



Board of County Commissioners

*Award-Winning
Government*

2014 Annual Report

to the Citizens of Camden County

Your Commissioners



Pictured Left to Right: Willis R. Keene, Jr, District 1; Gary Blount, District 4; Chairman Jimmy Starline, District 3; Vice Chairman Chuck Clark, District 2; Tony Sheppard, District 5

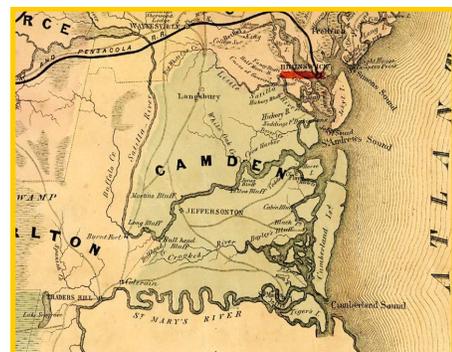
Working Together to Make a Difference in Your Community

The Board of County Commissioners are voted by and represent the citizens in five commission districts. Serving four-year, staggered terms, the Board serves as Camden County's legislative body and acts as fiscal representatives of the County. The Board makes policies, adopts laws, sets budget limits and sets tax rates. The Board appoints a County Administrator to oversee the day-to-day operations of the County, advise the Board and implement policies.

The Board of County Commissioners serve as ambassadors and liaisons to many local, regional and state boards as well as committees that cover a variety of important matters affecting Camden County residents and businesses. Topics covered by these boards include the economy, transportation, regional and local planning, the environment, tourism, juvenile issues and the arts. Members of the Board of County Commissioners are actively engaged in working for the good of the community.

Did You Know?

- Camden County was founded on February 5, 1777.
- Camden County was the 2nd county developed in Georgia.
- Camden County is the 7th largest county in land size in Georgia.
- Camden County is in the 3rd State Senatorial District, the 180th State House District, and the 1st United States Congressional District.



VISION

Helping to make Camden County the best place to be by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life while promoting smart growth and providing efficient, effective and responsive government.

MISSION

It is the mission of Camden County Government to provide responsive, innovative and cost effective services, promote smart growth, effectively communicate with the community, improve infrastructure and technology, preserve the health, welfare, safety and environment while maintaining the outstanding quality of life that makes our county a desirable place to live and work.

VALUES

The Board of County Commissioners and employees of Camden County are committed to the following values.

- **Integrity**—We act with honesty and fairness and always strive to do the right thing.
- **Respect**—We treat everyone with respect. We recognize the dignity that is inherent in all people and celebrate the strength that comes from the diversity of people and ideas.
- **Service**—We take pride in our role as public servants and are dedicated to service excellence. We are committed to responsive, quality service, delivered with timeliness, courtesy and fairness.
- **Accountability**—We are accountable and responsible for our actions and accept the consequences of our decisions.
- **Teamwork**—We value teamwork and promote the principles of partnership, consultations and open communication.
- **Balance**—We encourage the achievement of a healthy balance in the working and personal lives of employees, believing that this contributes to the vitality of individuals, our organization and our community.



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Message from County Administrator

I am proud to present the citizens of Camden County with your 2014 ANNUAL REPORT. This report is provided to inform you about the endeavors of your county government during 2014. Many exciting accomplishments took place in Camden County this year and we were once again fortunate to be recognized with several prominent awards for implementing effective and innovative new programs. You will be able to read more about these major accomplishments and others, in this edition of the Annual Report.



A few highlights of the year included The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voting unanimously to provide additional funding to the Joint Development Authority (JDA) by increasing the millage rate by one (1) mill in an effort to raise the potential for economic development. The County also went live with a new website in October that's more user-friendly, providing an open layout designed for easy access to the information residents and visitors need most. Visit us at www.camdencountyga.gov.

City and County Elected Officials, as well as City and County Fire Chiefs, were also involved in an important milestone this year. A new mutual aid agreement was drafted and implemented to provide the citizens of Camden County with a higher quality of service and faster response times to emergency calls from local Fire and EMS personnel. This unprecedented cooperation promoting functional consolidation is a testament to the power of elected officials and local governments working together for the common good and safety of their citizens.

*“Leadership
that
Listens”*

Moving forward into 2015, Camden County sits poised, both geographically and in terms of planning and preparation, to play an integral role in the space industry, which is increasingly being conducted by the private sector instead of government. A proposed Camden County Spaceport and the opportunity it presents to the coastal region and state of Georgia would be a game-changer for us.

The Board of County Commissioners embarked upon a new five-year plan that is being developed to support the vision of Camden County while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government. The new strategic plan, *2030 Vision*, sets the groundwork for future growth and development in the county and will maximize taxpayers' return on investment while also driving economic vitality in southeast Georgia.

We will continue to develop the action steps necessary for crafting a detailed roadmap of the future of Camden. This roadmap and its lasting effects will help Camden County control its' future. It is a means of understanding change, forecasting change, and setting a course of action to manage the expected implications of change. It is a positive means of moving the county forward together and I look forward to what the future holds for all of us in Camden County.

Yours for a better Camden,

Steve L. Howard, ICMA-CM, CPM, CPPO
County Administrator



2014 Major Milestones

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Consolidation Feasibility Study Completed

In July 2013, the International City / County Management Association (ICMA) presented a formal Fire/Emergency Medical Services Consolidation Feasibility Study to Camden County, St. Marys and Kingsland, GA. When retained in 2012, the ICMA's primary focus was determining the feasibility of consolidation of the County and Local fire/emergency medical services. Recommendations were also sought for efficiencies and improvements to organizational elements as well as service delivery.

Camden County along with the cities of Kingsland and St. Marys actively participated in the study, which was designed to provide them with a thorough and unbiased review of current fire services and the feasibility of consolidating all three fire services, either in part or in full. An operational analysis of Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR), St. Marys Fire Department and Kingsland Fire Department determined the three (3) jurisdictions should strongly consider full consolidation. This consolidation would represent a viable option that enables the most efficient use of resources and programs where appropriate. We are anxious to move forward with these recommendations to begin sharing services with our local municipalities.

County Administrator Recognized

Steve L. Howard, Camden County Administrator since 2007, received a twenty-year service award from International City/Council Management Association (ICMA) in a special ceremony on September 25, 2013. ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build better communities. This Service Award recognizes and celebrates his dedication to public service and professional management at the local level. Awards are based on the number of years of full-time employment in local government.

In addition to his service award, in February 2014, Mr. Howard also received his Credentialed Manager designation. He is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through ICMA's Voluntary Credentialing Program. Mr. Howard has made significant contributions to local government organizations, and has a track record of implementing programs that promote quality and efficiency.

