

College Park mayor inducted into GMA Hall of Fame

From staff reports

SAVANNAH — The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) inducted College Park Mayor Bianca Motley Broom into the Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame during GMA’s Annual Convention in Savannah.



Bianca Motley Broom

The honor recognizes her outstanding leadership service and lasting contributions to municipal government throughout Georgia, a press release stated. The Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame honors elected and appointed

officials whose careers have significantly advanced local government and strengthened communities across the state. Inductees are recognized for their vision, dedication to public service and enduring impact on Georgia’s cities. Since taking office in 2020, Motley Broom has led the City of College Park with a focus on strategic growth, economic opportunity and community engagement.

As the first woman and first African American elected mayor of College Park, she has championed initiatives that support long-term prosperity while enhancing quality of life for residents and businesses.

Under her leadership, College Park has attracted more than \$100 million in pub-

lic and private investment through economic development initiatives and strategic partnerships.

These efforts have supported new housing developments, expanded opportunities for residents and contributed to the revitalization of areas affected by historic disinvestment.

“Mayor Bianca Motley Broom represents the very best of municipal leadership,” said Larry Hanson, CEO and Executive Director of the Georgia Municipal Association. “Her vision, commitment to public service and dedication to creating opportunities for residents have transformed her community and strengthened cities across Georgia. Her induction into the Hall

of Fame reflects a legacy of leadership that will continue to inspire future generations of municipal officials.”

In addition to her accomplishments in College Park, Motley Broom has played a significant leadership role within the Georgia Municipal Association.

Following service as third vice president, second vice president and first vice president, she was elected president of the association in 2025.

Through her involvement with GMA, she has helped shape policies and programs that benefit cities statewide.

She has chaired the Legislative Policy Council, Federal Policy Council, Member Services Advisory Council and Municipal Government

Policy Committee.

She has also served as District 3 Southwest President, co-chaired GMA’s Excellence in Policing Committee and participated in the Mayor’s Reading Club program.

Motley Broom has demonstrated a strong commitment to professional development and municipal excellence, completing 234 hours of training through the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute, earning the Certificate of Distinction and graduating from the Mayors Leadership Academy.

Her leadership extends beyond Georgia through service with the National League of Cities, where she is currently serving in her second term on the Board of Directors.

Known for her collaborative

leadership style and dedication to public service, Motley Broom has worked throughout her career to strengthen community engagement, expand economic opportunity and advocate for policies that support equitable growth. Her ability to bring people together around a shared vision has earned her recognition as a respected leader both within Georgia and nationally.

“Mayor Motley Broom’s career has been defined by service, innovation and a steadfast commitment to improving the lives of others,” said Hanson. “Her impact reaches far beyond College Park, and her contributions to municipal government have left a lasting mark on communities throughout our state.”

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Mayor and Council will review and discuss the conditional use permit application listed below during their Work Session on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Jonesboro City Center, located at 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236. A public hearing to consider this item will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, also at 6 P.M. at the Jonesboro City Center Council Chambers, 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236.

CONDITIONAL USE

26-CUP-003

Dr. Lenore T. Coleman requests a conditional use permit for property located at 177 North Main Street, Parcel No. 13240D C004, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The subject property is zoned H-2 (Historic District). The property consists of approximately 0.75 +/- acres. The request is for a mixed-use dwelling, with an existing office on the first floor and a proposed rental dwelling on the second floor.

City of Jonesboro

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION / REZONING

This is a notice of a public hearing of the City of Jonesboro Mayor & Council for the purpose of considering the zoning classification of a certain tract of land proposed to be annexed from Clayton County into the City of Jonesboro pursuant to a signed petition. At such hearing, the Mayor & Council shall consider this tract or parcel of land lying and being in Clayton County, Georgia, as described in the deeds recorded in the real property records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County as follows: Books/Pages: 0593/671 and 6243/160, located at 7600 Jonesboro Road, Jonesboro, Ga. 30236, Tax Map Parcel No. 12049A A002, and consisting of 32.65 total acres. Said aforementioned property which is currently zoned as HI (Heavy Industrial) in Clayton County is proposed to be rezoned to M-1 (Light Industrial) per the City Zoning Ordinance. Said hearing shall take place on August 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM, and shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Jonesboro City Center, 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236. The item will first be reviewed and discussed at the Mayor & Council Work Session taking place on August 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM, also to be held in the Council Chambers of the Jonesboro City Center.

CONDITIONAL USE

26-CUP-004

Hammer De Limited Partnership requests a conditional use permit for property located at 7600 Jonesboro Road, Parcel No. 12049A A002, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The property consists of approximately 32.65 +/- acres. The request is for a warehouse storage and distribution center, corresponding and subsequent to the proposed annexation of the property from Clayton County to the City of Jonesboro and proposed rezoning from HI (Heavy Industrial) in Clayton County to M-1 (Light Industrial) in the City of Jonesboro.

Blue Cole
City Manager



A camper learns archery at the 2026 WinShape Camp.

