



# CITY OF PLAINS - FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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HOMETOWN & RESTING PLACE OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> U.S. PRESIDENT AND NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT JIMMY CARTER

## MAYOR'S CORNER

I'm happy to share that renovations to the public restrooms at Maxine Reese Park are officially underway, with Pickle Construction beginning demolition. This project is especially important because the park is often the very first place visitors see when they arrive in Plains by train — and first impressions matter. These improvements are made possible through SPLOST funds, a grant from Sumter EMC, and a generous donation from the Carter Family Foundation. Thank you to our partners and our citizens for helping make this important upgrade possible.

- Joey Recker, Mayor

## OFFICIALS SWORN IN

The Mayor and City Councilors elected in November were officially sworn in at a Call Meeting on January 13. This includes Mayor Joey Recker, Councilor Eugene Edge, Sr, Councilor Andrea Danner Oates and Councilor Amy Wise. All began a new four-year term. Overall, current council committee assignments were maintained and are available at [www.plainsgeorgia.gov](http://www.plainsgeorgia.gov) from the "Government" menu.

— Councilor Oates, PR

## PHOEBE SUMTER LISTENING SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of our commitment to community, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center is hosting a Community Listening Session in Plains, GA. The goal is to get feedback from Plains residents regarding what we can do to better meet the health needs of your community. Carlyle Walton, the President and CEO of PSMC, will be present to answer questions and listen to concerns and suggestions for how we can improve. Whether it's about your experience as a patient, concerns about wait times, suggestions for services offered, or questions about billing, we want to hear from you! Your voice is important and we invite you to join us on **Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** at the **Plains Community Center** located at **106 Main Street, Plains**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

— Phoebe Sumter

## "PUBLIC OFFICIALS" ORDINANCE

The first reading of a "Public Officials" ordinance was conducted at the regular January city council meeting. It pertains to providing procedures for voting. The second reading, discussion and vote are scheduled to be conducted at the next regular council meeting on Thursday, February 19, that begins at 7 pm. The ordinance is available onsite at Plains City Hall and on the city website at [www.plainsgeorgia.gov](http://www.plainsgeorgia.gov) after selecting "Public Notices" on the "Government" menu.

— Councilor Oates, PR

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