



## Sky Valley Times February, 2023

### REMINDERS:

If you need the Sky Valley Police Department services:

Emergency – Call 911

Non-Emergency – Call 706-782-7777



By calling these numbers, the Sky Valley Police Department is dispatched out.

The response time will be the same as it was before.

For the safety of this department and to follow proper protocol this procedure must be followed.

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If you are interested in viewing City Council meeting packets, see the City of Sky Valley website.

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### Administration From the Desk of City Manager, Jason Streetman

Hello residents and visitors of Sky Valley. As we get into late February, with the exception of the Christmas cold snap, it is hard to believe how mild the winter has been. We still have to get through March and even April, but so far so good.

However, since it is still February, there are many things to celebrate including Black History month and Presidents Day. Black History month was created from an idea for Black History week by Carter G. Woodson, a noted Black historian back in 1926. Black History week became Black History month in 1976, and the month of February was decided since it was the birth months of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

As a historian myself, I have always been very interested in the office of President. Below are some interesting facts about the office of US President and the men who have held the title.

- George Washington was our first president.
- There have been two sets of father and son presidents: John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams and George H.W. Bush and his son George W. Bush.
- James Madison was the shortest president at 5'4" and Abraham Lincoln was the tallest at 6'4".
- The shortest term of a president was William Henry Harrison at 32 days.
- The longest term of a president was Franklin D. Roosevelt who died in his fourth term as president.
- The youngest president ever to be elected was Theodore Roosevelt at 42 years old. He was also a distant cousin of FDR.
- The oldest president ever to be elected is Joe Biden who was inaugurated at 78 years of age in 2021.
- The State of Virginia has provided the most Presidents at eight.



- Gerald Ford is the only president to never be elected. Ford was appointed Vice President when Spiro Agnew resigned under the Nixon Presidency and furthermore became president when Nixon resigned.
- Jimmy Carter is the only president ever to be elected from the State of Georgia.
- Barak Obama is the first Black president.
- Grover Cleveland is the only president to be elected twice but not serve consecutive terms.

As February ends and we get into March, there are many public works projects ramping up to include:

- ✓ The culvert replacement on Sky Valley Way- near the old lodge and the Chapel.
- ✓ Repaving of Squaw Valley, Chestatee, Snowshoe, Evergreen, and Walking Bear roads.

Notices of dates and detours will go out accordingly to help you prepare to include posted signs, city website notifications, MailChimp email blast and the city Facebook and Twitter pages.

Thank you.

Jason

The latest Ad Valorem Tax Report will follow this newsletter.

**Mayoral Comments** From the Desk of Mayor Hollie Steil

### **Happenings around Sky Valley**

#### **NEW CITY HALL**

We continue the work on our new facility that will serve as the Sky Valley City Hall, Visitor Center, and Council Meeting Room. We are excited that our city-owned building on Highway 246 is being refurbished to serve our citizens and visitors. This building is a welcomed addition to improve and enhance our current city services. We appreciate Megan Broome, Reporter for the Clayton Tribune, recently visiting our facility and featuring the city's new City Hall in this week's edition.

This building offers room for offices for our City Manager, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, and for our newly hired Communications Specialist, Sherron Van Camp. Sherron will also serve as our ambassador to visitors. The new Council Meeting Room is designed to be a meeting space for our city council's workshops and council meetings and will be used for other city functions such as our monthly Municipal Court sessions and city Committee Meetings.

The city appreciates two of our residents, Dan McAfee and Ed Steil, for building a beautiful new Council Desk in the Council Meeting Room. We look forward to a "grand opening" to showcase this new facility.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OFFICER DOTTIE CLARK**

Our own Officer, Dottie Clark, was just awarded the Rabun County Award for Best First Responder for 2023. Way to go, Dottie! We appreciate your efforts to help make us a safe and responsive community!

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE DATES OF ROAD CLOSINGS

We are excited to announce we will be repaving the following roads in Sky Valley:

- Squaw Valley Lane
- A portion of Evergreen Lane
- Walking Bear Road
- A portion of Snow Shoe Lane

These repaving projects will be funded by the T-SPLOST.

The culvert on Sky Valley Way (just past the Old Lodge) will be replaced and improved starting Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ROAD CLOSING DATES AND ALTERNATE ROUTES.

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES IN OUR CITY! Hollie



## Code Enforcer/ Building Inspector

From the Desk of Jim Pyburn, Building Inspector



Hard to believe January 2023 has come and gone. Traditionally this is when Sky Valley permits for tree cutting, remodeling and other projects slows down. This January is reflecting the growth Sky Valley is experiencing with more and more activity. More property owners are becoming full time and part time seasonal residents are not leaving Sky Valley until well after the holidays. These are exciting times in Sky Valley.