Special Photo

Faith, fun strengthen WinShape’s mission

By Phillip B. Hubbard

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MCDONOUGH — A camper pulls back the bowstring, takes aim and lets the arrow fly.

Miss.

Several more attempts come up short.

Three days later, the camper finally hits the target.

When the arrow strikes the target, cheers roar from fellow campers, counselors and staffers. The child breaks into a smile.

For Stephen Moore, director of WinShape Camps for Communities, moments like that represent what WinShape is all about.

“We want them to feel seen and valued as a 6-year-old or a 10-year-old,” Moore said. “And, hey, that the Lord loves them, their WinShape leader cares deeply for them, and that they are seen and they are known.”

From June 22 to 26 at Salem Baptist Church in McDonough, 240 kids participated in the WinShape Camp along with 50 volunteers and 27 summer staffers. This is the eighth year that Salem Baptist has hosted the local camp.

WinShape Camps — first started by Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy in 1985 — is a mobile day camp from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year’s theme was “Ascend.”

There are three auditorium sessions where kids play games in large groups as well as sing worship songs. Afterward, campers have the opportunity to explore 18 different skills such as crafts, painting or dance. Outdoor activities include soccer and flag football.

Kids can build rockets, Legos and every day has recreational activities.

To help further learn the Bible, kids are broken up into smaller groups, typically named giraffes, penguins or moose.

The week concludes with a Chick-fil-A Friday Family Fun Day for the campers and their families to all enjoy.

Moore highlighted two aspects that differentiate WinShape from other summer camps, the first being the intentionality by which the camp organizes everything.

The second is the camp’s overall faith component.

“We want to glorify God by creating experiences where God transforms campers and families with the message of Jesus Christ,” Moore said. “We want the campers to be safe. We want them to have fun, but we also want them to learn about Jesus while in that environment, while experiencing something new.”

What started as a single camp in north Georgia has broadened its reach to the global level.

The first WinShape Camp was solely based in Mount Berry. Then, in 2008, the initiative started branching out to local communities.

Today, it is an outreach that spans from McDonough to Tucson, Arizona and even Brazil and Costa Rica. The camp currently serves over 20,000 campers across 86 different communities, too.

But, for WinShape, success of each camp is not measured by the number of participants. Instead, it is about the impact the camp has on each camper.

“What we believe is, ‘Hey, we want to take camp on the road so that we can have a greater kingdom impact,’” Moore said. “We only have so many beds at Mount Berry, Georgia, where we can bring campers here.’ So, our mobile day camps allow us to have a greater kingdom impact for the gospel in communities all over the U.S.”

Moore said he witnessed that transformation firsthand at one of this year’s camps.

At the start of the morning, Moore saw campers who appeared shy and nervous about exploring bounce houses and inflatables.

By day’s end, those same children displayed a different demeanor.

“They get to step into something new and unique,” Moore said. “And then, by the end of the day, the kids that were real nervous in the morning, I found them and was like, ‘How was your day?’ And they genuinely told me, ‘That was the best day ever. I can’t wait to come back tomorrow.’”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

The Clayton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following variance requests from the Zoning Ordinance (Appendix A of the Code of Clayton County, Georgia) **at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 20, 2026**, with a pre-meeting at 5:45 pm, in the Commissioners’ Board Room, 112 Smith St, Jonesboro, GA 30236 (inside the Clayton County Administration Building):

(Commission District 2 Cases – Gail Hambrick)

- 1. BZA-2606-0288 (Variance)** A request by Hecht Walker Jordan, P.C. on behalf of Blue Beacon, Inc. for variances from Sec. 8.14 to permit two 56 SF internal signs and one 40 SF internal sign on a single directional clearance bar with a height of 20 feet, along with other signs as shown on the Site Signing Plan, at 5990 Frontage Rd, Forest Park, GA 30297. Said property, consisting of ±5.17 acres, is zoned Heavy Industrial (HI), developed as a Blue Beacon Truck Wash, further known as Tax Parcel No. 13116B A007, and located between Bob White Trl and Old Dixie Rd.
- 2. BZA-2606-0289 (Variance)** A request by Hecht Walker Jordan, P.C. on behalf of Blue Beacon, Inc. for approval of a barbed wire security fence pursuant to Sec. 6.30(D)(1) at 5990 Frontage Rd, Forest Park, GA 30297. Said property, consisting of ±5.17 acres, is zoned Heavy Industrial (HI), developed as a Blue Beacon Truck Wash, further known as Tax Parcel No. 13116B A007, and located between Bob White Trl and Old Dixie Rd.

The public is invited to participate in-person at the addresses stated above. Please check the Clayton County website (www.claytoncountyga.gov) for further updates regarding public meetings. The project plans are available for examination by appointment at the Clayton County Community and Economic Development; please call 770.477.3569 or email planning.zoning@claytoncountyga.gov for more information. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearings to Planning and Zoning via email or mail to 121 S McDonough St, Annex 2, Jonesboro GA 30236.