SPLOST Collections begin in Camden County

Beginning in August 2013, Camden County started collecting funds approved by voters for SPLOST #7. The SPLOST program represents a way for Camden County to raise funds for capital outlay projects. The one (1) cent sales tax is raised for county improvements and done so in conjunction with an intergovernmental agreement signed by the local municipalities for a six-year period. The 1% SPLOST is forecasted to raise approximately \$65 Million for the County. Total County-Wide Level Two funds are expected in the amount of \$5.335 Million for pre-determined County-Wide Projects benefitting the citizens of the entire County. These projects include:

- Public Safety-Multi Agency Data Sharing System;
- Public Safety Radio Communications System;
- Colerain Road Hurricane Evacuation Route and Economic Corridor;
and,
- Ambulances for County-Wide Emergency Services.

As agreed upon in the Intergovernmental Agreement, the County shall receive the \$5.335 Million before all other projects begin, up to the first \$44 Million.



Collaborative Opportunities

- Purchase E-911 Dispatch Scripting Software to make Dispatching Calls more Streamlined & Efficient with all Public Entities
- Millage rate increase to benefit the Joint Development Authority
- Co-Sharing Fleet Management Resources with City of Kingsland
- Continue to Seek Shared Services and Resources, thereby Saving Taxpayer Dollars

Community Affairs

- Redesign and Launch of County Website
- Launch of Strategic Plan
- Citizens Summit
- Improved Community Rating System (CRS) in the National Flood Insurance Program to a Class 7 for a 15% Saving to Citizens
- Major Milestone of Spaceport Accomplished
- First-ever "Breakfast Roundtable" for Camden 's Elected Officials

Planning for Success in Camden County

Camden County Elected Officials and Leadership are proactively managing big-picture challenges and opportunities facing the county. Building upon the successful completion of the County's first-ever 5-year Strategic Plan (2008-2012), which produced a tremendous list of accomplishments, a new 5-year plan is being developed to support the vision of Camden County "...while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government." The Board of County Commissioners embarked to develop a new strategic plan called "2030 Vision" that will set the groundwork for future growth and development in the county. In 2015, the County will develop the action steps necessary for crafting a detailed roadmap of the future of Camden.

The path from vision to successful implementation began with intensive strategic planning supporting the County's Mission to, in part, "Provide responsive, innovative and cost effective services" that will make an immediate, positive impact on Camden County. The new plan will maximize taxpayers' return on investment and will also drive economic vitality in southeast Georgia.



"You measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles you had to overcome to reach your goals!"

- Booker T. Washington

Award -Winning Government



2014 Achievement Award for Automatic & Mutual Aid—Functional Consolidation, “Achieving Success through City-County Collaboration”

The Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement joined together Camden County Fire Rescue, Kingsland Fire Department and the St. Marys Fire Department in a manner designed to improve efficiency, reduce response times and improve the level of service for the citizens of Camden County. Under the agreement, the three departments began training together and the unit that is geographically closest to a call location will respond.

The agreement is the result of unprecedented cooperation between the Camden County Board of Commissioners (BOC), the Kingsland City Council and the St. Marys City Council. The agreement was one of the options proposed by the International City / County Management Association Center for Public Safety Management who had been hired in 2013 to study the feasibility of consolidation of fire services within the county.

Following the study, a committee formed that was comprised of elected members of the two city councils, the BOCC as well as the County Administrator and the two City Managers.



Advancing Georgia's Counties.

Named County of the Year for ACCG 2014 Public Private Partnership of the Year—UF Health of Jacksonville for STEMI program

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) formally recognized Camden County at the 2014 Annual Conference held at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center as “County of the Year” for the submission of the ACCG Public-Private Partnership of the Year Award. Camden County partnered with the University of Florida Health at Jacksonville for an innovative life-or-death public-private partnership providing advanced cardiac services on county ambulances. The St-Segment Elevation Myocardial infarction (STEMI) program leverages the prompt response of rescue personnel and the expertise of an advanced cardiac facility. The implementation of this partnership provided additional protection for 50,513 citizens and 40,000+ travelers on Interstate 95.



Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to Camden County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Board of County Commissioners is exceptionally proud of this achievement. County Administrator, Steve Howard, said, “I am thrilled with the announcement of this news and proud of the accomplishments of the Finance Department under Mike Fender’s leadership.” Mr. Fender has been the Director of Finance and Budget since August 1997. The Camden County Board of Commissioners have received this national award for thirteen consecutive years.

County Departments

Administration

The administrative offices ensure implementation of Board policies, priorities, and the day-to-day management of Camden County Government. The administrative office also seeks to deliver county services and programs in a timely, courteous, efficient, and proactive manner. This office strives to be consistent with the Boards objectives, and ensure that full and complete information is always available.



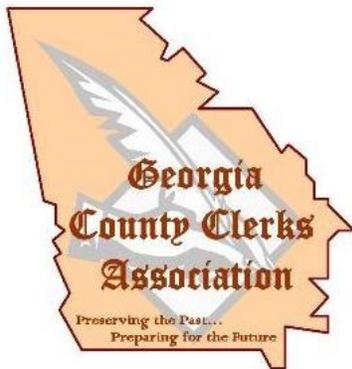
County Attorney

The County Attorney provides high quality legal advice and representation to Camden County Government. In March 2014 Attorney John S. Myers was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to provide legal services to the Board, the

County Administrator, as well as to other elected county officials, county departments, and advisory boards.

County Clerk

The County Clerk provides an official, historical record for present and future generations of the Board of County Commissioners. Katie Bishop, County Clerk, assists the Board through the preparation of meeting agenda's and documents as well as preparing the minutes for all Board of County Commissioner meetings. The County Clerk assures compliance with the Open Meeting/Open Records Act and provides requested information as part of the public record.



The County Clerk also serves as the official custodian of all contracts, leases, resolutions, ordinances and all actions taken by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Clerk facilitated 22 regular board meetings, 3 Solid Waste Authority meetings, 1 special called meeting, 6 work sessions, 11 public hearings, and 2 executive sessions in 2014.

Department of Administrative Services

2014 was a year of organizational enhancements. Early on, the Department of Strategic Initiatives was reorganized to become Administrative Services. The focus for this department changed to more of an internal services department. The Divisions of Customer Service, Curbside Collection, Information Technology, Fleet Services, and Facilities Management Divisions were grouped into this Department.

In addition to the divisions that served other county entities, several core functions were retained. Administrative Services is responsible for the Safety Committee to help prevent worker and public injuries, the Tax Concern Advisory Committee to review claims of erroneous or illegal taxation, participation in the Legislative Affairs Committee with the Chamber of Commerce, and special projects.

In the past 12 months, significant progress has been made in areas of efficiency and coordination. Enterprise level initiatives are in the works that should benefit multiple departments county-wide. At the end of 2014, Fleet and Facilities became part of cooperative efforts with other jurisdictions. These changes are significant and will allow them to flourish with larger operations and shared resources.

