



Ashford Unification

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## MAYOR'S MINUTE

DEAR CITIZENS,

IT CAME TO ME THE OTHER DAY THAT THE GRAND OPENING FOR THE NEW WALMART EXPRESS IN ASHFORD IS ON THE TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INAUGURATION AS YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. THIS IS SO EXCITING TO ME TO SEE THAT ONE OF THE GOALS THAT WE SET IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ACCOMPLISHED. THIS IS MONUMENTAL FOR OUR CITY.

IT IS SO AMAZING TO SEE SUCH GROWTH RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES. I AM SO THANKFUL THAT WE ARE BEING ABLE TO BE A PART OF SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. WE HAVE THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING OUR DREAMS COME TO PASS. THOUGH I AM EXCITED, I DO NOT WANT US TO REST ON OUR LAURELS. ON THE CONTRARY, I WANT TO CONTINUE THE FORWARD MOMENTUM INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, SO I AM COUNTING ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM YOU SO THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THE GOALS THAT ARE SET BEFORE US. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BE WORKING TOGETHER TO SEE THESE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE COME TOGETHER. LET US WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A GREAT FUTURE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF ASHFORD.

AS WE GROW TOGETHER LET US BUILD THIS COMMUNITY ON THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS COMMUNITY IS WORKING WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND, THAT WE WOULD BECOME A GREATER AND MORE PROSPEROUS CITY THAN BEFORE AND THAT IT WOULD BE AN INHERITANCE FOR OUR CHILDREN IN THE YEARS TO COME.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

SINCERELY,

JONATHAN E. GRECU  
MAYOR OF ASHFORD

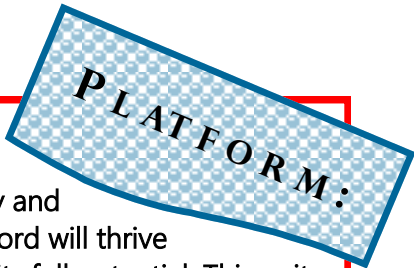
### Points of Interest

- \* 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

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We want to thank Wal-Mart for investing in our community!  
Opening November 5, 2014



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.

### Soccer is about to start!!!

- ◆ TRYOUTS WILL BE MONDAY AUGUST 18 AT 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ EVERYONE NEEDS TO ATTEND.
- ◆ WE WILL PRACTICE AND PLAY ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
- ◆ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 334-701-2549
- ◆ VISIT US ON [www.ashfordrec.com](http://www.ashfordrec.com)

## Ashford Recreation



## Opportunities to Invest in Our Youth

**4 Leaders to the Mic**, a semi-formal luncheon/fund raising event to showcase four young speakers. The program is the first under Prodigy, sponsored by CDMI. Prodigy prepares young people (ages 8-30) to become professional speakers, and it promotes leadership endeavors for them. It will take place on **Saturday, October 4, 2014**, at Clarion Inn Suites, Dothan, Alabama. The fund raising luncheon is \$52 per person. You will enjoy this unique event filled with special surprises. For more information, a brochure of Prodigy's **4 Leaders to the Mic** may be sent to you by request. Email [ashford-mayor@gmail.com](mailto:ashford-mayor@gmail.com) (ATTN: Prodigy), and a brochure will be sent to you immediately. CDMI needs your presence; CDMI needs your support to help make this event a success for our young people.

Golf Ball Drop tickets for the annual CAC Tee Off for Kids Golf Tournament are on sale. The event is **September 18**, and there are only 250 tickets that can be sold at \$100 per ticket. If a ball goes in the hole, the winner will receive \$10,000. If no ball goes in, the closest ball wins \$3500 and the second closest ball wins \$1500. The best part is proceeds will benefit child victims of abuse in the Wiregrass area. The cost of one ticket provides one month of therapy services for a child. **Email:** [ashfordmayor@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordmayor@gmail.com) (ATTN: Golf Ball Drop)

## New 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.dhcls.org)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Job applications for a library assistant are now being accepted. The job will be at the Ashford location, and it would be mostly evening hours and one Saturday once a month for four hours. Contact the library.
- Ashford's Book Club is meeting Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the library (the organizational meeting). Show up with a list of books you would like to read and discuss. We will determine the regular time and day for the meetings.



The Chamber welcomes  
new business members:

Broadway Cafe

Dr. Scott Gamble

Lucky Dog Sports Club

The AACoC officers 2014

\* President— Denise Fowler

\* Vice-President— Skip Nelson

\* Secretary—Patty O'Keefe

\* Treasurer—Alan Anderson

# THE ASHFORD CHAMBER IS YOUR CHAMBER

The Chamber appreciates membership renewals from William Stuart & Fran McArthur, Key Tire Center

FREE advertising for Chamber business members at Fall events.

- ◇ **Sept 26 Friday 5-10 pm & Sept 27 Saturday 10 am-6 pm.** at the Portoberque BBQ Festival at the Farm Center in Dothan. Participate & provide information about your business or service to thousands for FREE. Volunteer at the booth while having fun promoting Ashford! Contact us with your info, coupons, souvenirs, etc. to distribute & time you can volunteer at the booth.
- ◇ **Oct 18 Saturday 10 am - 6 pm** Harvest Day in downtown Ashford. Chamber members received FREE booth space. Water and/or electricity are available on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first-come basis—there is a \$10 fee per service for all booth reservations. Monies for utility services will be paid to the service providers.
- ◇ **Dec 6 Saturday 10 am** Christmas Parade through downtown Ashford. Reserve your spot in the lineup now.

Monthly meetings—the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Train Depot.

