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# WASHINGTON SPARK!

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## City of Washington's Spay / Neuter Program is in Full Swing!

The City of Washington is in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the spay & neuter program, and so far, it has been a huge success! Since the program began in 2016, the City has pledged over \$17,500 in funds in an effort to decrease over-population and reduce the number of animals that are brought into the animal shelter. Last year alone 50 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered thanks to this program.

According to City Administrator Bailey, this year's program is a little different than in years past. "The City has \$5,000 in funds budgeted towards this program. In an effort to accommodate as many households as possible, the City has put an \$80 cap on the amount the City will pay per voucher. Any cost above the \$80 will have to be covered by the voucher holder". Also, a limit has been set with a maximum of 3 vouchers per household, per year. "This is still a great deal" explained Bailey. "Most people will still pay nothing out of pocket and those that do would only pay a fraction of what it would cost them to have their pet spayed or neutered on their own".

As in years past, you must be a City resident to qualify for funds. For more information, or to apply, come by City Hall located at 102 E. Liberty Street and see Brandy or Patricia. You can also call 706-678-3277 to receive more information.



## City Streets to be Resurfaced

The City of Washington will be resurfacing Ashley Drive and Sherwood Drive during the first week of April (Spring Break). Roads will be partially closed during this time. Please use caution, watch for workers, and pardon our progress!

## Don't Miss the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Set to be Displayed in Lincolnton, Georgia



## Speed Bumps: Can they help?

Speed bumps are popping up all over town, which has many people asking, "Are speed bumps what we need in our neighborhood and how do we get them?" Speed bumps can be beneficial. The hope is that by installing speed bumps, there will be less instances of speeding in the community. Lower speeds decrease the noise of traffic and cause fewer collisions which improves traffic and pedestrian safety. Speed humps have the advantage of being largely self-enforcing and creating a visual impression that the area is not intended for speeding.

So how do you get a speed bump installed on your street? First, you have to get a petition from at least 90% of the people that live on your street, asking for the speed bumps. Once that is complete, you should bring it to the City Administrator at City Hall. At that point, it will be presented to Council, and if they agree on the installation of speed bumps on that street, an advertisement is then run in the local paper for citizen input. The reason this process is followed is because in years past, citizens would request speed bumps, but a majority of the people that lived on that road did not want them, at which point the City would have to remove them, which costs time and money. If you have questions, call or email the City Administrator.