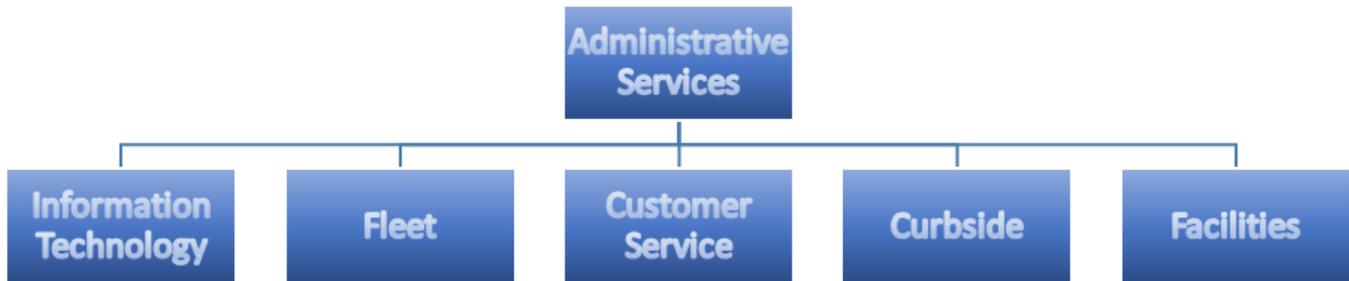
All divisions of the Administrative Services Department strive for the following goals:

- Building cross-functional capability;
- Developing staff to ensure they are fully prepared to perform;
- Conservative Spending; and,
- Delivering high levels of service on a consistent basis.



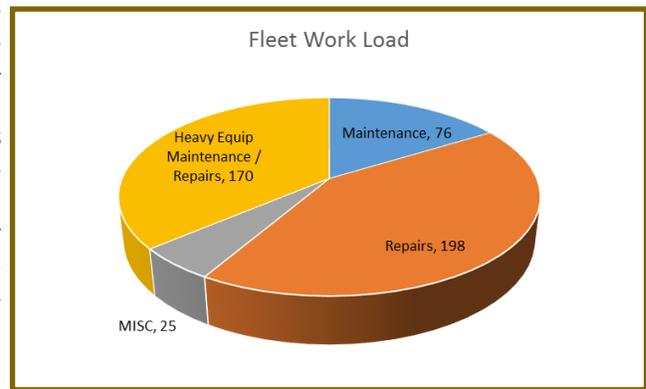
Cumberland Island National Seashore—William Terrell

County Departments



Fleet Services Division

The Fleet Services Division has been evolving over the past four years. Fleet began as a division for maintenance and repair of Public Works vehicles only. It has been expanded to include most of the county's vehicles under the County Administrator's control. At the end of 2013, the division was restructured under the Department of Administrative Services. At the time of transfer, there was a reported backlog of 92 work orders. The process was streamlined and the backlog was reduced to just 11. A schedule was implemented to help with load-balancing and appointments. The inventory was computerized to show exactly what parts were available at any given time and to allow accurate accounting of parts.



A unique Inter-Local agreement was signed with the City of Kingsland in the fourth quarter of 2014. The arrangement boosted the division to the next level of performance by providing access to more resources. Greater coordination between government jurisdictions will benefit the taxpayer.

	# vehicles (approx.)	Completed Work orders
Cars/Light Trucks maintained:	53	342
Heavy Equipment:	41	176

Facilities Management Division

The Facilities Division is responsible for repairs and maintenance of the 32 buildings owned by the Camden County Board of Commissioners. They are responsible for proactive maintenance of such things as air conditioners, roof and plumbing needs, key management, minor upgrades, and grounds keeping of the facilities. At the end of 2013, the division was restructured under the Department of Administrative Services and in the past 12 months, has completed 1,442 work orders.

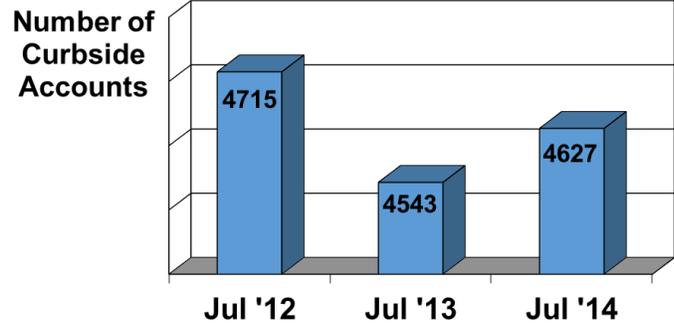
In the fourth quarter of 2014, a new management agreement was reached with the Public Service Authority so that both agencies would benefit from additional skills and abilities.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; Working together is success.”
- Henry Ford

County Departments

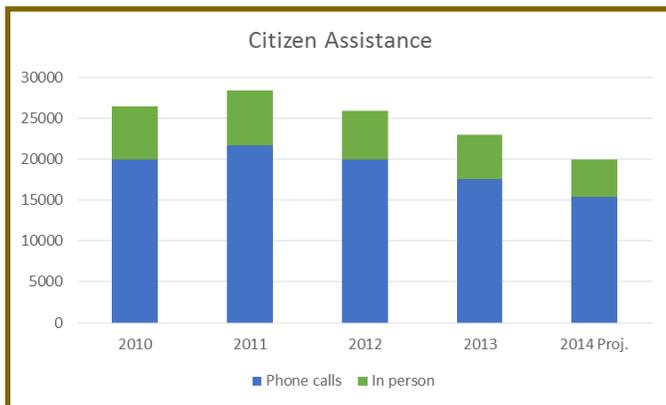
Customer Service Division

Customer Service is part of the Administrative Services Department. It provides quality service in a responsive, courteous, efficient, and proactive manner consistent with the Commissioner's objectives. The Customer Service Division collects and disseminates mail for all departments, answers the County's 'switchboard' calls, assists the general public, and ensures visitors are directed to the appropriate department within the Government Services Complex. Clerical support is provided for the Board of Equalization via the Clerk of Superior Court as well as to the Curbside Division.



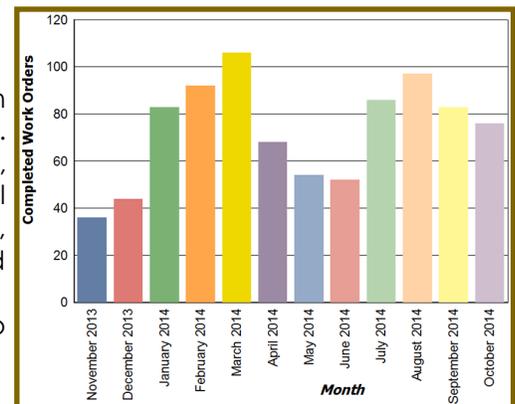
Curbside Collection Division

Curbside Collection is part of the Administrative Services Department. It provides customer service, billing, and oversight of the garbage and recycling service for 4,700 customers in the unincorporated area of Camden County. The monthly rate is \$14.50 and remains unchanged since 2011. Under the guidance of the Solid Waste Authority, efficiency and citizen-focus has been the main emphasis. The collection of garbage, recycling, bulky items, and white goods is performed by Advanced Disposal via a contract. One County employee is allocated to this office and assistance is provided by the Customer Service Division which is located in the same office suite.



