

2010 GMA Annual Convention

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 25

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Registration

Saturday, June 26

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Municipal Training Institute

Attendees are required to present the appropriate training ticket at the door of their assigned room to receive training registration information and be admitted into the class. Roll call will be taken at the beginning of class and following lunch. Credit will not be given to attendees who are more than 30 minutes late for the class. At the end of the class, attendees will need to complete an attendance verification form and have it signed by the instructor. Attendees will be given one copy for their files and the instructor will keep a copy to ensure that credit is confirmed. To limit distractions, cell phones should be turned off while classes are in session. We also ask that you limit side conversations and unnecessary comments during training.

CLERKS' CERTIFICATION COURSE: Payroll Administration (elective)
Room 101

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Room 100

This course explores strategies and techniques for successfully resolving conflict through negotiation and mediation. Emphasis is placed on identifying the sources of conflict and the personality styles of the parties involved.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

(8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Ballroom A/B, Westin

This course is primarily directed at those who serve on Downtown Development Authorities but is open to all elected officials. Topics include management of downtown as a valuable resource; the role of the authority and of board members and staff; DDA laws; and the day-to-day operations of an authority.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*On Required List

Room 204/205

This course provides a basic overview of the economic development process, with a focus on the strategies, resources and programs employed by the state of Georgia to assist communities in achieving success in today's global economy. Topics such as community development building blocks, business development strategies, regional cooperation, and the role of local leadership in economic development are covered.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*On Required List

Room 102

This course is aimed at providing municipal elected officials with a general understanding of the roles of local, state and federal government in responding to and helping communities recover from both natural and man-made disasters. The function of local emergency management agencies and important legal and financial issues that arise during times of emergency and disaster are also discussed.

ETHICS

*On Required List

Room 200

This course examines the importance of ethical conduct in the administration of one's public duties and how ethical lapses can severely damage the reputation of both individual officeholders and the city. An overview of state ethics laws and regulations that apply to municipal officials, including campaign financing and private interest disclosure requirements, is provided. Ethical dilemmas that often confront public officials and the value of strong local ethics ordinances are also discussed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICES (Previously Public Safety)

Room 104

This course familiarizes municipal elected officials with the basic concepts of law enforcement. In addition to reviewing applicable laws, funding mechanisms and staffing models, the course addresses emerging public safety issues, trends and innovations.

MANAGING MEETINGS AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

*On Required List

Room 202

This course teaches elected officials how to conduct more effective and orderly meetings. A major focus of the course is the proper use of parliamentary procedure. Participants are also taught how to sell ideas, manage conflict and promote consensus.

MUNICIPAL COURTS: ENFORCING ORDINANCES

Room 106

This course provides an orientation on the basic operation of municipal courts with respect to the adjudication and enforcement of traffic offenses, certain misdemeanors, and municipal ordinance violations.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE I

*On Required List

Room 201

This course is intended to serve as a basic primer on municipal finance issues that all mayors and councilmembers should understand. Included in this general overview is a discussion of the budget process, the revenue sources available to cities, purchasing policies and financing capital improvements.

OPEN MEETINGS/OPEN RECORDS

*On Required List

Room 105

This course familiarizes municipal elected officials with Georgia's open meetings and open records laws and the potential consequences for failing to adhere to them. Hypothetical scenarios are used to give participants a better understanding of their responsibilities and obligations for complying with these statutes.

PLANNING AND ZONING

*On Required List

Ballroom D/E, Westin

This course examines the difficult choices elected officials encounter in stimulating economic well-being, protecting public infrastructure investment, and maintaining environmental integrity. It examines legal considerations for planning and zoning, the role of the mayor and council, and practical steps for maintaining a comprehensive plan and effective zoning procedures. In addition, the course highlights issues, barriers and policy solutions associated with efforts to achieve desirable patterns of development.

STRENGTHENING YOUR COMMUNITY BY STRENGTHENING YOUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Room 203

This course examines how the well-being of children and families affects the success of community and economic development. The course reviews trends in Georgia and identifies specific strategies that officials can implement in their own communities. "Family Connections" and other state-run programs aimed at reducing the number of at-risk youth and juvenile delinquents are addressed. Problem issues such as teen pregnancies, truancy and teen drug and alcohol use are also discussed.

