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Athens Technical College

Your future is closer than you think

Did you know that people who have a GED or high school diploma earn about \$7,000 more per year than those who do not? It's true! And according to the Technical College System of Georgia, Wilkes County has over 1,600 people ages 24 and older without a high school diploma or GED. If you are one of those people, Athens Technical College has a solution. And the best part is, they have a location right here in Washington which makes it easier than ever!

According to Coretta Miller, local program director of the Washington-Wilkes Career Center, their goal is to reach at least 113 students by the end of June 2017. They currently have 53 students enrolled. Miller wants citizens to know that they offer much more than just GED classes. Athens Tech has programs that offer classes to improve academic skills for employability purposes and to assist in the preparation of the Accuplacer test (the entrance exam given to students applying for enrollment in technical colleges).

The Fall semester has just ended here in Wilkes County and they are proud to announce they had 2 students that successfully completed the GED program and they have 11 students that have passed portions of the GED exam and are well on their way to obtaining their GED.

Athens Tech Upcoming Schedule Classes Begin January 4th, 2017

Monday – Friday **Morning sessions**

(8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Monday – Wednesday **Afternoon sessions**

(1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Monday & Tuesday **Night sessions**

(5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

For more information call Coretta Miller at 706-552-0948 or 706-678-4875. Or visit their campus located at 20 Lexington Avenue, Washington, GA.

Owner Occupied Rehab Grant Funds Now Available

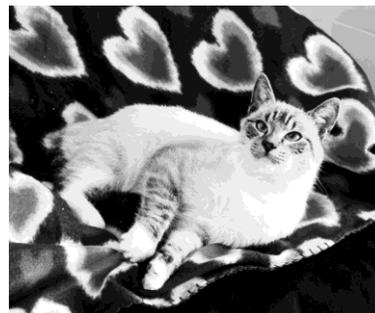
The City of Washington is accepting applications for its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, an initiative that provides grant availability to homeowners needing to make necessary repairs. Qualifying work includes items such as plumbing, electrical, siding, roofing, windows, heating, air conditioning, and accessibility improvements.

To receive funding, homeowners must meet the following requirements: 1). Your home must be located in the city limits of Washington GA. 2). You do not have the financial means to make one or more qualifying repairs. 3). Your house hold income meets guidelines for assistance. 4). You must own your home and live in it. Other restrictions apply.

Funds are limited and the City will be accepting applications for a limited time! **All applications must be received no later than February 15, 2017 to be considered.** The City has the right to reopen the application process if we do not receive the minimum applications needed. If you applied for grant assistance in the past with the City you **MUST REAPPLY** to be considered for these funds.

To obtain an application and to learn more about the program, please e-mail mdill@washingtonwilkes.org. Information is also available by calling 706 678-3277 or by visiting City Hall. Visit our website at www.cityofwashingtonga.gov under Community Development for more information and to print your application.

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McDuff is a 1 year old neutered Siamese mix. He has beautiful blue eyes. He loves attention and would make a great valentine's day gift! Please Call 706-678-2287 to adopt him today.

Calendar:

- ❖ City Hall will be closed February 20th in observance of President's Day.
- ❖ The City Council meets February 13th work session at 5:30 p.m. regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.