

Ideas for the City:

I. Curb appeal for our Downtown:

- All the business owners love the trees. They feel welcoming and obviously provide shade. However, we love the redbud in front of the shade, yet we have complaints people cannot find us several times during “leaf season”. Please do not cut the trees down—just trim the trees.
- When cutting the trees down—if that is necessary, maybe remove the stump as well.
- Main Street asked for help from the University of Georgia and they gave us a plan. There were several changes that sounded and looked great, and we were told all the changes and work would begin after the new school was finished.
- We need better curb appeal, currently have 5 kinds of sidewalks, the shrubs are not trimmed, several tree stumps need to be removed.
- Athens is compared many times a week to Sweetwater. Restaurants and beautification. Personally, I believe because the Sweetwater City Hall is located Downtown, the City Officials like it to look “pretty”.
Even though we get assistance from the City, it is different when you don’t see it every day.

Photos attached

The orange cone is where a tree was removed.

Maybe a new tree can be installed if the stump is removed.



Do you know the names of these businesses? We love the trees!

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Maybe we can think about an ordinance for storefront windows instead of wood or cardboard. *And timely projects-have time frames.*
And we know we need to find a solution to the "writing on the walls".

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2. Information on City Projects.

Every day there is a “Morning fax”. What if every other week they “give” or the City has a space with an update on different projects.

I understand that until all the deals are signed and all agreements are made, nothing is to be discussed.

Sure there is Facebook, but not everyone gets the information from the same post.

Name the article: Corner the City News- always have it on a set day and the top corner...again just information about a project that most of us see daily.

Example:

Updates on the schools. I have heard Ingleside School is being purchased by TWU, the school will be torn down, and new athletic fields will be built.

What will happen to the bricks? Can people buy them and the proceeds go back to a special sign that is built for the History for Ingleside? That school received recognition from the State in so many ways. So many wonderful principals, teachers and students have walked those halls and it will be missed.

3. We have all been asked about benches. There are pros and cons with this ideas. Maybe I can call the County Mayor with this idea. Have benches brought out during special events: elections, Pumpkintown, MooFest, OFDC. But especially during elections. The benches would have to be brought out in the AM and taken in PM. Yes, 6 benches would be a lot, but helpful for those who may need them.
4. Someday a group needs to look at the voting –or lack of voters of the North City area. Everyone should vote, everyone’s vote is important. A city wide promotion to vote—no party affiliation—just get out to VOTE!

The Advisory Committee is always willing to give you an opinion!

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