



STATE OF THE CITY of SKY VALLEY 2020

Thank you to the Sky Valley Property Owners Association

- for this **opportunity to speak**
- For **all that you do for Sky Valley** including your community breakfasts, helping Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund, donations to local charities, Welcome Back and Farewell Events, great Membership Directory
- For the SVPOA's generous **donation** towards the landscaping efforts of our city!
- For your involvement and contribution to the **new Sky Valley Marketing Plan**
- For **your Web Site** which can help people find the MLS listings of Sky Valley properties, condos, and houses for sale.





One more thank you!

**THANK YOU TO
TOM SMITH
SVPOA BOARD MEMBER**

**FOR A FUTURE
SKY VALLEY
MINI LENDING
LIBRARY!**

Your City Government, City Employees & our Citizens

a report on how we
are working together
to make Sky Valley the
best mountain city!

OUR ROADWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE


- EVALUATING ROADWAYS AND
COMPLETING ROAD
REPAIRS/PAVING/STRIPING
PROJECTS
- EVALUATING AND REPLACING
CITY CULVERTS



CONTINUED VIGILANCE AND MITIGATION

- **CLEANING OF OUT OUR DITCHES**
- **EVALUATING AND RESTRUCTURING OF OUR DITCHES AND WATER DRAINAGE ROUTES**
- **TRIMMING SIDES OF ROADWAYS AND MOWING**
- **TREE REMOVALS**
- **CONTINUAL MONITORING OF OUT GREAT WATER SYSTEM INCLUDING WATER PRESSURE AND LEVELS. TESTING WATER QUALITY AND REPAIRING LEAKS**
- **MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, REPLACING CITY EQUIPMENT**





MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING
OUR CITY OFFERINGS
MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING
OUR CITY PARK

Beautifying our city and enhancing our natural resources....



City and Special Projects Committee – Stain and landscape fence at Scenic Overlook , also railing at Water Fall.....



Sky Valley Garden Club working to beautify our City by landscaping areas around our valley.



ENHANCED COMMUNICATION

- **NEW WEBSITE**

Including web pages to connect people to SVPOA, SVGC, SV Country Club, Sky Valley Churches, Sky Valley Marketing Efforts

- **CITY FACEBOOK PAGE, TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT**

- **CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

Professionally Updated. Organized, Legally Reviewed, and Available for review on Website

- **COUNCIL MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS RECORDED ON ZOOM**

Link to videos and minutes on website

- **WORKING WITH RABUN COUNTY** – Council and Mayor working with Forward Rabun and the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce to promote Sky Valley (Grants, Tourism, Encourage Home and Property Sales). Sharing ideas and information.

REAL ESTATE statistics for Sky Valley Per Georgia MLS)

	<u>Average Sales Price</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>%Change</u>
January	282,480	159,300	+77.3%
February	190,500	231,000	-17.5%
March	329,000	205,000	+60.5%
April	298,750	296,667	+0.7%
May	120,000	183,500	-34.6%
June	177,500	545,000	-67.4%

<u>Active Listings by Month</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Change</u>
January	24	27	11.1%
February	26	27	3.7%
March	26	25	4.0%
April	22	26	15.4%
May	22	31	29.0%
June	24	35	31.4%

- Inventory of houses for sale in 2020 is down
- Marketing Activity and available houses are driving property prices to increase
- Condos don't stay on the market long – great demand for “modern and well – appointed condos”
- People report they want a “turn key” house and are not interested in ones needing updating/repairing
- People in the market for homes are seeking good internet services, a well-kept safe city, available activities, and increasing property values.

- **CONTINUED MEETINGS BOTH ON-LINE AND (WHEN WE ARE ABLE) FACE-TO-FACE**

- **SKY VALLEY TIMES** — including City Department Reports, Ordinance Review, Police Activity Report, Building Inspections Reports, Happenings, Council and Mayoral Remarks

(PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL TO RECEIVE THIS PUBLICATION)

Housing & Development Departmental Data Report	For month ending May 31, 2020		
	May 2020	YTD	2019 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	1	0
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	15	45	40
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	1	0
Total New Construction not yet finalized	2		0
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	14		0
Notices to Comply issued	0	3	0
Stop Work Orders issued	0	2	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	10	18	30
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	0	0
Fees Collected			
	May 2020	YTD	2019 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$1,200.00	\$9,426.00	\$2,502.00
Tree Cutting Permits	\$300.00	\$605.00	\$1,515.00
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Sky Valley Police Department



Monthly Count Sheet For May 2020

Fire	0
Med Call	3
Accident	0
Family Viol.	0
Fight/Assault	0
Death/Suicide	0
Missing Person	0
Burglary/Break in	0
Theft	0
Susp. Activity	0
Susp. Person	0
Susp. Vehicle	0
Alarm	0
Investigation	4
DUI/PUJ	0
Drug Related	0
Juvenile	1
Traffic Control	0
Traffic Stop	7
Warning	4
Citation	3
Lost and Found	0
Complaint	0
City Ord.	0
Public Assist	6
Resident Check	444
Business Check	295
Welfare Check	4
Visitor Escort	1
Arrest	0
911 Calls	34
Mileage	349
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WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Police Department

Police vehicles

Newly hired experienced full-time policeman (Charles Webb)
Police Chief working on Sky Valley becoming a Certified Police
Department

Neighborhood Watch Programs to inform the community of safety issues
and solutions and ask for citizen help.

Fire Protection

Fires and Emergencies response by a well-respected and run volunteer
Fire Department.



MONITORING OUR FISCAL RESOURCES

City currently in the participating in our 2019 audit and the Council will begin the budgeting process for 2021

Council receives monthly financial reports from the City Manager which are included in their Council Meeting Packets

Council and Mayor meet with the City Manager for periodic budgetary reviews

AS of June 30, 2020 in reference to our General Fund 43% has been expended – which is in line with where we should be since we are halfway thru 2020. It is the Council's intention to have a surplus at the end of this fiscal year.

Ancient Indian adage

“Leaders need to have distance in their eyes”.

Your City Council and I are committed to the city's business with a vision of the future of our city in mind.

**How we are.....
researching
options for
improving our city
&
planning for the
future of Sky
Valley (keeping
distance in our
eyes....)**

**BY USING SKY VALLEY COMMITTEES
AND A CITIZEN SURVEY FOR DATA
COLLECTION**

- **LANDSCAPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **MAYORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**
- **PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY CODE ADVISOR**
- **CITY MARKETING COMMITTEE**

**THANKS GOES TO ALL THE WONDERFUL
CITIZENS WHO HAVE AGREED TO SERVE
AND OFFER THEIR TIME, KNOWLEDGE,
EXPERIENCES TO THESE COMMITTEES!**

**PLEASE TUNE INTO THESE MEETINGS AND
VOLUNTEER YOUR INPUT AND TIME**



GEORGIA COVID-19 STATISTICS

CONFIRMED CASES – 81,291

DEATHS – 2,805

RABUN COUNTY –

TOTAL POPULATION 17,000

CONFIRMED CASES – 42

DEATHS - 3

HOSPITALIZATIONS - 14

PLEASE STAY SAFE SKY VALLEYIANS!



**We continue to encourage everyone's input and participation
into the future and success of Sky Valley as we
*ALL KEEP THE DISTANCE IN OUR EYES!***