

First Quarter Honorary Councilors

MS. MARY MINION—FEBRUARY

MR. GARY INGRAM—MARCH

Mary Minion is a long-time resident of Plains. She is active in civic organizations and can be seen serving



wherever there is a need. She is shown receiving a Proclamation from the Mayor.

Gary Ingram provided valuable input as the Honorary Councilor for March. He is employed by the National Park Service as the superintendent of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. He is on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Americus/Sumter County. He also works closely with the Plains Better Hometown group. Mr. Ingram received a Proclamation from the Mayor.

Flag Flown in Afghanistan at Home in Plains



The Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Squadron 108th

Calvary, Councilor Joey Recker, presented Mayor Godwin with a flag flown at the end of the battle in Afghanistan. The certificate reads: "This flag flew in the face of the enemy." Recker was deployed 1 year.

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- The 5th Annual Antique Car Show will be held from 8 am to 5 pm on Main Street and at Plains High School. President Carter will be present in the afternoon. Cars, trucks, and motorcycles will be featured at the event. To register, contact Bob Salter at 727-547-8082.
- Carter Center Supporters Square Dance on Main Street from 6 pm to 8 pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- Council meeting begins at 7 pm. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- The Jimmy Carter National Historic Park hosts "Old Time Farm Day"

from 10:30 am to 3 pm at the Carter Boyhood Farm in Archery. Demonstrations include mule plowing, crosscut sawing, blacksmithing, and peanut boiling.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- Council meeting begins at 7 pm. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- The 3rd Annual Pig Pickin will be held Downtown from 9 am to 5 pm. The event features food and fun for everyone.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- Council meeting begins at 7 pm. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day.

Councilors' Corner

KEEP PLAINS BEAUTIFUL

In an effort to keep our city attractive, please refrain from littering. During this season and the next, we will have many visitors. Let's ensure that they know we are "a community that cares," as coined by Gary Ingram.

LEASH LAW

Animals must be on a leash or be confined in a secured space on the owner's property. Pets are not allowed to run freely without restraints.

Fines Per Occurrence

Littering: \$150/\$300/\$425

No Leash: \$55/\$155/\$360

NO BURNING

Burning items in the City of Plains is not allowed without a permit. Citizens are to get permits and guidelines from the Forestry Department (931-2511).

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED:

- The City of Plains is purchasing the Old Graham Building formerly owned by John Graham. How would you like to see the building used? Submit suggestions at City Hall or email it to coppch@sowega.net.
- Home improvement loans and grants are available. Please pick up a packet at City Hall to apply. Time is of the essence. Please respond immediately.

Contact Information

Plains City Hall: 824-5445

Plains Police Department: 824-5673

Emergency (Police & Fire): 911

HAPPENINGS

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QUOTE

- "The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."

HARRIET ANN
JABOBS

Mayor's Motorcade...Thank You!



Councilor Oates delivered the items to the Americus Fire Department, where it was transported to Columbus.

Thank you for the donations for the annual Mayor's Motorcade effort. Twenty-eight items and a monetary donation of some \$175 was contributed in support

of the effort. The City of Plains made the holiday season a cheerful one for the residents of West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, one of the state's regional mental health and retardation

hospitals. Special mention is extended to President Carter for his generous contribution. The mayor's motorcade is an annual event.

 *It is more blessed to give than to receive.* 

Meet the Chief...Anthony Brooks

Officer Anthony Brooks began his tenure as the Chief of Police for the City of Plains on March 15th. The Chief hails from Lafayette, Georgia with sixteen years of experience in law enforcement. Most recently he served over three years as a Student Resource Office in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Chief Brooks describes Plains as a "beautiful town." He remembers coming to the city as a child. "When I came down [for the interview], it really stole my heart away."

Chief Brooks celebrates ten years of marriage to Andrea. Together they have two children—a boy and a girl.



Chief Brooks

 *Please adhere to posted speed limits.* 