Meet at the trailhead (Exit the park to the right and turn into the large grassy field.). Bring plenty of water and snacks! Preregistration required. Call 770-504-2277

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Saturday, January 28th

Backyard Wildlife Craft - 2:00 pm

Learn how to attract wildlife to your yard and lend them a hand during the winter season. Meet at the program hut (behind mini golf).

Sunset Stroll - 5:30

Meet at the program hut (behind mini golf). We'll be walking up along the dam to watch the sun set over the lake. Come enjoy the beauty of the evening with us. Don't forget your flashlight! Preregistration required. Call 770-504-2277



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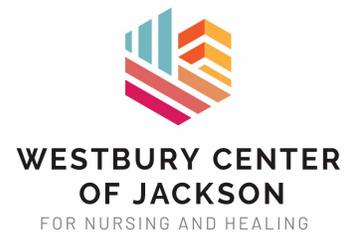
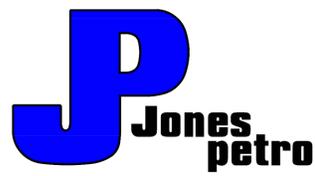
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