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Ball Ground Helping With Safety Alerts

City asks for your assistance with correct contact details

Sometimes the information needed to keep a family, home or business secure is easy to find online or on a television broadcast.

But too often, local details are harder to access. What if a traffic situation closed a neighborhood entrance near you? Or what if Ball Ground homeowners were advised to boil their water for a certain period of time?

To help keep everyone better informed, the city of Ball Ground is establishing a comprehensive contact system to notify residents of local emergencies or other instances where safety is a heightened concern.

Messages from the city would be issued using the NIXLE contact system. NIXLE is a nationally recognized public safety and governmental communications tool that privately distributes messages to those who supply their contact details.

But that contact information can only come from one reliable source – you.

Please take a moment to fill out the form below and return it to City Hall in person or by mail. You can also email these details to kjordan@cityofballground.com with the subject line, "NIXLE."

Name _____

Street Address _____

Landline Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Mail to:
City of Ball Ground
P. O. Box 285
Ball Ground, Georgia 30107

Our promise to you –

The system will only be used for situations related to public safety and welfare. It is not available for general news updates, and your details will not be sold, shared or otherwise provided to other entities. Learn more about NIXLE at www.nixle.com.



A Message from Mayor Roberts

Small City Accomplishing Great Things

Ball Ground may be a “small city,” but our big commitment to strong service, high quality and hard work are unequalled anywhere.

We recently received our fourth Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, and we are in the running to win it again next year. There are 601 cities in Georgia, but only 69 received this special distinction with Ball Ground being the smallest city recognized.

We will soon celebrate the opening of the new Ball Ground Elementary School – the largest project in the city’s 129-year history. This state-of-the-art school will serve as a catalyst for growth and recovering following this national recession. Please join me in thanking Superintendent Dr. Frank Petruzielo and our local school board for their commitment to Ball Ground with this \$20 million investment in our children and our community.

As you can also see, we ask you to share your contact information with us for the NIXLE public alert system. We want to keep you informed via email or text when there is breaking news related to public safety or city operations. Your personal information will be secure, and we will not give it to anyone. We hope you will find it a valuable service.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I appreciate your confidence in me and in Ball Ground.



Water Service Upgrades and Paving Planned

Residents of Cherokee Village are set to receive some much-needed improvements in their subdivision.

The city is seeking grant funds to complete a substantial water system upgrade. Plans call for replacing the blue, plastic-base service lines with all metal pipes and fittings.

The aging water infrastructure in Cherokee Village accounts for approximately 25 percent of the leaks occurring in the Ball Ground water system. The pipeline conversion, which should begin in August, will provide more reliable service with fewer disruptions.

Additionally, roadway repairs will occur as the city provides nearly a mile of paving along Cherokee Village Drive.



Grant Dollars Funding Improved Walking Areas

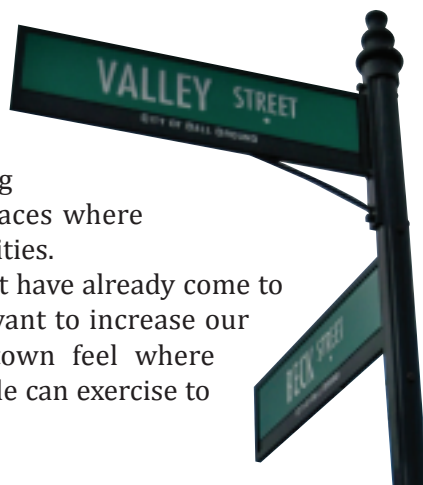
The city of Ball Ground is securing grant funds to add sidewalks and improve access along Valley Street.

A federally supplied transportation grant will provide \$560,000 to offset the city's costs in adding sidewalks from Depot Street to Howell Bridge. New lighting, benches, landscaping and other features will be added along with the walking space.

Additionally, Ball Ground Elementary students and their families will benefit from a Safe Routes to School grant. These funds will help construct sidewalks connecting the school's bus entrance to the Lantern Walk subdivision.

City Manager Eric Wilmarth said all of these improvements are aimed at connecting the downtown business corridor to the places where residents live, learn and enjoy outdoor activities.

"We're extending the enhancements that have already come to the downtown area," Wilmarth said. "We want to increase our pedestrian access, but keep that small-town feel where children can walk to school safely and people can exercise to stay healthy."



The Ball Ground Heritage Days - May 19 - 20, 2012

Get active and be part of Heritage Days by contacting one of the following:

Vendors – Wendy Corlett
404-771-6407
acclaimpro@comcast.net

Parade/Sponsors – Karen Jordan
770-893-8152
kjordan@cityofballground.com

Volunteers/Sponsors – Connie Johns
678-315-4411
citrusolutionnorthcherokee@yahoo.com

Entertainment – John Byrd
770-827-3345
johnbyrd@byrdbydesign.com

Visit: BallGroundHeritageDays.com

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Ball Ground City Council – Serving You, Serving Your City

The City Council meets on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Ball Ground City Hall Council Chamber – 215 Valley Street.



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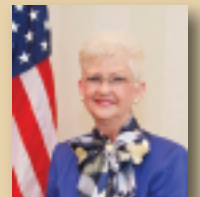
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The city of Ball Ground has a number of online resources ready to serve your needs. Please take a moment to visit CityofBallGround.com and join our Facebook page from there. We welcome any comments, questions or concerns you have about your hometown.

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