BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS E-NEWSLETTER





# BALDWIN COUNTY GRADUATES FROM GICH PROGRAM



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## Baldwin County Graduates from Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program

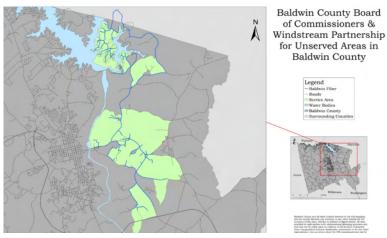


Baldwin County graduated from the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing on Wednesday, October 16th in Athens, GA. The program is administered by Georgia Power, the Department of Community Affairs and the University of Georgia.

Baldwin County completed a rigorous three year program that helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-based housing and revitalization strategies. The positive results can be seen throughout Baldwin County. To date, six homes have been rehabilitated, Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County started building four houses, and nine more homes are scheduled to be rehabilitated through grants that are a direct result of the county's participation in the GICH program.

*Pictured L-R Front: Rhonda Gilbert, Amy Raburn, Emily C. Davis, Kendrick Butts, Tonya Mole, Lisa Marks and Johnnie Wilson. L-R Back: Jermaine Durham, Carlos Tobar, Henry Craig, Alex Smith, Adrick Ingram, Scott Little* 

## Baldwin County and Windstream Complete Broadband Project



Windstream has completed laying all of the fiber optic cable and runs to homes. If you live in the green target area and have not connected to this new high speed internet service, you will be contacted soon by Windstream inviting you to sign up for the service.

## Flock Cameras Now Installed in Baldwin County



Flock cameras, also known as license-plate recognition systems, have now been installed throughout the county. The county received a \$230,300 grant from Georgia Governor Brian Kemp for the project and it is now complete. Major Joseph B. King, who managed the project for the Sheriff's Office said, "Our office is very pleased to complete this phase of this grant funded project. It is our hope that addition of the new Flock cameras continues to make our community a safer place. The partnership with the

County Commissioners, our office and Flock Safety continues to grow and benefit our entire community." Commission Chair Westmoreland said, "These cameras have already proven to make our county and community a much safer place. With all the Flock cameras in place and with the upcoming construction of the Real Time Crime Center, I expect the county to become one of the safest communities in America. The County Commissioners are proud to be a member of this partnership."

Commissioner Craig state, "Providing the resources necessary to ensure the safety, confidence and security of citizens across the county is an absolute priority for our county government! Investing in technology solves crimes quickly, and it sends a message to those that are determined to break the law to stay away from Baldwin County or suffer the consequences. The cameras also increase the safety of our law enforcement officers as they investigate those who choose to participate in criminal activities!"

Commissioner Butts said, "I am pleased that the grant-funded project is complete. I feel the cameras are making the community safer and making our citizens safer. It is solving crimes, deterring crime and resolving non-crime related family crises. I am looking forward to linking all these cameras at the Real Time Crime Center."

## **Oconee Heights Park Grading Completed**

Grading work for the Oconee Heights Park at 123 Coombs is completed.

The county, in partnership with GCSU, applied for a T-Mobile community grant for playground equipment.



## Board of Commissioners Present Proclamation to Mr. Tom Glover



On October 1st, the Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation to Mr. Tom Glover, who spearheaded the construction of the new biking and hiking trail at Walter B. Williams Park.

The commissioners and the community thank Mr. Glover for his efforts to add recreational opportunities for residents of Baldwin County and county visitors alike.

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### **Baldwin County Supports Hurricane Relief Efforts**



Baldwin County citizens worked together this past month to help communities affected by Hurricane Helene. Baldwin County Fire Rescue spearheaded an incredible effort to gather water, food items, cleaning supplies, baby formula, baby food, diapers, and personal hygiene items to communities in need.

Ethan Carswell is a flight paramedic serving Baldwin County with Air Evac Lifeteam and is a private pilot as well. He volunteered to assist EMA Director Wayne Johnson in delivering Starlink access equipment to Emanuel, Trutlen, and Candler counties. This operation was conducted from Baldwin County Regional Airport which played a critical role in the recovery efforts.



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## GMC Cadets Volunteer at Scrap Tire Amnesty Day



Georgia Military College Cadets voluteered at Baldwin County's Scrap Tire Amnesty Day on October 5th. The event, held at the Baldwin County Road Department, was a major success! The county plans to host another event in Fall 2025.

# Baldwin County Receives \$1.25M Check from Department of Community Affairs



The Department of Community Affairs presented Baldwin County staff and grant writers the \$1.25 million check from the Community Development Block Grant. Funds will be used for sewer improvements and housing rehabilitation on Vinson Hwy, Thompson St, and Marion St.

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## Baldwin County 4-H November Fun Day at the Zoo

Baldwin County 4-H will host an outing to the Atlanta Zoo on November 25th. Cost for this event is \$20 and the deadline to register is November 6th. Call the Baldwin County Extension Office at (478) 445-4394 to sign up.



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## Keep Your Home Safe from Environmental Hazards

Exposure to chemicals, and air and water pollution may come to mind when you think of environmental hazards. Chemicals are ingested or inhaled by our children, and ourselves when we eat, breathe, and drink. Nevertheless, there are ways to reduce exposure to harmful chemicals found in and around your home.

For instance, pesticides are frequently used on fruits and vegetables. The easiest way to prevent being exposed to pesticides is to wash produce before eating it. If you use pesticides in your yard, you need to take care not to bring it inside on hands and feet. It's advisable to remove outdoor shoes and leave them by the door. Also, everyone should wash their hands when they come indoors.

Another common concern regarding home safety is lead paint. If your house was built prior to 1978, there's a chance that it contains lead paint. Regularly cleaning windowsills and vacuuming the floors can help to reduce exposure.

We can never be too cautious when it comes to creating a safe and healthy indoor environment. There are eight helpful tips to creating a healthy home. Keep your home:

> DRY. Repair leaks. CLEAN. Leave shoes at the door. VENTILATED. Use exhaust fans. PEST-FREE. Seal cracks to keep bugs out. SAFE. Remove tripping hazards. CONTAMINANT-FREE. Test your home for radon. MAINTAINED. Clean the gutters. GREEN. Conserve water and energy

For checklists and publications about mold, home maintenance and home safety, please visit <u>this link</u>.