TAXATION 101-THE BASICS

*On Required List

Room 103

This course provides municipal elected officials with a broad understanding of the fundamentals of local government taxation including property tax, occupation tax, hotel-motel tax, sales and use tax. Participants will gain an understanding of tax language, appropriate usage of revenues and will be better prepared to communicate tax issues to constituents and make prudent decisions related to expenditures.

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Training Luncheon

Chatham Ballroom

Lunch times will be staggered and your exact time will be announced by your instructor. You must have a training luncheon ticket for this event. We are at maximum capacity with our training, so please no spouses or guests.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Mayors' Motorcade Silent Auction

Next to Registration Desk

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and Refreshment Break

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

GMA Board of Directors' Meeting

Presiding: Bill Floyd, Mayor, Decatur – GMA President

Chatham Ballroom A

5:00 p.m.

Door Prize Drawing

Exhibit Hall

Sunday, June 27

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

City Attorneys' Session and Breakfast

Harbor Ballroom, Westin

Presiding: Bryan Downs, Wilson, Morton & Downs, LLC;
President, GMA City Attorneys' Section and City Attorney, Decatur

Presenters:

- Cities and Electronic Media: Metadata, Open Records and Social Networking - Murray Weed, Freeman, Mathis & Gary, LLP and City Attorney, Doraville
- Is the City's Money Safe? What City Attorneys Need to Know About Banks - Mark Kanaly, Alston & Bird, LLP
- RIFs, Furloughs and Early Retirement Incentives – Read Gignilliat, Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP
- Service Delivery Strategy Litigation - A.J. (Buddy) Welch, Jr., Smith, Welch & Brittain and City Attorney, Hampton, Locust Grove and Stockbridge; and Andy Welch, Smith, Welch & Brittain and City Attorney, Flovilla, Jackson and Locust Grove
- Legislative Update - Susan Moore, General Counsel, GMA

Q&A Legal Roundtable and City Attorneys' Section Business Meeting

Staff Contact:

Kelly Shields, Legal and Legislative Policy Coordinator

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7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

City Managers' Session and Breakfast

Grand Ballroom B, Westin

Presiding:

Kenneth Howard, Assistant City Manager, Hinesville;
President, Georgia City-County Management Association

Presenters:

Randy Meacham, Managing Director, Gwinnett Municipal Association

Paul Radford, Deputy Director, GMA

Becky Taylor, Manager, Research and Federal Relations, GMA

Laura Meadows, Associate Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

Staff Contact:

Paul Radford, Deputy Director

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8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

GMA Deferred Compensation/Defined Contribution Board of Trustees Meeting

Grand Ballroom A, Westin

Presiding: Beth English, Councilmember, Vienna

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mayors' Motorcade Silent Auction
Next to Registration Desk

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Open

9:30 a.m.
Door Prize Drawing
Exhibit Hall

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting of the RMEBS Membership and
GMEBS/WCSIF/GIRMA Boards of Trustees Meeting
Grand Ballroom A, Westin

Presiding: Mickey Thompson, Mayor, Douglasville

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Roundtable Discussions in Exhibit Hall

During this one-hour segment, city officials will have the opportunity to attend three 20-minute informational sessions. Session descriptions will be available on tables in the registration area. The following companies and organizations will be making presentations:

- CB&T
- Georgia Department of Administrative Services
- Georgia Initiative for Community Housing
- IQM2
- JHouse Media
- MetLife
- Penn Credit
- Orenco Systems, Inc.
- School of Government – University of North Carolina
- Terrell, Hundley & Carroll Right of Way Services, Inc.
- Severn Trent Services
- WK Dickson

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meetings (working lunch)

The purpose of committee meetings is to discuss legislative issues of interest to cities. The membership will use the meetings to review policy items suggested by city officials during the GMA spring listening sessions and recommended by the Legislative Policy Council. The committees will also discuss recently passed legislation of interest to cities and what issues are on the horizon.

