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MAYOR'S MINUTE

Dear Citizens,

Our next fiscal year is upon us. It does not seem that the first two years have gone by so quickly, but they have indeed. I am excited about the future of our City and what God has in store for us. I have been thinking about all of the different events and situations that the last two years has brought us.

We are gaining momentum quickly. It is so very encouraging to see the new growth happen right before us. I believe that the third fiscal year will bring to a conclusion many of our outstanding projects and catapult us into the next season of growth for Ashford. The Bible states not to grow weary in doing well because you will reap if you do not faint.

Let's press forward, knowing that we will reap a great harvest and Ashford will become all that the founding fathers of this awesome City planned for it to be. Do your part! We all need each other. This is not a one man show; on the contrary, it is a community wide effort. Be a part of the effort to move forward. Progress is of the essence as we build a future for ourselves and the next generation of Ashfordians.

I am excited to be part of this plan for Ashford.

Sincerely,

Jonathan E. Greco

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- * Visit us on Facebook for important announcements *City Of Ashford, Alabama — Mayor's Office*
- * Let us know what is going on in the community by e-mailing us at ashford-mayor@gmail.com
- * Visit our website cityofashford.com (still in progress)
- * *Ashford Unification* is a monthly municipal newsletter printed on the 3rd Monday of the month.

OUR PURPOSE

As we keep the citizens of Ashford informed of upcoming events and pertinent information, we earnestly desire to inspire each one to actively participate in making Ashford a Community in Unity.

PLATFORM:

Mr. Grecu believes that the office of mayor should be approached from the position of a public servant. This position creates an attitude of transparency which in turn creates a spirit of cooperation and unity between the community and the leaders that it has elected to serve them. Mr. Grecu also believes that Ashford will thrive only as “a community in unity”: a community united to see Ashford grow into its full potential. This unity will only increase as the people of Ashford come together with the same goals in mind:

1. bring increased commerce exchange to the city of Ashford through new business and economic development;
2. create affordable housing options for families who have made Ashford their home and who are contemplating Ashford as their future home;
3. help the increasing needs of those who have worked so hard to make Ashford what it is today yet still remember what it used to be;
4. work together with local civic organizations and business owners to enhance the downtown area as well as work to make sure that the infrastructure of the City is equipped to handle the increasing growth;
5. create a safe, fun, and family-friendly environment for our youth by making sure that our recreation facilities are up to date and equipped to secure the future success of the next generation.

- ◆ Go to the city’s website to connect to the Recreation Department’s site so you can easily obtain information about sports your kids can enjoy and opportunities you can get involved into.
- ◆ Our children are enjoying soccer season.

Ashford Recreation



Schools are in session. Students are learning. Educators are investing in our kids. Find ways to support what both students and educators are doing: go to a ball game to cheer the teams, partner with the school to meet the needs, attend PTO to get involved, find teachable moments to promote exemplary life style. Search for opportunities.

Find Opportunities to Invest in Our Youth

“We need to rethink our thinking about discipline. We cannot change other people, but we can empower them to change themselves.”
~Marvin Marshall

Go to our website www.cityofashford.com to find ways you can help and paths you can take to start a career of your choice. Promote education: Educated people make more educated decisions. Surrounding Colleges provide excellent opportunities for any interested person to acquire education of his or her choice.

Ashford Library News

Library Hours

Sunday/ Monday— closed

Tuesday: 2:00-7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 1:00-6:00 P.M.

Thursday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon then 1:00-7:00 P.M

Friday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon then 1:00-6:00 P.M.

Saturday: 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Dothan Houston County Library System

305 Sixth Avenue
Ashford, Alabama 36312
334.899.3121
www.dhcls.org

<http://www.pinterest.com/annajotodd/ashford-library/>

Library Friends are making the facility more inviting than ever. The new displays and autumn decorations are appealing to every eye. Come visit our library and find an event suitable for you and your family. Do not forget to check out a book or two. The online services are provided by the library for your convenience as well.

THE ASHFORD CHAMBER IS YOUR CHAMBER.



The Chamber welcomes

new members:

- * Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant
- * Oriental Express Restauran
- * Wiregrass Community Pharmacy

The AACoC officers 2014

- * President— Denise Fowler
- * Vice-President— Skip Nelson
- * Secretary—Patty O'Keefe
- * Treasurer—Alan Anderson

The Chamber appreciates membership renewals from Mrs. June Layton, PeoplesSouth Bank, Summerford Truck Line and Summerford Pallet Company.

- * Visit with us during the Chamber Booth Preview on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 am till noon at the Train Depot. This event is in preparation for the Porktoberque BBQ Festival at the Farm Center in Dothan. The festival will be held on Friday, Sept 26 from 5 pm to 10 pm and Saturday, September 27 from 10 am to 6 pm. Please contact us (ashfordalchamber@gmail.com) to volunteer your time and support at the booth. We'll be showcasing our business members and promoting Ashford. There are many wonderful prizes donated by these businesses that will be raffled.
- * We're receiving applications for Harvest Day, October 18, and Christmas Parade, Deceember 6. Submit your application today to reserve booth space at Harvest Day or your spot in the Christmas Parade! Contact us at ashfordalchamber@gmail.com to receive an application.
- * Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm in the Train Depot.

