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Intersection changes now in effect

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to make a left turn on Georgia Highway 16 now that the Georgia Department of Transportation has installed a new intersection.

Road will be able to make a left turn on Highway 16. A traffic light will be installed at this intersection within the next two months, GDOT District 3 spokesman Kimberly Larson

said Monday. The traffic and reconfiguration of the intersection will serve as a benefit to the

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Motorists traveling south on Rehoboth Road will no longer be able

DISTRICT 3 U.S. HOUSE RACE



Candidates answer questions

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In the U.S. House of Representatives District 3 race, incumbent Republican Drew Ferguson faces challenger Philip Singleton in the May 22 primary, and two other challengers in Democrat primary — Chuck Enderlin and Rusty Oliver, with the primary winners facing off in November.

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Cancer survivors prepare to start the Survivor Lap Friday at the Relay for Life of Spalding County at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. Christi Whitson, event leader for the Relay for Life of Spalding County, said the goal was to raise \$65,000 to help the American Cancer Society.



Left: The Spalding High School Color Guard participated in the Relay for Life of Spalding County Friday at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. From left are Cadet Wynn, Cadet Bellard, Cadet Freeman and Cadet Wheatley.

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Three public hearings set for tonight's Griffin BOC meeting

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Three public hearings on changes to city codes are scheduled to take place at tonight's Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at One Griffin Center.

One hearing will be held on a request to amend the city's Unified Development Code regulating site design and architectural standards and residential infill regulations. The change will allow for redevelopment and construction on scattered, undeveloped lots that are compatible with the existing neighborhood, according to the meeting's agenda.

"The design standards are intended for all infill construction on scattered sites as to prevent obscure designs that are not suitable for the areas in which they are proposed to be constructed," the agenda states.

Another hearing will be held on the request to delete definitions related to automobile repair and related business and

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Flint River Council recognizes 2017-18 Class of Eagle Scouts

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The 147 Eagle Scouts in the 2017-18 class for the Flint River Council were honored at the May 3 recognition banquet held at the Kiwanis Center.

The 2017-18 Class of Eagle Scouts is named for George Alexander and Ronnie Massey, this year's two Silver Buffalo recipients. Master of Ceremonies Steve Crouch, the banquet chairman, said the Eagle rank "is a life-defining achievement."

"The path is steep from Tenderfoot to Eagle, and includes internal and external development — the internal is about character, the external is skill development, and it takes hard work and perseverance," Crouch said.

He told the Eagle Scouts, "your life will be full of decisions where you will rely on the Scout Oath and Law."

He encouraged them to think about the Oath and Law

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Assistant Provost and Griffin Campus Director Lew Hunnicutt welcomes 2018 graduates and their families.

UGA Griffin hosts Spring Graduation Celebration Brick ceremony held

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The University of Georgia Griffin Campus held its 23rd graduation ceremony on May 3.

Twenty-seven graduates were honored at the Spring Graduation Celebration and Brick Ceremony held at Stuckey Auditorium.

An invocation by graduate

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Deaths

- Thelma June Bethune, Mrs. Jonnie Kelley Wolf, Ralph Landers, Mr. Gary Howard Harrison, Mr. Eddie J. Thomas

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Couple disagrees on etiquette of curating their bathroom art

Dear Abby: I'm a married woman in my 30s. My husband and I own a home, which I have decorated to our taste with the exception of "my" bathroom. My husband and I use separate bathrooms. Mine is the one on the main floor, which is also used by our guests.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

A few months ago, I purchased a large piece of art to hang in my bathroom. Admittedly, it is a bit provocative, but I don't consider it to be over the top. My husband said he didn't care that I hung it, but when his father came to visit recently, he

took it down and hid it. I didn't say anything, but I now feel he is embarrassed by my taste.

I'm hosting a couples baby shower in a few weeks, and one of the guests is very religious. My husband suggests I hang the artwork somewhere else or hide it for the party. I don't feel I should have to redecorate a room in my own home. Am I being unreasonable, or should I find a less provocative piece of art to hang for our more conservative guests? — Fine Art Lover

Dear Fine Art Lover: While your home is your castle, surely you want your friends and family to be comfortable in it while they visit you.

