

Riverdale PD marks 10th anniversary of officer's death

From staff reports

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the Riverdale Police Department honored the life of Maj. Gregory E. Barney, marking the 10th year since his line-of-duty death.

The ceremony was held at the Major Gregory E. Barney Public Safety Complex in Riverdale.

"Major Barney's legacy continues to live on through the countless lives he touched, the officers he mentored, and the community he served with unwavering dedication," a statement from the police department read. "Over the past decade, his leadership, courage and commitment to service have remained an enduring example for us all."

Barney, a 25-year veteran of the Riverdale Police Department, was killed in the line of duty Feb. 11, 2016 while chasing down a sus-

pect in a drug raid. "We were humbled to stand alongside multiple law enforcement agencies, public safety partners, elected officials and many members of our community who gathered to celebrate his life," the police department's statement read. "The strong show of support is a true testament to the respect and admiration so many continue to have for Major Barney and his family."

During the ceremony, friends, colleagues and residents shared stories of Barney and reflected on the profound impact he had on the police department and community.

"We are so proud of what Major Barney stood for during his life and how powerful those values remain today," the Riverdale Police Department's statement read. "We hope that these reflections on Major Barney's life and his influence on those of us who share his leg-



Special photo: Riverdale Police Department

Officers gathered together on Feb. 11 for a ceremony honoring Riverdale Police Maj. Gregory E. Barney on the 10th anniversary of his death in the line of duty.

acy, will encourage people across the City to seek solutions that heal, lift up the forgotten, and make a

difference in the lives of others. Though ten years have passed, his spirit, his leadership, and his heart

for service remain woven into the foundation of the Riverdale Police Department."

See Clayton County GA presents a Black History self-guided tour

From staff reports

See Clayton County GA is presenting "Honoring Black History with HBCUs & Divine Nine" — a free, self-guided tour in Jonesboro.

The tour will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tour in Jonesboro includes the following stops:

- ♦ The Hattie McDaniel Legacy Experience at the Road to Tara Museum, 104 N. Main St.
- ♦ The Jonesboro Rosenwald School, 155 Smith St.
- ♦ Stitching Our Story: A Celebration of Black History Quilt Show, 125 N. Main St.

For more information, visit <https://seeclaytoncountyga.com/>.



File photo: Anthony Rhoads

The self-guided tour includes Hattie McDaniel Legacy Experience at the Road to Tara Museum, 104 N. Main St., Jonesboro.



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A model classroom at the historic Jonesboro Rosenwald School.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Mayor and Council will review the variance and conditional use permit application listed below during their Work Session on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Court Chambers of the Jonesboro City Center, located at 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236. A public hearing to consider these items will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the same location and time.

CONDITIONAL USE

26-CUP-001

Tapestry School, Inc. requests a conditional use permit for property located at 142 College Street, Parcel No. 13241C C014, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The subject property is zoned R-2 (Single-Family Residential) and is located within the AH (Historic Residential and Assembly Rights) Overlay District. The property consists of approximately 5.04 +/- acres. The request is for the operation of a public charter school.

VARIANCE

26-VAR-001

Max Kovtoun and David McKenney requests a Variance for properties located at 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels # 06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, 06032A B003, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks approval of a variance to encroach upon the required stream buffer to allow for the proposed development.

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CHANCEY

From A6

When you feel stressed, see Jesus' words in John 14:27, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

When you need God's peace, look to Isaiah 26:3, "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in You."

When you need wisdom, recall James 1:5, "If any of

you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

When you encounter discouragement, open to Psalm 55:22, "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved (shaken)."

When you worry, remember what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount and especially Matthew 6:25, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

The end of John chapter 6 finds many of Jesus' followers turning away and no longer walking with Him. Jesus

asked His 12 disciples, "Do you also want to go away?"

Peter answered, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). This response inspired songwriter Philip P. Bliss to write the hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" to emphasize the importance of God's Word in daily life. The song opens, "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life."

The chorus goes: "Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

Let God's beautiful, wonderful, powerful words fill your life today.

David L. Chancey serves as transitional pastor of Griffin Church in Griffin. See more of his writings, including his books, at www.davidchancey.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 18, 2026

City of Jonesboro
1859 City Center Way
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 478-3800

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority of the City of Jonesboro.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 9, 2026, the City of Jonesboro will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Jonesboro to submit a request to HUD Georgia for the release of funds. The Jonesboro Housing Authority was selected for an allocation of tax credits by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as a co-developer for Estoria. Estoria is an affordable housing community located in the commercial corridor on Main Street in downtown Jonesboro. Estoria is a new construction project that will create 196 units of affordable housing in Clayton County. The housing will consist of apartment units, common area amenities, and approximately 2000 sq. ft. of retail space. The design includes four apartment buildings, each with a mix of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units. The housing project is located near S Main Street and Poston Rd with main access on Tara Blvd. and sits on a 12.22-acre parcel of land. The project will be completed in one phase. Each building will have a unique configuration and will consist of 32 units (BLDG 1000), 47 units (BLDG 2000), 68 units (BLDG 3000), and 49 units (BLDG 4000) totaling 196 units of quality housing made available for low-income families.

Construction on Estoria will begin in early Q2 2026, with construction completion in Q2 of 2028. 196 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units with 40 subsidized Project Based Vouchers (PBV). The PBV units will be spread amongst the four buildings. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$60,798,796, the commitment of the CDBG is \$1,000,000 along with private financing of \$250,000 to be used in this development.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Jonesboro has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Jonesboro, 1859 City Center Way, Georgia 30236 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30am to 5:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Jonesboro, 1859 City Center Way, Georgia 30236. All comments received by March 6, 2026, will be considered by the City of Jonesboro prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

City of Jonesboro certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Georgia that Mayor Donya L. Sartor, in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Georgia approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Jonesboro, Housing Authority of the City of Jonesboro to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Jonesboro certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jonesboro; (b) the City of Jonesboro has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 77 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Georgia; to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ELDER

From A6

The Bible has a lot to say about loving one another. So let me close by reminding us all of some of those challenging scriptures on this subject.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God... He who does not love, does not know God (I John 4:7-8).

"A new commandment I (Jesus) give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another (John 13:34).

"Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

To whom do we need to express our love today — not only in our words but also in our actions?

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