Community Development

Room 100/101

Chair: Edna Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem, Savannah

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Community Development legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. Also, come learn from the experts about programs that are available for code enforcement, downtown development and job creation. Finally, the committee will honor its outgoing chairman, Mayor Pro Tem Edna Jackson of Savannah, for her two years of service to GMA.

Presenters:

Representative Ben Harbin, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

John O'Callaghan, President, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc

Staff Contact:

Marcia Rubensohn, Legislative and Regulatory Counsel

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Municipal Government

Room 103/104

Chair: Keith Brady, Mayor, Newnan

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Municipal Government legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. A panel of legislators will discuss various policy proposals that will impact local governments ranging from home rule restrictions, tax limitations and ethics issues. The panelists will also update the committee on recent legislative changes and help identify upcoming issues that affect city management and decision making.

Presenters:

Representative Wendell Willard, Chair, House Judiciary Committee

Representative Jay Powell, Vice Chair, House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee

Senator Buddy Carter

Staff Contact:

Lamar Norton, Director, Governmental Relations

Transportation

Room 105/106

Chair: Boyd Austin, Mayor, Dallas

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Transportation legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. GDOT Planning Director Todd Long will present information on how municipal governments will participate in developing regional transportation project criteria, the intricacies of the regional roundtable process and ultimately the transportation project selection in each region called for in HB 277, the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. Atlanta Regional Commission Chairman Tad Leithead will provide observations on how the newly adopted transportation funding bill will impact transit in the state, with a focus on the long-term impact of transit in the metro Atlanta area. Finally, the committee will honor its outgoing chairman, Mayor Boyd Austin of Dallas, for his two years of service to GMA and the transportation community.

Presenters:

Todd Long, Director of Planning, Georgia Department of Transportation
Tad Leithead, Chairman, Atlanta Regional Commission

Staff Contact:

Becky Taylor, Manager, Research & Federal Relations

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Meeting and Luncheon
Room 201/202**

Presiding: Susan Hiott, City Clerk, Smyrna; President, GMC/FOA

1:15 p.m.

**Door Prize Drawing
Exhibit Hall**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Policy Committee Meetings (snacks provided)

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Environment and Natural Resources**Room 100/101**

Chair: Deke Copenhaver, Mayor, Augusta

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Environment and Natural Resources legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. With water planning, infrastructure costs, and regulatory challenges making headlines and impacting municipal budgets, the committee will also discuss the ways city officials can influence how the General Assembly tackles tough environmental issues next year.

In addition, please be prepared to discuss interbasin transfers (IBTs) of water and the ongoing policy debate about the viability of IBTs as a water management tool to meet Georgia's future growth demands.

Staff Contact:

Tom Gehl, Deputy Director, Governmental Relations

Revenue and Finance**Room 103/104**

Chair: Mike Bodker, Mayor, Johns Creek

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Revenue and Finance legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. In addition, the committee will hear from the executive director of the Alabama League of Municipalities and the president of the Georgia Retail Association regarding the collection of sales taxes. The committee will also hear from the Tax Foundation and "2020 Georgia" regarding tax policy solutions to Georgia's budget crisis.

Presenters:

Perry Roquemore, Executive Director, Alabama League of Municipalities
John Heavener, President, Georgia Retail Association
Kail Padgitt, Economist, Tax Foundation
Beth English, Councilmember, Vienna

Staff Contact:

Mark Baggett, Governmental Relations Associate

Public Safety

Room 105/106

Chair: Willie Burns, Mayor, Washington

The committee will hear a brief overview of the recommended 2011 Public Safety legislative policies and take action to adopt the policies for consideration by the membership. Dealing with juvenile delinquency has become a serious problem for cities.

The committee will hear from a child law expert and child advocate about ways to approach troubled teens.