Years ago, I bought an original work of art by Patrick Oliphant titled "Naked Nixon," which I hung over the toilet in my powder room. While entertaining guests I knew were politically conservative, I switched it out for a print of long-stemmed flowers. If you know there's a possibility someone will be offended while using a room that's a "necessity," the polite thing to do would be

to listen to your husband.

Dear Abby: We invited friends over for dinner. Because they have toddlers who like to eat early, we started meal preparations accordingly. One hour before they were to arrive, the wife canceled because her daughter was "cranky." She said she wanted to reschedule for two days later. Since the food was already prepared, we now have leftovers that will last for days.

I don't want to go shopping again because I feel like she already stood us up, and I know she can't host us for now because she lives with her parents. What's proper notice when canceling a dinner

date? How should we as hosts handle her request to come over a different day, especially so close to the event? — Miffed After Dinner

Dear Miffed: Because she lives with her parents, your guest could have left her cranky daughter with "Nana" and "Poppy." Barring illness, the "proper" time to cancel would have been before you bought groceries for the dinner. However, with small children, things do happen, so be forgiving. Because she's a good friend, put the food you prepared in the fridge for two days and serve it when she shows up.

True faith is much more than a comforting feeling

Q: My friend says she doesn't believe in Jesus, but that she feels God's presence when she does something good for people in need. Is she right? I'm not sure what she means by this, but I admire her for her concern for others. — Mrs. J.J.

helping others makes her feel good inside, and she thinks those feelings must be from God. Or perhaps she's had people express their gratitude to her by saying that God must have sent her, and that makes her feel God must be with her.

But our emotions can mislead us; they can even deceive us into thinking God is with us when He actually isn't. True faith isn't just a warm feeling. True faith is focused on God, and on His Son, Jesus Christ. Warm feelings won't save us, nor will they cleanse us of our sins — which is our greatest need. Only Christ can do that — and He will, as we open our hearts and lives to Him and trust Him as our Savior and Lord.



BILLY GRAHAM
MY ANSWER

A: Yes, your friend's concern for others is admirable, and we should be thankful for anyone who seeks to help those in need. Even people who don't believe in God can be used by Him to bring comfort and healing to our hurting world.

Like you, I'm not sure exactly what your friend means when she says she feels God's presence when she helps someone; you might ask her. Perhaps

GRADUATION

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Jonathan Fry was followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Spalding High School Color Guard.

Former City Commissioner Dick Morrow led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Provost and Campus Director Lew Hunnicutt welcomed "all the family and friends of the graduates as well as distinguished guests."

He also recognized the faculty present from the UGA Griffin Campus.

Turning to the graduates, Hunnicutt said, "You are joining 400 others who have graduated from UGA Griffin."

Hunnicutt introduced the keynote speaker as a "dynamic and engaged team member of UGA Griffin."

The speaker was Kirk Kealey, Director of the Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center.

"Go Dogs and congratulations Class of 2108," said Kealey.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do as a young student," said Kealey. "So I put my interests together — food, science, and international development."

Kealey came to UGA from PEP-SICO Corporation where he was the research and development

director for the global raw material food safety and senior research and development manager for the international new product development.

The main focus of Kealey's current work at UGA is applied research on the conversion of agricultural commodities to value-added food and beverage products for the farmers and entrepreneurs of Georgia.

Kealey encouraged the graduates as they pursue a career to "do the research, be intellectually curious, continue learning, be proactive, and to be a leader."

Assistant Director of Student Affairs Chrystal McDowell introduced the student speaker, Ashley Dobbs.

After Dobbs spoke, McDowell returned to the stage to begin the introduction of graduates.

"Families, I know you are as excited about this portion of the program as our graduates," McDowell said as she asked Dr. Hunnicutt and Dr. Kealey to return to the stage along with College representatives: Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Samuel Pardue, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Dr. Ellen Evans, College of Education; and Dr. Laura Clark, Terry College of Business.

