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Quick Notes

A Gentle Reminder

Please remember to roll your curbside "Herbie Curbie" back off of the city right-of-way as soon as possible following garbage service. Your neighbors will appreciate it; drivers will have less roadside hazards, and visitors will not be treated to a view of the trash.

Street Light Out? Call The City!

Next time you see a street light not working, call us at (706) 342-1251 x202 and leave a message noting the location of the pole. Georgia Power sends us a bill-rain or shine-based on the number of poles. If we are unaware a light is out, we pay anyway. Help us make sure you get your money's worth and Madison stays well lit.

City Holiday: Labor Day

Madison City Hall will be closed to observe Labor Day on Monday, September 4. Our doors will be open bright and early at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.

Garbage On The Holiday

The Sanitation Department will pick up household garbage the week of September 5-9. Monday and Tuesday folks will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday instead. The "Junk Truck" will run on Wednesday as usual.

Recycling On The Holiday

The City's recycling vendor will provide regular service on Monday following the normal route.

Time To Plan

Fast approaching, Madison will graduate and attain alumni status with the **Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) program**. Our housing team then continues on locally as the Housing Opportunity Commission (HOC), A GICH Community. For the near future, HOC's strategic plan retains a primary target and two secondary neighborhoods as well as several citywide housing initiatives.

For instance, the Canaan Historic Neighborhood remains the primary target area while we address the first quarter of dilapidated housing (\$800,000 in code improvements underway now). Three URP Town Halls per annum insure continuation of our active neighborhood engagement programs with the help of our block captains and partners-periodic cleanups, seasonal neighbor assistance day, legal aid clinics, etc.

Our team also highlights housing issues citywide with great tools such as: **Online Tenant Complaint Form** (What are the steps to properly ask for and report necessary code improvements?); **Keys to a Happy Home Booklet** (A Home Maintenance Guide for New and Smarter Homeowners); **Age in Place Questionnaire** (Critique your home. Can you stay as you get older or easily hire

in-home care?); **Legacy Planning Checklist** (Cell phones don't work in heaven. As a favor to your heirs, assure that your home and property are transferred smoothly.) All of these and more will soon be posted on the City's website.

Utility Bill Payments

The City of Madison offers many ways to pay utility bills. Here are a few convenient payment options:

Automatic Draft Auto Pay is a free bill payment program where you can authorize your bill amount to be automatically debited from your checking or savings account. With Auto Pay, we will continue to read your meter and calculate your bill each month. Your bill will be automatically debited from your account by the 17th of each month.

Online Bill Pay Through the City of Madison's website (www.madisonga.com), citizens of Madison have 24-hour access to city services. There are two methods to pay your utility bill online. Pay your utility bill without logging in, provided you have a current city invoice number. Or, you must log in if you wish to view personal account information or do not know your invoice number. For the log in feature, you must have an internet PIN number. Please contact City Hall for this information.

CASI '17 GA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN COOK-OFF!

◆ DOWNTOWN ◆

CHILI COOK-OFF

SAT. OCT. 7 '17

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Cook Chili!

COMPETE For Cash Prizes, Trophies & CASI Points
Download Entry Forms & FAQ's at <http://bit.ly/MADchilientry>

TASTE CHILI! Tasting
Starts At 12:30 Wristbands On Sale At Noon
(WRISTBANDS GO FAST!)
\$5 Wristband: Cast Your Vote For People's Choice

SHOP! Handmade Arts & Crafts;

EAT! Delicious Food; **DRINK!** Cold Beer;

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LISTEN! Live Music All Day Long