Information Technology Division

The Information Technology Division is responsible for the computing environment for all technology under the supervision of the County Administrator as well as some partner agencies. There are 156 computers to manage as well as tablets, smart-phones, and peripheral devices. The helpdesk, all networking, server administration, security, software upgrades, and all other aspects of the computing environment are handled by the IT Division. This past year, the division was moved to the Department of Administrative Services. It was also reorganized to align staffing with current demands of the environment.



As a provider of services to other departments, this division is a critical foundation for the entire County. The IT Division has been replacing outdated hardware and software on an enterprise level, and continues to build a dynamic and efficient environment. As the County grows, so do the demands of this division. The groundwork for growth has been laid for the future.

In 2014, several major projects were completed. The projects include but are not limited to a disaster recovery site, replacement of Windows XP and Office 2003, a password project, terminating cabling in a new building, configuring the JDA's network and storage, and assisting with new software purchases made by departments (Landfill, Finance, Superior Court, Magistrate Court, and the Clinic). With several strategic priorities on the table for 2015, we anticipate an increase in Information Technology capabilities for the entire County. These enhancements will increase productivity, reliability, and resilience countywide.

County Departments

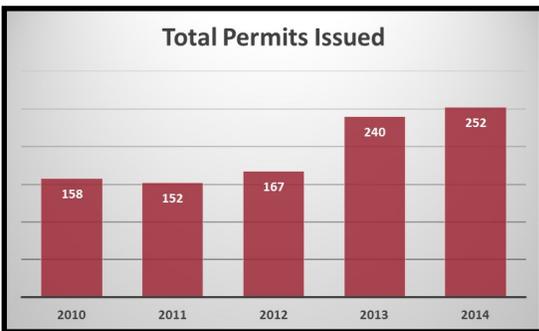
Planning & Development

Planning and Development is responsible for the issuance of permits for all manners of building and construction including inspections. This department also works with the public for rezoning, variance, and special use permits.

In addition to land use and construction, planning staff also works with the business community to issue occupational tax and alcohol licenses. The goal of the department is to provide excellent customer service through the entire planning, construction, licensing, and development process.

2014 Accomplishments:

- Camden has developed a partnership with the Coastal Regional Commission to provide cooperative planning services. This partnership is working on options for co-sharing essential planning functions with the County's municipalities with a goal to provide improved customer service at a reduced public cost.
- For the second consecutive year the Planning Department has seen an increase in activity for all types of applications.
- During the past year, 82 new occupational licenses were provided, approximately 250 permits were issued and over 700 inspections were completed.



Solid Waste Authority

The Solid Waste Authority is responsible for the management of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and the Construction & Demolition (C&D) landfills.

Camden County's landfill operation is best known for its resourcefulness. Daily activities at the landfill include receiving, compacting, and covering waste with bulldozers. Both landfills utilize the resources available placing emphasis on the natural beauty that surrounds them.

The Authority continually looks at alternative ways to boost revenues while continuing to operate without affecting its goal of maintaining environmentally sound facilities that are in compliance with the rules of solid waste management for the State of Georgia.

In an effort to save money and be more cost efficient, the Solid Waste Authority continues to refurbish its own equipment or buy quality used equipment instead of buying brand new equipment for its operations. This effort has saved the Solid Waste Authority more than a million dollars over the past several years.

2014 Accomplishments:

- Completed Phase II stage 4 cells 4a, 4b, & 4c
- Opened a New Borrow Pit
- Held 22nd Annual Youth Fishing Derby
- Increased Tonnage for additional Revenues
- Got another state certified operator
- Passed state inspections with no issues
- Helped with efforts to expand the gun range to meet the needs of the military and local law enforcement



Finance & Budget

The Office of Finance & Budget performs a vital function and is responsible for the financial services and general financial operations of Camden County Government. This office is tasked with utilizing county resources in an effort to provide true stewardship of public funds while continually striving to improve business processes countywide, providing timely, accurate financial information to internal departments and citizens, and enhancing fiscal accountability.

Fund Accounting

County finances are organized by funds, with each one having a specific purpose and in some instances restrictions on how money can be used. The county has a General Fund, (7) Special Revenue Funds, (4) Capital Project Funds and (2) Enterprise or Proprietary Funds. Despite the current challenging economic circumstances, Camden County maintained fiscal stability, with zero debt service and an "Aa3" credit rating by Moody's. Revenues and expenditures are balanced with no millage rate increase. The comprehensive annual financial reports, quarterly reports and budgets are available for review online at www.camdencountyga.gov under the Finance Department tab.

Achieving a balanced budget is no small task; discipline, innovation and commitment are key. To the taxpayer we must commit our best effort. Nothing less is acceptable.

Millage Rate History

State law requires that property taxes be based on 40% of market value which is known as the assessed value. All real and personal property is valued as of January 1st of each year. The County Tax Assessor's Office assesses all property with the exception of vehicles and public utilities which are assessed by the State of Georgia. A homestead exemption is allowed for each taxpayer for at least one year ending at \$4,000 of the assessed value. In addition, there are exemptions for many other areas of property relief with the largest being the frozen values based on property values from 2006. The assessed property listing is submitted to the Tax Commissioner to prepare the tax digest from the assessed values. Once the final digest is prepared the Board of Commissioners set a millage rate based on the revenues required to satisfy the budget. Once adopted, the millage rate and digest are submitted to the State of Georgia - Department of Revenue for compliance and approval. A comprehensive millage rate history is shown in the chart below.

Municipalities within Camden County impose a millage rate established by their governing body which is NOT reflected in the county tax bill.

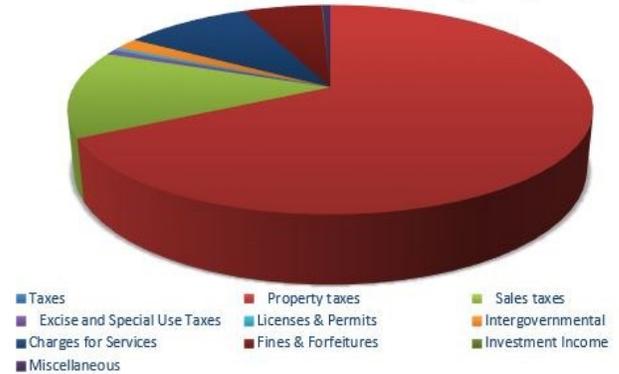
The Board of Education establishes a separate millage rate which does appear on your county tax bill. The diagram below does not include any exemptions that may be available.

