

# NEWSLETTER



# **Community Center Construction Update**

Grading and groundwork are set to begin the first week in November, after receiving state permits. The building is scheduled to be delivered the first week of December. We are still on track for Summer 2026 completion.



# Police Station Construction Update

Plans are being finalized and permit applications have been submitted for review. We are on track for Summer 2026 completion.







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#### **New Fire Engine Placed in Service**

Walhalla Fire now has a new engine in service. On October 1st, firefighters and community members came out for the traditional push-in ceremony welcoming the newest fleet member. This engine will provide a safer build for firefighters, getting them out of the roadway with a better view of fire scene management from the pump panel.

#### **Hospitality Tax Payments Now Online**

The City is now accepting online payments for monthly HTAX payments. Hospitality tax is a 2% tax imposed on all prepared food and beverage inside the city limits of Walhalla. Payments are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Online payments provide easier method for local merchants and food truck vendors.

## Investing over \$14 million in the Walhalla Water and Sewer System in 5 years

The City of Walhalla continues work on projects started in late 2021 to invest over \$14 million in its water and sewer system. All current projects are scheduled to be completed by July 2026. Funding has come from SC Rural Infrastructure Authority, Oconee County and the City of Walhalla.

#### Water Line Upgrades and Replacement will benefit the following areas:

N Highway 11, Country Junction towards Walhalla High;

Portions of W North Broad St, W Main St, W South Broad St and select side streets; Hwy 28/Highlands Hwy; new booster pump at Rocky Knoll; Westminster Hwy near Oak Grove; and Poplar Springs

#### Sewer Line Rehabilitation will benefit the following areas:

Cane Creek Basin Sewer Line on the west end of the city toward N Catherine St and southern areas of the City

We understand construction and possible disruptions can be an inconvenience, but these improvements are essential. Every step of these projects will benefit the entire system for years to come.

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#### **Dumping is Illegal**

We have seen a rise in dumping within city limits. Bringing trash, construction material, appliances, furniture, tires, mattresses or other materials into the city to dump is considered illegal dumping or littering and it carries a fine and the possibility of jail time.

Reminder: Please have roll carts out the night before your scheduled pick-up day.



#### **Stumphouse Mountain Park Amenities**

Stumphouse Mountain Park (SMP) has a new entrance sign and its trails are being mapped. Both of these projects were made possible with funding through an Oconee County ATAX grant along with a SMP match. A new pay gate system is currently being installed and is funded through a previous SC State appropriation.



#### Sewer Knowledge: FOG (Fat, Oil, Grease)

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can cause clogs in the sewer system, leading to back-ups and overflows. The best way to prevent FOG problems is by keeping fats, oils and grease from going down the drain. Commercial businesses install grease traps to catch FOGs. Households can drain excess grease or cooking oil into a can, let it cool and throw it away or use a paper town to wipe leftover grease from pans before washing them. Disposing of FOG this way helps prevent clogged pipes and damaged lines.

#### **Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

City offices will be closed on the following holidays:

November 11 - Veteran's Day November 27 - 28 - Thanksgiving December 24-26 - Christmas January 1 - New Year's Day January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Emergency Services (Police and Fire) remain on duty 24/7. Water crews are on-call during holidays and off-hours.



#### E-Bills

Did you know it costs the City about \$1 for every monthly bil we mail to customers? You car receive your bill by e-mail for free



Enroll for E-Bills on your online account.

### By the Numbers...

July - September 2025

CALLS
RESPONDED
TO BY POLICE

2,011
EXTRA PATROLS/
BUSINESS CHECKS

CALLS RESPONDED TO BY FIRE

1,274
TONS OF WASTE COLLECTED

368K+

\$3.1M GRANT AWARD

**5,237**PHONE CALLS

465
FALL YOUTH ATHLETES

27,646
VISITS TO THE CITY WEBSITE



### **City Events Recap**

Independence Fest - July 3
Hispanic Heritage Festival, Festival of
the Americas - September 13
Merchant's Market - October 4
Farmer's Market - May - September
Walhalloween - October 25
Boo in the Bay - October 31

### **Upcoming Events**

Christmas Window Decorating Contest December 1-5
Christmas Tree Lighting- December 5
Christmas Parade - December 6
Frosty's Night Ride - December 13
Cookies with Santa - December 14

#### **Other Happenings Recap**

Gravel Roll - August 23 Oktoberfest - October 17-19 Walhalla High Homecoming Parade -October 16

### **Upcoming Events**

Veteran's Day Parade - November 11 GoNuts Bike Race - November 16 Community Christmas Music Program -December 7

Check out Walhalla Performing Center for upcoming shows.