Presenter:

Kirsten Widner, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Barton Child Law & Policy Center

Staff Contact:

Ted Baggett, Deputy General Counsel

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Opening General Session

Chatham Ballroom

Presiding: Bill Floyd, Mayor, Decatur-GMA President

Parade of Flags

National Anthem: Meredith Roark, Assistant to the City Manager, Decatur

Invocation: Vince Williams, Councilmember, Union City

Welcome to Savannah: Otis Johnson, Mayor, Savannah

Presentation of Renaissance Award: Mike Starr, President, Georgia Cities Foundation

Special “People Place Purpose” Award Presentation

Keynote Speaker: Bill Strickland, President-CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation

“Make the Impossible Possible”

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Monday, June 28

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Legislative Policy Council Meeting
Room 203-205

Presiding: Billy Trapnell, Mayor, Metter- GMA Second Vice President

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mayors' Motorcade Silent Auction

8:45 a.m.
Door Prize Drawing
Chatham Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
General Session
Chatham Ballroom

Presiding: Ken Steele, Mayor, Fayetteville-GMA First Vice President

Presentation:

The Sustainable Cities Institute Initiative

Andrea Pinabell, LEED AP, Program Manager, Sustainable Community Development, The Home Depot Foundation

Panel Discussion: “The Politics of Persuasion – 2010 Election”

The 2010 primary election is less than three weeks away and the general election is just around the corner. We will be electing a new Governor and deciding several other hotly contested statewide races. There will also be many competitive state house and senate races in addition to the U.S. Senate and congressional races. This panel discussion will bring together journalists, recognized experts in political polling and advocates of varied political philosophies to discuss state and federal elections and the impact these elections will have on cities in the years ahead.

The panel will also react to the results of a special InsiderAdvantage poll of city officials administered earlier this month. Get your seat early for this fast-paced and informative dialogue.

Moderator:

Sonny Dixon, News Anchor, WTOG-TV, Savannah

Panelists:

Jeff Dickerson, CEO, Dickerson Communications

Phil Kent, President and CEO, Phil Kent Consulting

Ed Kilgore, Managing Editor, the Democratic Strategist

Matt Towery, Chairman and CEO, Insider Advantage

Staff Contact:

Paul Radford, Deputy Director

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

LOST and SDS Negotiations – Tips and Quips from the Experts

Room 105/106

This is the year of the decennial census, which means the deadline for commencing LOST distribution negotiations with the county and the other cities in your county is fast approaching.

A recent change in state law could change the landscape of LOST negotiations dramatically. The new “baseball arbitration” provision prevents the unilateral lapsing of LOST but could place the final distribution decision in the hands of a visiting superior court judge. Municipal experts who have participated in previous LOST and SDS negotiations will provide an overview of the basic requirements of LOST and SDS and outline strategies for presenting fact-based arguments that are both legally and politically defensible.

Moderator:

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn

Presenters:

Billy Trapnell, Mayor, Metter- GMA Second Vice President

John Bennett, City Manager, Rome

Tom Hall, City Manager, LaGrange

Ted Baggett, Deputy General Counsel, GMA

Staff Contact:

Paul Radford, Deputy Director

Is the City's Money Safe? What City Officials Need to Know About Banks

Room 103/104

Georgia leads the nation in bank failures. Every week there are news articles about local banks closing, being sold or being taken over by the FDIC. What does it mean for your city if the city's bank fails? How do you know if the city's bank is healthy? What are banks required to do for cities as customers? Is the city making the most of its customer relationship with the local bank? Our panel will answer these questions and many others.

Moderator:

Mike Starr, President, Georgia Cities Foundation

Presenters:

Andrea Gibby, Mayor, Young Harris

Mark Kanaly, Alston & Bird, LLP

Tom Wiley, Chairman, President and CEO, The Coastal Bank, Savannah

Staff Contact: Susan Moore, General Counsel

If Chittlin' Cookin', Rattlesnake Round-ups or May-Haw Isn't Your Thing: How Your City Can Use Its Unique Identity to Attract Tourism

Room 100/101

Festivals are fun and unique events that both draw tourists and engage your citizens. Discover the benefits of and receive information on how to plan a successful festival. Learn from experts about how to develop and market attractions and cultural and heritage sites in your city to promote tourism.

