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# Elberton

## Focus

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### ELBERTONNET EXPANDS IN 2010

ElbertonNET completed an expansion of its Broadband system in the northeast area of Elbert County. Residents in this area now have access to ElbertonNET's Broadband Cable TV, High-Speed Internet and Digital Phone Service. The northeast expansion includes the Rock Branch, Montevideo and Harmony communities, and most of the Anderson Hwy. ElbertonNET has installed service to over 130 residents in this area, and new installations are continuing on a daily basis. **Look for us soon on the Athens Hwy, Grady Cleveland, Jones Ferry, Sweet City and Victory Roads.**

### Granite City Trail looking good!

You may have noticed Elberton Public Works working diligently to clear the old lakebed on Lake Forest Drive. This project is fully funded by Special Purchase Sales Taxes (SPLOST). When completed the Granite City walking trail will



be nearly 1/2 mile longer, and will include a new footbridge over the creek next to Lake Forest Drive. In the future, the City hopes to install picnic tables, more parking, playground equipment, and more beautiful plants and shrubs for all to enjoy. Come out and enjoy all the park has to offer!



You are invited to:

### ElbertonNET Customer Appreciation Day

Sat. Sept. 11, 2010  
9 AM—3 PM  
Downtown Square

During the Granite City Cook-Off, drop by and enjoy **FREE** BBQ chicken wings & lemonade.

Register to win a 32" HDTV or a \$100 gift card to [ESPNSHOP.com](http://ESPNSHOP.com).



The Elberton Police Department received a C.O.P.S. Hiring Grant to fund a Special Operations Officer for 4 years. The Special Ops Officer will focus on drug cases, traffic control issues, and coordinate special projects for the department.

The Police Department also received grant funding for a fully-equipped patrol car in June.

The City of Elberton and Elbert County received a grant to purchase communications and radio equipment for public safety that will meet new FCC narrow-band requirements set for 2013.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As always we are very busy with many projects. The walking and bike trail extension is being finalized and should be completed within the next few weeks. The Family Fest in the Park was a success, and many of you left suggestions as to what you would like to see in the park.

The Downtown Concerts have been a huge success and brings in people from all around. If you haven't been to any then you have really missed out on some great music and good times.

The Elbert Theatre continues to be tremendously successful. The quality of our local talent is outstanding. The impact that the facility has on our community is no doubt very important. Thanks to all of the boards, staff and volunteers who make this facility a success. I especially want to thank Encore Productions who has installed more lighting, more sound equipment including hearing impaired assistance equipment, scenery back-drops to the stage, and a stage extension. This work totals over \$26,000 and was completely paid for by the proceeds of Encore's live productions. Thanks to this dedicated group of volunteers and to the many patrons of the Theatre!

We have completed one full cycle of right-of-way clearing throughout the City's electric system. This has really helped with keeping tree limbs from falling on our lines and causing outages. We have measured a noticeable difference that also saves our customers money. This was a 3-year project, so we already started back again on another cutting cycle.

We will hopefully begin the Clairmont Ave. project soon to connect it directly with Mahoney Drive. The Ga. Dept. of Transportation has approved over \$185,000 in funding for the project, but first we must relocate a sewer main.

We are very fortunate to have a great staff that is very conscientious of economic times. Even though many of our fellow cities have had to layoff personnel, we have been very stable due to good management.

## Events, Performances & Community Involvement

### Granite City BBQ Cook Off

Saturday, Sept. 11  
9 AM – 3 PM  
Downtown Elberton

### Downtown Elberton's Farmers Market

Wednesdays & Saturdays



### Main Street Elberton

706-213-3204  
Elbert Theatre  
706-283-1049



### Rick Wade as Elvis Presley & Conway Twitty!

AND "Almost McGraw" Todd Sullivan is the opening act!  
Sat., **Sept. 18, 2010** ~ 7:00 PM  
at the Elbert Theatre  
General \$15.00 ~ VIP \$20.00



### The Beverly HILLBILLIES

at the Elbert Theatre  
Fri. Oct. 15, 7:30 PM  
Sat. Oct. 16, 7:30 PM  
Sun. Oct 17, 2 PM  
Fri. Oct 22, 7:30 PM  
Sat. Oct 23, 7:30 PM  
Sun. Oct 24, 2 PM

### The September Concert

Celebrating peace and humanity through music.

Friday, Sept. 10  
12:30—1:00 PM  
Downtown Elberton

Pickup your lunch and enjoy the music!



Pictured L-R are State Representative **Tom McCall**, Mayor **Larry Guest**, Governor **Sonny Purdue**, City Manager **Lanier Dunn**, Development Authority Executive Director **Anna Grant Jones**, and ElbertonNET Director of Operations **John McCullough**.

**LITTER.**  
It costs you.



Litter is a problem faced by all Georgia communities, large and small, rural and urban. Litter costs us in many ways.

- **It costs you money.** The Georgia Department of Transportation alone spends more than \$14 million a year just on state roads.
- **It costs you health.** Litter attracts insects, rodents and other pests that can bring diseases to our community and make people sick.
- **It costs you beauty.** Litter destroys our community's natural beauty and deprives us of clean places to live, work and play.

### City Receives BRIDGE Grant from OneGeorgia for Richard B. Russell State Park.

On June 30, the City received a grant of \$62,009 from the OneGeorgia Authority. The City partnered with the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton, and Bowman to pursue this grant and another grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, a federal agency, which is due in early 2011.

Both grants will enable the City to extend its ElbertonNET system inside RBR State Park, serving the entire park with High-Speed Internet, Cable TV, and other advanced technologies such as video surveillance and video conferencing. The focus of this project is to increase the use of Russell State Park and to increase the influx of tourism dollars into Elberton and Elbert County.

These new services come at a great time when the Park is finishing the Mega Ramp, constructing 3 new cabins, and is planning to expand the campground in 2012.