TAX YEAR	STATE	SCHOOL	UNINCORP TAX DISTRICT	COUNTY	JDA
2014	0.10	15.82	0.67	11.94	1.00
2013	0.15	15.50	0.67	11.70	0.00
2012	0.20	15.50	0.67	11.70	0.00
2011	0.25	15.00	0.67	11.70	0.00

2014 General Fund

Camden County Revenues		
General Fund Activities		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014		
Revenues		2014 Actual
Taxes		
Property taxes		\$ 17,258,168
Sales taxes		3,449,236
Excise and Special Use Taxes		198,870
Licenses & Permits		124,738
Intergovernmental		450,626
Charges for Services		2,418,158
Fines & Forfeitures		1,555,501
Investment Income		19,221
Miscellaneous		151,100
Totals		\$ 25,625,618

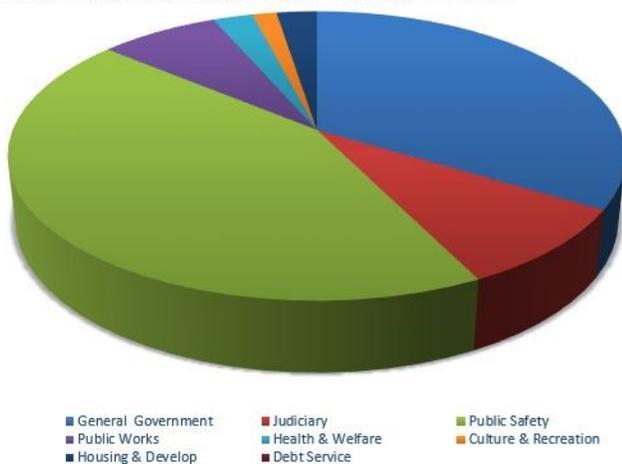
General Fund Revenues \$25,625,618



"I believe that through knowledge and discipline, financial peace is possible for all of us."

-Dave Ramsey

General Fund Expenses - \$25,307,029



Camden County Expenses		
General Fund Activities		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014		
Expenses		2014 Actual
General Government		\$ 8,531,669
Judiciary		2,262,608
Public Safety		10,987,253
Public Works		1,882,179
Health & Welfare		628,355
Culture & Recreation		379,506
Housing & Develop		635,459
Debt Service		-
Totals		\$ 25,307,029

County Departments

Public Protection & Compliance

Under the supervision of the County Administrator, the Public Protection Officer plans, coordinates and directs the County's programs associated with fire/life safety, regulations, and compliance. This also includes fire prevention, code enforcement and animal control, as well as Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

Enforcement Productivity Statistics

Unified Development Code of Camden County

Caseload: 107

Open: 22

Closed: 85

Citations: 9

Average Days to Resolution: 52

Code of Camden County Solid Waste Ordinance

Open Cases: 372

Activations: 239

Warnings: 515

Citations: 8

Debt Recovered: \$19,817



Animal Control Services

The Animal Control Division strives to balance the health, public safety, and welfare needs of people and animals in our community by responsibly and humanely enforcing animal-related laws; providing a safe environment for unwanted, stray, abused, and impounded animals; educating the public about responsible companion animal ownership; and investigating cases where animal care is questionable.

Details of Services Provided

The Animal Control Department provides services to the cities of St. Marys, Woodbine, and the unincorporated areas of the county which cover approximately 596 square miles of jurisdiction.

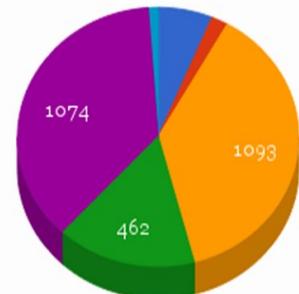
Full Service Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Ordinance Enforcement Cruelty Investigations Stray Animals Response Trapping Assistance Bite Investigations
Limited Services Weekends, Holidays, and After Hours	Bite Investigations Assist Public Safety Officers

NUMBER OF SERVICE CALLS

Geographic	Totals
St. Marys	1,674
Woodbine	209
Kingsland	287
County	2,370
Kingsbay	44
Other	281

Service by Type

- Wildlife
- Animal Bites
- Dog Complaints
- Cat Complaints
- Information Request
- Cruelty



County Departments

Community Rating System (CRS)

CRS is the management program through which the Insurance Services Office rates communities in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

In 2014, the CRS:

- Increased its rating level from an 8 to 7, which amounted to a 15% discount on insurance policies in flood plains.
- Provided 5% discount on policies outside of flood plains.
- Responded to 20 inquiries about the flood zone.
- Completed 49 Flood Zone Determinations giving information to home builders on how to manage new construction in flood plains.
- Submitted 1 Repetitive loss project to GEMA & FEMA for mitigation of a repeatedly flooded home.
- Received Certification as Flood Plain Manager.
- Formed a Program for Public Information to distribute flood plain information.

Erosion & Sedimentation

This department oversees the Land Disturbance Program in compliance with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) ordinances relating to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits.

- Certification as a Level II reviewer through Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- Issued 13 Land Disturbance Permits.
- Completed 85 Land Disturbance Application Inspections.

Capital Road Projects

- Moved Kingsland By-Pass Phase I to right-of-way, and began acquiring parcels.
- Working with GDOT and Moreland Altobelli on Phase II of Kingsland By-Pass Phase, settling environmental issues.
- Completed County wide "Safety Striping Project."
- Completed GDOT LMIG projects of CMG Place and resurfacing of Kinlaw Road and Powderhorn Road.
- Certified in GDOT Administered Projects, Plan Development Process, Right-of-Way Training, and Title VI.

Public Works-Roads

The primary function of the Road Department is to maintain, repair, and drain all public roads owned by Camden County. The Road Department maintains traffic and safety signage along all county roadways and maintains more than 4,000 drain culverts.

2014 Accomplishments

- Improvement in driver safety by repairing Refuge Road, Dover Bluff Road, Sheffield Island Road, and Oakwell Road.
- Improved drainage for Canal Landing Road and Cox Road.
- Eliminated roadway flooding and mosquito breeding sites in Mallard Point Subdivision.
- New Road Mowing Contract to allow for 4 cycles of mowing at a less expensive rate.
- Purchased 2 new dump trucks and Rubber Tire Backhoe for cost savings with better fuel efficiency and repair bills.
- Constant grading of all dirt roads thereby reducing holes and washouts for safer driving conditions.
- Replaced 30 cross drains and installed 19 new driveway culverts.
- Continue cleaning drain ditches and 600 miles along roadsides plus an unknown amount of outfalls to enhance the storm water management.



*"The Best Road to Progress
is Freedom's Road."
— John F. Kennedy*

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department manages the county's most valuable assets, the employees. The core functionality of Human Resources is to provide programs, policies, procedures, and practices that motivate employees while optimizing efficiencies and maintaining governmental compliance.

2014 Accomplishments

New Leadership - In April Staci Bowick, Director of Human Resources and Support Services, took a position with Southeast Community Church as the Church Administrator. After a nationwide search, Katie Howard, a local citizen, came to the Board of Commissioners with 13 years of combined HR leadership and consulting experience.



Katie Howard



Bright Choices/Online Benefit Enrollment -

The County went paperless with benefits enrollment by adopting the benefits open exchange program, Bright Choices. The program is designed to help employees clearly visualize the actual dollar amounts awarded to them to be spent on their benefits. This helps the employee choose coverage best suited for them and their families more efficiently and is individually customized to meet that employee's needs.



Dr. Earl Martin, MD

New Clinic Providers and Hours - The Living Well onsite Wellness Clinic made strides to provide the best quality care to employees county wide. Two new providers came on board to better serve employees. Dr. Earl Martin, MD and Medical Director and Nurse Practitioner, Janet Garvey, DNP come to us with an abundance of skills, knowledge and expertise that will help set the future of the clinic and take it to the next level as a care Facility. With their available schedule, clinic hours have been increased from 16 hours on site per week to 34 hours on site per week. Overall, these additional operating hours have improved customer service.