Moderator:

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, Douglas

Presenters:

Tim Mabe, Executive Director, Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority

Barry White, CEO, Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau

Mark Vaughan, Executive Vice President, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau

Staff Contact: Marcia Rubensohn, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Counsel

Sustain-Ability: Greening Your Toolbox

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Sure you have plenty of tools in your toolbox, but how many of them are green? This session will outline the benefits of sustainability and provide tools to promote green development in your city. How do you plan for sustainable growth? What kind of financing is available for green construction and renovation, and who qualifies? During this session you will hear about the benefits of sustainable growth from leading experts in the Southeast. Free planning tools from the Home Depot Foundation will be demonstrated. Available programs for financing green developments in your city will be covered, including information about the Georgia Cities Foundation's new Green Communities Fund. Please join us to find out how "*ability*" makes sustainability successful.

Moderator:

Lyn Menne, Assistant City Manager, Decatur

Presenters:

Robert Reed, Sustainable Communities Design Director, Southface Energy Institute

Andrea Pinabell, Sustainable Cities Institute/Home Depot Foundation

Andrea Schroer, State Energy Project Manager, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

Chris Higdon, Energy Program Manager, Georgia Cities Foundation

Staff Contact:

Chris Higdon, Energy Program Manager

12:00 p.m.

Mayors' Motorcade Silent Auction Closes

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Thriving Not Just Surviving—Finding Opportunities in the Down Economy

Room 100/101

Learn how other cities have used the difficult economic times we are facing to retool their operations to save money and increase efficiencies. During this session, you will learn how Woodstock is using a technology solution to streamline its agenda, meeting packet and minute process and increase transparency to its citizens; how Rossville has cross trained employees to reduce costs in its public safety operations; and how Douglasville's employee wellness initiative is making its employees more aware of their health and helping to keep long term costs of health insurance under control.

Moderator:

Dianne Tate, Mayor Pro Tem, Cartersville

Presenters:

Jeffrey Moon, City Manager, Woodstock

Dave Scroggins, Detective, Rossville

Frederick Perry, Human Resources Director, Douglasville

Staff Contact:

Lou Comer, Director, Local Government Services

Reversing the Trend: Using Building Blocks to Recovery

Room 103/104

In January 2010, the Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Cities Foundation, in partnership with the University of Georgia's Fanning Institute, embarked on a new initiative designed to take the pulse of downtowns across the state and develop policy recommendations that will provide cities with the tools necessary to support vibrant downtowns well into the future. This session will provide feedback and an update on this important work. The session will also host a panel of distinguished practitioners who will speak to policy changes that can reverse the downward trends many downtowns are experiencing.

Moderator:

Marcia Hampton, Director, Community and Downtown Services, Douglasville;

President, Georgia Downtown Association

Facilitator:

Joe Whorton, Ph.D., Senior Fellow and Director, Fanning Institute, University of Georgia

Presenters:

Representative Jay Powell

Anne Catherine Murray, Augusta Capital LLC

Kirby A. Glaze, President, Community Development Partners/ Public Private Partnership Project Management

Staff Contact:

Becky Taylor, Manager, Research and Federal Relations

Bring Big Momma's House to Your Town – How Zombieland, Vampire Diaries and the Film Industry Can Benefit Your Community

Room 105/106

How can anything good come from zombies tromping through your streets and vampires roaming about your graveyards? And who knew that Big Momma's House would generate two big-money sequels, one of which is being filmed this year at locations in Georgia? These films are examples of more than \$950 million dollars in direct investment, yielding an overall economic impact of over \$1.6 billion to Georgia by the film and TV industry since 2008. The production crew of the 2009 movie *Zombieland* spent time and money filming in eight cities across Georgia, and many more production companies are eyeing locations in the state. Come listen to ideas on how to market your city and profit from luring movie-types (or the undead) to town!

Moderator:

Jason Buelterman, Mayor, Tybee Island

Presenters:

Clara Deemer, Director of Tourism, Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce
Wilbur Fitzgerald, Esq., President of Screen Actors Guild, Georgia Branch
Randall Franks, Councilmember, Ringgold; Chairman, Fast Forward Initiative, Georgia
Production Partnership
Bill Thompson, Director, Georgia Film, Video & Music Office, Georgia Department of
Economic Development

Staff Contact:

Tom Gehl, Deputy Director, Governmental Relations

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**Credentials Pick Up****Outside Chatham Ballroom**

City officials designated by their cities to serve as the official voting delegate for the annual business meeting should pick up their voting credentials before entering the business meeting.

