



# WASHINGTON SPARK!

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government of  
Washington, Georgia.

Empowering our  
citizens through  
public information.

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## Improving Life in the CSRA

For more than 125 years, the United Way has been helping citizens in the communities they serve. Our local branch, United Way of the CSRA, is in the Augusta area and serves Wilkes County as well as 14 other counties. In 2014, United Way partner agencies provided health and human services to 97,364 residents in the CSRA.

City officials recently sat down with Richard Hillman, a volunteer for United Way and discussed the underutilized benefits available to Wilkes County residents. "Of the over 97 thousand citizens that have been helped through our program, only 140 were from Wilkes County", said Hillman. "United Way used to be a big part of our community" stated City Clerk, Debbie Danner. "But somewhere along the way it has been forgotten." The Community used to do fundraisers for United Way (you may remember the big bill board that sat on the square). "But it has been years since we did that" and citizens may have forgotten this organization can be a valuable resource for themselves or family members in need. You can contact the United Way 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting their website at [211csra.org](http://211csra.org).

**Partner Agencies** are a huge part of the United Way. They provide a wide range of services for all types of community needs. Follows is a list of some of their most used agencies.

### Services:

- *Christ Community Health*-a dental clinic with sliding scale fees based on income. **706-922-0600**
- *Easter Seals East GA* works with autistic children. **706-667-9695**

- *Family Counseling Center* **706-868-5011**
- *Greenpath Financial Counseling*  
**855-440-3714**
- *Hope House*-A program helping women with addictions that helps with housing and rehab. They even help participants find a job after the program is over. **706-737-9879**
- *Women's Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault*  
**706-724-5200**
- *Safe Homes*-for domestic violence victims  
**706-738-2326**
- *Senior Citizens Council*-Can help citizens with wheelchair ramps for their home and many other services. **706-868-0120**

The United Way has many more services and partner agencies. If you would like more information, please pick up a flyer at City Hall at either of our two service windows. The pamphlet also includes a prescription drug discount card called "Familywise". For more information on Familywise prescription drug discounts you can also visit their website at [www.familywise.org](http://www.familywise.org).

## PLEASE ADOPT A NEEDY PET



HD is a male beagle mix. He has been with the shelter just over 2 years. He is neutered and around 4 years old. He has a high energy level and is good with most dogs. Please adopt HD by calling (706) 678-2287.

**Calendar:** The City Council meets Monday January 11th, at the Pope Center, 48 Lexington Ave. **Please note, Work session time has changed and begins at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.** City offices will close for New Year's on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 and will be closed New Year's day.

**PLEASE WRITE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR CITY OFFICIALS ON BACK OF YOUR UTILITY PAYMENT STUB. THANKS!**

**CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor Ames Barnett, Robert Armour, Travis Armour, Nathaniel Cullars Sr., Kimberly Rainey, Mike Scarborough and Marion Tutt Jr. **Please visit us on our website [www.cityofwashingtonga.gov](http://www.cityofwashingtonga.gov).**