Janet Garvey, DNP

Employee Health & Safety Fair - In October, employees from the Cities of Kingsland and St. Marys, and the Public Service Authority attended the 6th Annual Joint Health & Wellness Fair located at the Camden Recreation Center. Over 40 vendors provided information on health and wellness topics and performed various screenings at no cost.

In 2015, an outcome based wellness program will be introduced that will take the county wellness initiatives to the next level. The components included in the outcome based program include Biometric Screening; Health Risk Assessments; Benefits Incentives; Disease Management; Smoking/Tobacco Cessation; and Employee Assistance Program. The wellness program will build upon these efforts year after year, recognizing it takes commitment to build a strong wellness culture.



Improving Lives



The UGA Cooperative Extension Office fully utilizes resources allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with state and federal funding. Extension programming improves lives by providing lifelong learning opportunities for the people of Camden County. Extension education is completely dependent upon unbiased research-based education in the areas of agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.

Purpose:

To serve as a catalyst for bringing unbiased research-based literature to the citizens of Camden County in the form of Agriculture and Natural Resources and 4-H Youth Programming.



Camden County Extension partnered with Crooked River State Park to host a Rivers Alive river cleanup as part of Your State Parks Day on Saturday September 27th. Despite the threat of rain, sixty volunteers came out and collected over 250 pounds of trash along Crooked River. Another Rivers Alive river cleanup was held on November 8, 2014. Volunteers picked up over 800 lbs. of garbage and debris and cleared 8 tires for recycling.



AmeriCorps VISTA joins Camden County Extension



VISTA, which stands for Volunteer In Service To America, is a program that was started under the Johnson Administration in 1965. Originally envisioned by President John F. Kennedy, the goal of VISTA was to recruit American citizens as volunteers in their communities to fight a "War on Poverty." In 1993, President Clinton enacted the National Community Service Trust Act and the AmeriCorps was born. Nearly fifty years later, VISTAs serve nationwide on over a thousand different project sites under AmeriCorps, a national network of service programs.

A local project site is the UGA Extension and 4-H Office of Camden County, located in Woodbine, GA. Sarah Newby was sworn in as a VISTA on May 22, 2014 and began her year of service to Camden County the next day. She is originally from Indianapolis, IN and has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Psychology from Huntington University in Huntington, IN. This is her first VISTA term and she has gotten to know her newfound community and its members, better.

The VISTA program's goal is to combat the poverty cycle, and Sarah tackled issues related to the availability of healthy food options for those in the most need. The Camden County Fresh Foods Initiative, which Sarah worked with, to connect local growers, community gardens and food pantries in the county. The Initiative also worked with teachers, parents and volunteers to initiate and support school gardens and Farm to School programs. She also recruited volunteers for the Rivers Alive Cleanup Day, and developed advisory boards for the Camden County Extension Agricultural and Natural Resources and 4-H programs.





The Cooperative Extension Office celebrated the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, a unique educational partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the nation's land-grant universities that extends research-based knowledge through a state-by-state network of extension educators.

For 100 years, the Smith-Lever Act has stimulated innovative research and vital educational programs for youth and adults through progressive information delivery systems that improved lives and shaped a nation. For more information and to learn more about the extension office go to <https://www.facebook.com/Extension100Years>.

Camden County 4-H offers a wide variety of educational and fun activities. They meet with 5th graders once a month in the classroom at each of the nine elementary schools. They also meet with the two middle schools after school and with the high school in the evening.

4-H is an educational program focusing on the needs, interest, and concerns of young people. The Cooperative Extension Office is geared towards helping Camden youth gain a positive self-concept, develop social skills, and decision-making abilities and learn subject knowledge needed for a productive life. 4-H members develop leadership and citizenship skills through individual project work, group activities, community service, and school meetings. We are the youth division of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. 4-H began as corn and tomato clubs, but has developed into the largest youth organization in the world.

- Any Camden county youth ages 9 – 19.
- There is no charge to join 4-H. Some optional activities may have a small fee.
- **Cloverleaf:** 5th & 6th grade 4-H'ers
- **Junior:** 7th & 8th grade 4-H'ers
- **Senior:** 9th – 12th grade 4-H'ers
- **County Extension Agent:** Public Service Faculty of the University of Georgia's College of Agriculture & Environmental Science serving Georgia counties by specializing in the areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science and 4-H & Youth.
- **Program Assistant:** Member of the Extension staff to help provide program support to the 4-H program.

For more information about Camden County 4-H Youth Development Programs, contact Amber Bishop at ambersb@uga.edu or Robert Castleberry at rcastle@uga.edu.





Camden County Fire Rescue is dedicated to the safety and protection of the community's quality of life from all hazards through our professional staff, rapid response teams, and by placing

others before oneself.

Service Data:

- EMS calls - 5933
- Fire calls - 1926
- CPR classes - 137
- Students - 850
- Stroke alerts -38
- STEMI alerts -13
- Trauma - 40
- Resuscitated Patients - 24

2014 Accomplishments

- Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement signed to join together Camden County Fire Rescue, the Kingsland Fire Department and the St. Marys Fire Department in a manner designed to improve efficiency, reduce response times and improve the level of service for the citizens of Camden County.
- Joint Training Sessions began in February 2014. Camden County, City of Kingsland and City of St. Marys fire departments began training together on a monthly basis to streamline best practices and tactics.
- Emergency Medical Services added an additional Zone. Camden County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to add an additional ambulance zone. Camden County Fire Rescue will add a sixth 24 hour advanced life support ambulance.
- Kingsland City Council voted to lease Camden County Fire Rescue two (2) of their ambulances. The lease will allow Camden to implement the new ambulance zone earlier than planned.
- In October, Camden Fire Rescue chose to award the EMS Billing contract to National Reimbursement Group, Inc. out of Macon, Georgia.
- Transitioned from computer based training to more hands-on training.
- Combination of duties and streaming positions thereby eliminating 2 full-time positions and in return, saving the citizens money.
- Warehouse Project—removing walls in a space that previously served as the 911 center to provide a better accountability and tracking system as well as allow for bulk purchasing of supplies and equipment.

New Fire Chief Named

J. Mark Crews was appointed Camden County Fire Chief in April. He will hold a dual positions as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. Chief Crews previously held the position of Assistant Chief until 2004 when



he transferred out of the department to establish the Emergency Management Department. As the new chief, Crews has been tasked with accountability for his department. Immediately, he began with an evaluation of daily operations and job duties. As a result of this evaluation, Chief Crews reorganized the administrative staff. This realignment helped to eliminate job redundancy.

Chief Crews has also begun the process of purchasing 2 new fire trucks and an ambulance for the department. These trucks will be purchased out of SPLOST funds. He and his staff have done their research. He looks to provide the best possible trucks for the most reasonable price. This is just one of the many reasons we are excited to have him as Fire Chief.





Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

The EMA is a division of Public Safety responsible for the management of all emergency preparedness program areas. Under the provisions of Georgia statutes, EMA is responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive disaster planning, mitigation and response activities within Camden County. EMA develops and maintains emergency plans for all types of natural and manmade hazards. Additionally, EMA provides analysis and recommendations necessary to make decisions that will effectively save lives and protect property in such emergencies.

Camden County is designated by NOAA's National Weather Service as a Storm Ready county due to the efforts of EMA and public safety officials to ensure that Camden County has an action plan that responds to the threat of all types of severe weather.

2014 Accomplishments

- Awarded a grant for updating the County's Hazards Mitigation Plan. Federally approved and updated Hazards Mitigation plans are required for the application of state and federal aid in disaster assistance.
- Worked cooperatively with the School System, Local Law Enforcement, fire departments and EMS to develop response plans for Active Shooter/Intruder incidents. Camden County has 3 law enforcement agencies and 3 fire departments that would respond to these types of events. Depending on location and size of the event any or all of these agencies could be involved. It is therefore vitally important that there be a common plan that is applicable to any school, discipline or agency regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.
- Received renewal of county's "Storm Ready" status. In order to receive Storm Ready Status a community must demonstrate the ability to have multiple means of receiving and disseminating severe weather alerts to the public. A community that is Storm Ready will be better prepared for survival and recovery from severe weather events.

Firefighter of the Year -

Stephen Murdock is a model employee, always willing to take on additional duties and assist his fellow employees. He serves on several committees within the department as well as other county organizations.



Firefighter Murdock donates his time to help teach fire safety to school children and others during Annual Fire Safety Month. He has been elected as Employee of the Month by his peers, proving Stephen is a pleasure to work with and a role model for others.



Fire Officer of the Year -

Captain Tina Ingles started her career with Camden County in 1988. During her career, she has served in nearly every role and capacity within the department.

In addition to her regular duties, Captain Ingles assists the administration staff with budgets, staffing, special operations, and numerous other collateral assignments. Captain Ingles is an invaluable resource to the department not only as a senior shift supervisor but also as a liaison to receiving hospitals.



Appointed Boards

Tax Assessors' Office - The Tax Assessor's Office is responsible for the preparation of the annual real and personal property tax digest in Camden County. Once the tax digest has been completed and approved by the Board of Assessors it is provided to the Tax Commissioner who ensures the taxes owed on each property are collected.

2014 Accomplishments:

- The Tax Assessors' office discovered and terminated several invalid conservation use covenants. This will increase revenue to the County by eliminating invalid covenants which the property owner were not qualified.
- Completed the 2015 Tax Digest in a timely manner as to allow the Board of Commissioners time to set the mileage rate and adopt the budget.
- Staff members worked on continuing education to be more knowledgeable and able to preform their duties more efficiently and effectively.



Registrars' Office - The Registrar's Office is responsible for maintaining all voter registration records for Camden County. The office is also responsible for all Early and Absentee voting prior to every election and assists the Superintendent of Elections (Probate Judge Robert Sweatt) with the recruiting and training of poll workers to provide a more efficient, accurate, and professional voting experience for Camden residents.



In 2014 Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp launched two new technology advances to improve the service provided to voters.

1. An Online Voter Registration website, "<http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/>", and
2. A mobile app, "**GA VOTES**" that can be used to do the following:
 - View their address information;
 - View their polling place information;
 - View a map of and retrieve driving directions to their polling place;
 - View Sample Ballots for the current election;
 - View the webpages of their currently elected state officials; and,
 - View contact information for the local Voter Registration Office.

All Georgia citizens need a valid Georgia driver's license or identification card to use the online voter registration systems. The county Voter Registration offices will receive and process the online forms electronically.

This new electronic process will not REPLACE the traditional paper voter registration forms, but is another new way to register and update your information that will require less time, less paper use, less money spent on postage and a faster registration process for the voters.

Total registered voters in Camden County
31,534
Total active voters in Camden County
25,687

Constitutional Officers & Elected Officials

Clerk of Superior Court Joy Lynn Turner

The clerk of the superior court is the primary record keeper for the county. The clerk administers the proper registration and retention of official documents.

The clerks office also handles civil and criminal proceedings; real estate and personal property transactions; jury system administration; child support receiver; Board of Equalization Administration; and passports.



Probate Court Judge Robert C. Sweatt, Jr.

The judge of the Probate Court has a broad range of powers, mostly unrelated to criminal matters. He or she oversees matters pertaining to property deeds, marriage licenses, guardianships, and

wills; supervises elections; and administers public oaths of office. Camden County Probate Court is responsible for Estates & Wills; Weapons Permits; Guardianships and Conservatorships; Marriage Licenses; Game and Fish Offenses (Department of Natural Resources); Misdemeanor Traffic Offices (Citations from Camden County Sheriff's Offices and Georgia State Patrol); Vital Records (Birth & Death Certificates); and Elections.

County Coroner L.W. Bruce

The Coroner handles administrative tasks that relate to the deceased, such as collecting bodies, identifying them, determining cause of death, granting exhumation as a medical examiner, performing an autopsy on the body to determine how and when the person died. All deaths must be reported to the coroner, who will investigate the death if it is suspicious. In general, any death that takes place outside of a hospital is considered suspicious. The Coroner or representative of the office picks up decedents from the site where they are discovered and brings them back to the office for examination. The Coroner determines the time and cause of death, and issues a formal death certificate and autopsy report. If the death is found to be a murder, the information gathered by the office will serve as evidence in the case.



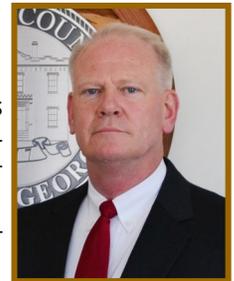
Office of the Sheriff Sheriff Jim Proctor

The sheriff of each of Georgia's 159 counties has certain Constitutional responsibilities that include, but are not restricted to:

Law Enforcement- Enforcement of the criminal laws of Georgia;

Court Duties- Sheriffs maintain the safety and security of the court, serve court papers and perform other court-related duties; &

Jail Administration- Sheriffs' offices operate county jails and are solely responsible for the custody, safety and health of inmates.



Tax Commissioner Beth Soles

The functions of the tax commissioner resemble those of an accountant for the county. He or she receives all tax returns, maintains the county's tax records, and collects and pays tax funds to the state and local governments. The Tax Commissioner's Office is responsible for vehicle tags and titles; mobile home permits and titles; handicap placards; and ad valorem taxes on vehicles, mobile homes and property. To assist the tax commissioner, the BOCC has established a tax assessor's board, an equalization board, and a board of appraisers. The purpose of these appointed, not elected, boards is to ensure that everyone pays his or her fair share of taxes.



Magistrate Court Judge Jennifer E. Lewis

The Magistrate Court is Georgia's small claims court. The court has broad jurisdiction to try and dispose of most civil claims when the amount sought or the value of the property claimed does not exceed \$15,000. This court can also hear dispossessory, writs of possession for personal property and garnishment actions. Magistrate judges may also issue criminal arrest and search warrants, try county ordinance violations and misdemeanor bad check cases, set bonds for individuals arrested on criminal charges and hold preliminary hearings.