Did you know that all dwellings, houses, or condominiums within the city must comply with the numbering requirements of the county 911 system by having the requisite 911 numbers posted in a conspicuous place readily visible at the front entrance?

All dwellings, houses or condominiums shall also have such 911 house numbers fastened to a separate post or sign, between three (3) and five (5) feet in height and not more than ten (10) feet from the driveway entrance. Numbers shall be four (4) inches or more in height and of a color contrasting with the background to which the numbers are affixed.

You may have noticed that many property owners display the green signs with white lettering. Those may be purchased through the Rabun County Mapping Department (tel: 706-782-7579) at a cost of a single sign for \$20 or \$60 including installation. You may purchase from a provider of your choice or even construct your own as long as they are in compliance.



For any property owner who fails to have the 911 numbers installed, the city shall forward to the property owner a notice that the city will purchase and install said numbers and the actual cost of installation as determined by the city will be billed with the property owner's utility bill.

Please comply with this ordinance for your safety and to expedite first responders and medical personnel finding your location when time is of the essence.

Any person desiring a variance from the foregoing requirements for any reason shall apply to the mayor or city coordinator, who shall have the discretion to grant or refuse such variance.

The latest Housing & Development Departmental Data Report will follow this newsletter.

## Public Works

From the desk of Jerry Shope, Public Works Superintendent:

The public works department is working hard on the rights-of-way throughout the city by vacuuming leaves, redefining the ditches and canopy trimming. We will continue these tasks along with other small projects throughout March. Please be aware of the crew and equipment as you travel our roads. Our equipment is loud and takes up most of the road.

The Public Works Department is happy to say that we have hired on two new members to our crew, and we look forward to getting larger projects done such as culvert replacement, new water lines, and canopy clearing throughout the year.



If you put out recycle, please be ADVISED that our employees handle these materials with their hands. Please **DO NOT** put broken glass or dirty containers in your bin. We pick up clear glass, brown glass, green glass broken down cardboard, tin cans, aluminum cans and mixed paper. The crew would like to thank the city staff, mayor and council, and residents of Sky Valley for the continued support and patience.

**Police Department** From the desk of Chief Vaughn Estes:

The City has been enjoying some nice weather and road conditions as of late. Thank you to the Public Works Department for all your efforts.

We have had some major vehicle crashes as of late on Ga Hwy 246. We would like to thank our partners at Scaly Mtn and Rabun County EMS for their help in these trying times.

The new Evergreen Road opening has led to some questions. The most common question is that of if the city patrols the area. The short answer is yes. We patrol to the city limits at the end of the road. The road it connects to is Crusher Run. That road is in the county. We have received several reports of that road having dangerous and fast drivers on it. If you experience this call 911 and the county will be notified.

The Sky Valley Town Watch is planning a meeting in the next week or so keep an eye out for the signs posted around.

For those people constantly asking about Officer David Edwards, we expect him to return duty by September.

We would like to congratulate **Officer Dorothy Clark** for receiving the Rabun County/Clayton Tribune **First Responder of the Year Award**.

Twitter: @SkyValleyPolice

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Non-Emergency (706) 782-7777

Emergency 9-1-1



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**As always, please feel free to give us a call at  
City Hall if you have any concerns, questions, or  
to have your water turned on or off, 706-746-2204.**



<b>Housing &amp; Development Departmental Data Report</b>	<b>For month ending January 31, 2023</b>		
	January 2023	YTD	2022 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	0	0
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	9	9	12
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	0	0
Total New Construction not yet finalized	11		0
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	20		0
Notices to Comply issued	0	0	0
Stop Work Orders issued	0	0	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	4	4	6
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	0	0
<b>Fees Collected</b>			
	Jan. 2023	YTD	2022 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$4,497.50	\$4,497.50	\$2,968.00
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$750.00
Tree Cutting Permits	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



**Police Department**

**Monthly Count Sheet For January 2023**

**YTD**

Fire	0	0
Med Call	2	2
Accident	3	3
Family Viol.	0	0
Fight/Assault	0	0
Death/Suicide	0	0
Missing Person	0	0
Burglary/Break in	0	0
Theft	0	0
Susp. Activity	0	0
Susp. Person	3	3
Susp. Vehicle	0	0
Alarm	0	0
Investigation	0	0
DUI/PUI	0	0
Drug Related	0	0
Juvenile	0	0
Traffic Control	1	1
Traffic Stop	62	62
Warning	28	28
Citation	34	34
Mutual Aid	2	2
Animal	1	1
Lost and Found	0	0
Complaint	0	0
City Ord.	0	0
Public Assist	4	4
Resident Check	1035	1035
Business Check	947	947
Welfare Check	2	2
Visitor Escort	0	0
Arrest	1	1
911 Calls	14	14
Mileage	4398	4398