The following 2017 University of Georgia graduates were recognized and received their diplomas:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences: Mark Fraser, Jonathan Fry, and Mary Ashley Patterson (cum laude).
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: William (Jed) Baker, William Barton, Kaitlyn Texidor, Bronwyn Deen, Katherine Wakeley, Yue Cui, and Joycelyn Quansah.
College of Education: Lynnessa Dial, Amber Phillips, Megan Chisholm, Marisa Atencio, Justin Barlow, India Blackburn, Willene Patrice Brown, Ashley Dobbs, Arthur Doctor, Jonathan Duke, David Jenkins, Judith Pannell, Demetrius Smith, and Margaret Tennant.
Terry College of Business: Eli Ingram, Austin Jones, and Blake Tate.

After the Griffin Campus Ensemble sang the UGA Alma Mater, Corey Dortch spoke on behalf of the UGA Alumni Association.

Hunnicutt gave closing remarks before everyone adjourned to the Naomi Chapman Woodroof Agricultural Pavilion for the Brick Ceremony.

The ceremony, a UGA Griffin tradition, places a brick for each graduate with their name and graduation year at the campus pavilion.

The Spring Graduation Celebration was supported in part by Georgia Banking Company, Griffin Home Depot and Faye Todd were also thanked for their support.

HEARINGS

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replace them with definitions for general automotive repair.

"The Planning and Development Department, in an effort to offer clarity and reduce ambiguity, has replaced definitions that are outdated, vague or no longer compatible with the classifications used by the North American Industry Classification System," according to the agenda.

If the change is approved, the city's zoning classifications, occupation tax certificate classifications and definitions will now correspond with one another.

The final public hearing tonight will focus on a request to amend the UDC code regulating site design and architectural standards in reference to fencing regulations "to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city."

The proposed amendment will regulate the height, location, design, construction and maintenance of fences within the city limits, according to the agenda. The design standards are intended to facilitate fence installation and maintenance requirements that offer clarity and establish expectations to all residents.

If adopted, general standards for residential fences call for fences in a front yard cannot exceed 4 feet in height above the ground level on the property. Materials for front yard fences must be ornamental in design and constructed with materials such as brick, masonry, picket or split rail. Materials cannot restrict the view through the fence by more than 50 percent of the total barrier as viewed from the street.

cannot exceed 6 feet in height above the adjoining residential ground level.

No fence is allowed to encroach into the public right-of-way. Corner lots have two front yards and restrictions on front yard fences apply to the yard areas adjacent to both streets.

It will also be the responsibility of the owner of the property where a fence is located to maintain the fence in a good and proper repair so that at all times it presents a neat and orderly appearance to surrounding property owners and to the public, according to the proposed amendment.

Chain link fences or other woven wire fences are prohibited in a front yard in all zoning districts, according to the proposal.

As for general standards for commercial and industrial fences, razor wire is prohibited.

When screening is required, a durable masonry wall or fence and hedge of sufficient opacity to provide a visual blind designed to be compatible with the character of adjoining properties will be provided. Such fences and/or walls shall be at least 6 feet in height but no greater than 8 feet in height. Barbed wire fence material will only be allowed on property zoned PCD or PID, according to the proposal.

CHANGES

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Highway 16 corridor as well as addressing the delay and operational challenges faced by Rehoboth Road users, particularly during school hours and shift changes, Larson explained.

"The advantage this improvement provides is that Highway 16 westbound traffic coming into Griffin can travel continuously, unimpeded by the traffic coming from the south on Rehoboth Road. Rehoboth Road traffic headed north that turns

left onto Highway 16 will merge into westbound traffic via a third westbound lane," Larson said.

The change at the intersection came about since Rehoboth Road carries a significant amount of traffic, much of which turns left at its intersection with Highway 16, with few vehicles making the trip straight across the highway to Rehoboth Road on the north side, Larson explained.

"The amount of left turning volume from the south side of Rehoboth justified a traffic signal, an improvement that could also have some crash benefit at the intersection," Larson said. "Since the

north side of Rehoboth contributed very low volume to the overall intersection, the decision was made to convert this location from a traditional four-leg approach intersection to what is often called a Green-Tee or a Florida-Tee — restricting the north side of Rehoboth Road to right-in/right-out movements and restricting the exits from the south

side of Rehoboth Road to left turns or right turns — no thru travel across Highway 16."

When the traffic signal is installed, the operation at the intersection will continue, Larson said.

"The overall advantage to the intersection and to the Highway 16 corridor is better efficiency and fewer conflict points where crashes could occur," she added.

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