3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**Closing General Session****Chatham Ballroom****Presiding:** Bill Floyd, Mayor, Decatur – GMA President**Annual Business Meeting**

- **Report from the Legislative Policy Council & Adoption of the 2011 Legislative Policies**
Billy Trapnell, Mayor, Metter – GMA Second Vice President
- **Nominating Committee Report & Election of 2010-2011 Officers and Board of Directors**
Keith Brady, Mayor, Newnan; Chair, Nominating Committee

Awards and Installation Program**Installation of Officers and Board of Directors**

Susan Moore, General Counsel, GMA

Certified Cities of Ethics

John Reid, Mayor, Eatonton-GMA Third Vice President

Municipal Government Hall of Fame

David Austin, Commissioner, Toccoa
Chair, GMA Awards Committee

Special Recognition – “If I Were Mayor” Essay Contest

Jim Higdon, GMA Executive Director

Training Certificates

Steve Wrigley, Interim Vice President, Public Service and Outreach, University of Georgia

Laura Meadows, Associate Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

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6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Taste of Savannah

Exhibit Hall Area, Savannah International Trade and Convention Center

Enjoy some of Savannah's finest restaurants from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Russo's Seafood: Low country boil

Sandfly BBQ: Pork sandwiches, cole slaw and Brunswick stew

Crystal Beer Parlor: Hot dogs and chili

The Lady and Sons: Fried chicken, mac & cheese and greens

Savor Savannah Catering: Crawfish etoufee with creamy Southern grits

Savannah Candy Kitchen: Pralines

Two Smart Cookies: Cookies

Country Lane Confections: Toffee and chewy cakes

Open Bar: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cash Bar: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Casino

Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Wheel of Fortune and Poker. Participants will play for door prize tickets. The final door prize drawing will be held in the Oglethorpe Auditorium from 9:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kids' Karnival

18' tall Inflatable Buccaneer slide...all ages

Inflatable NASCAR Moonwalk...all ages

Inflatable 30' long obstacle course...all ages

Ross Brown - Interactive DJ and Party Host

Ross is a master at entertaining kids and young teens with his interactive presentation which includes line dancing, cha-cha slide, crank that dance, musical men, Coke and Sprite contest and many other interactive games/contests.

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

BINGO

Oglethorpe Auditorium

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Tuesday, June 29

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Municipal Training Institute

CRITICAL ISSUES COURSE: The Promise of Afterschool Programs, Part II

Room 104

At the 2010 Mayors' Day Conference, city officials were given the opportunity to participate in a pre-conference summit on Afterschool Programs and their significant impact on youth. In this follow-up session, participants will learn more about resources available to help cities provide fun and constructive activities to keep youth safe during "gap time", when most juvenile crime is committed. The City of Savannah will discuss, in detail, some of the programs their city is offering and the benefits they have seen from these programs.

MOBILE WORKSHOP - Building a New Town Center

Room 103

After years of negotiations with the Ports Authority over the city's old city hall, in August 2007 the parties agreed on a price and Garden City started the work of recreating itself. Construction began on a 40-acre town center. Just two years later, in August 2009, the new city hall opened, and it now serves as the anchor for a planned 800,000 square foot residential, office and retail development. In addition to creating a new town center, the city immediately started rebranding itself from a reputation as an industrial town to that of a real "Garden" city. How did they accomplish this in a two-year period? During this mobile workshop, city officials will take participants on a tour of the before and after, and explain their challenges and successes along the way.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE II

Room 105

This course emphasizes the importance of establishing sound financial policies and provides participants with a better understanding of how to read and understand audited city financial statements, assess the effectiveness of internal accounting controls, and manage a city's cash and investments. This course may be taken before or after Municipal Finance I, which is a required course.

MUNICIPAL LAW

*On Required List

Room 106

This course reviews the sources and limitations of authority granted to municipal governments by the federal and state constitutions, as well as statutes enacted by the U.S. Congress and Georgia General Assembly. The role and function of the municipal charter is also discussed. Other key topics covered during this course include municipal contracts, annexation and the personal liability of public officials.