Our Military Community



Established in 1978, Camden County's Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (NSBKB) is the East Coast Homeport for Ohio-Class Ballistic and Guided Missile Submarines. It is also

home to Trident Submarines, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit, Trident Training Facility, Trident Refit Facility, Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic, and other support-providing commands.

Trident Training Facility is the largest building in Camden County, with more than 500,000 square feet of classrooms and office space. Trident Refit Facility's dry dock is the largest covered dry dock in the Western Hemisphere.

Local officials strive to cultivate relationships with the Department of Defense (DOD) and Homeland Security through local initiatives, as well as at the state and federal levels, in order to promote community support for Kings Bay and its military missions in Camden County. NSBKB is the only naval base in the Atlantic Fleet capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) missile. The base master plan specifically reflects future growth.



Summary of Kings Bay Workforce

Active duty	4,779
Appropriated fund employees	2,366
Contracted employees	1,672
Total workforce	8,817

NSBKB Facility Land and Infrastructure:

16,994 acres (25 square miles)
 4,000 acres of protected wetlands
 2,500 acres unencumbered
 12.7 miles of railroads
 140 miles of paved roads

The following information shows the economic impact that the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay has on the surrounding community. These figures are calculated by identifiable, off-base spending from gross expenditures but do not include the economic impacts of military retirees in the area.

Total Economic Impact: \$706,900,000

Economic impact through payroll:

\$600 Million

Economic impact through goods and services:

\$78.6 Million (installation only)

Impact of one Ohio-Class submarine:

\$15—\$16 Million

Estimated payroll includes two crews of 165 sailors. Kings Bay is home to Six fleet ballistic-missile and two guided-missile submarines.

Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit:

\$19.7 Million

A fully operational unit with 200 Coast Guardsmen, two 87-foot cutters, and 12 additional patrol boats.

Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team:

\$8.6 Million

This team consists of 85 Coast Guardsmen and 6 patrol craft.



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



Camden County has the distinction of being the first county in the nation to be designated as a Coast Guard Community and joins 15 cities already designated as strong supports of the Coast Guard.



On March 18, 2014 Camden County welcomed Admiral Jon Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations.



Left to Right: Kingsland Mayor Kenneth Smith; Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Jon Greenert; County Commissioner Jimmy Starline, Chairman; St. Marys Mayor, John Morrissey; and Woodbine Mayor, Steven Parrott.

The Camden Partnership

Camden County Georgia



The Camden Partnership is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization which promotes community support for Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (NSBKB) and the military missions in Camden County, Georgia. The Partnership is funded by contributions from public and private sector Partners who are committed to the continued viability and growth of NSBKB as a key contributor to our nation's strategic defense posture and a driver of quality growth in Camden County, Georgia.

The mission of The Camden Partnership (TCP) is to advocate, support and strengthen military missions, and improve the quality of life for our military members by enhancing regional military and community partnerships. Their vision is to be the primary resource and preferred partner in military / community issues.

One focus of the Partnership is on their ability to conduct a variety of missions at Kings Bay free of any operational restrictions (e.g., encroachment, environment, etc.). Another focus is the community's ability to support current and future missions as well as to provide a trained and qualified workforce.

The Partnership sponsors community programs and events, explains the economic impact of NSBKB on Camden County, and invites everyone who has a stake in the future of Camden County and of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay to join them and add their voices to achieving the mission of The Camden Partnership.

For more information on the Partnership, you may contact Sheila McNeill, President of TCP and Past National President, Navy League of the United States at (912) 882-2636.

Developing our Community

Joint Development Authority The mission of the Joint Development Authority (JDA) is to promote Camden County to expand and diversify the economy and stimulate the creation of quality employment opportunities to provide a better quality of life for citizens.

Established in 1981 by Joint resolution of Camden County and the Cities of Woodbine, Kingsland, and St. Marys. The JDA was created in accordance with the Georgia Development Authorities Law and was empowered with unique tools to promote business, industry, and agriculture within Camden County.

Governed by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by local governments. It is comprised of three County representatives, and two representatives from each of the three Cities (Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine).

What Happened in 2014

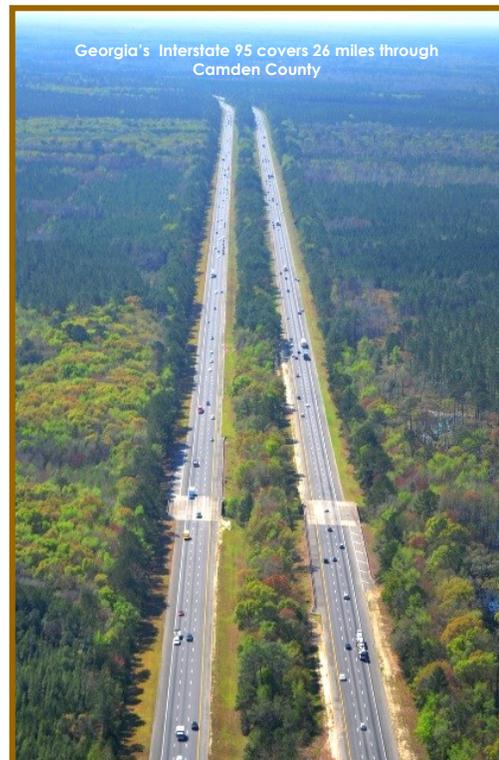
- Held an visioning session with all local elected officials, which resulted in unanimous agreement to speak with one voice in the area of economic development, the Joint Development Authority, and to adequately fund the JDA.
- Hiring of a new executive director after an 8 month nationwide search.
- Hiring a Project Manager .
- Co-location with the Camden County Chamber of Commerce and Camden Partnership.

Project Manager - Darren Harper is the Project Manager for the JDA. He began his current duties in August 2014 as a process to streamline and enhance development efforts throughout Camden County. Prior to the JDA, Darren was the Director of the City of Kingsland Economic Development Department. He has extensive experience and background in architecture, historic preservation, downtown and economic development, and project finance.



Executive Director

James Coughlin accepted the Executive Director position in August 2014. He attended both the University of Florida and the University of Georgia and studied athletic Training and Sports Medicine. In 2011 James completed Leadership Rome and served as the Governors appointee to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission exposing him to civic service and economic development.



“Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.”

- Ban Ki-moon

Camden County Demographics

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POPULATION

Camden County	51,476
Kingsland	16,240
St. Marys	17,755
Woodbine	1,351

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2013

AGE

Under age 5	7.7%
Ages 5-17	25.7%
Ages 18-64	55.8%
Age 65+	10.8%

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2013

GEOGRAPHY

Land Area	613.03 sq. miles
Person per square mile	82.4

*Camden County is the 7th largest county in Georgia in land area.

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

EDUCATION

High School Graduate or Higher	92.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	18.2%

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2013

INCOME

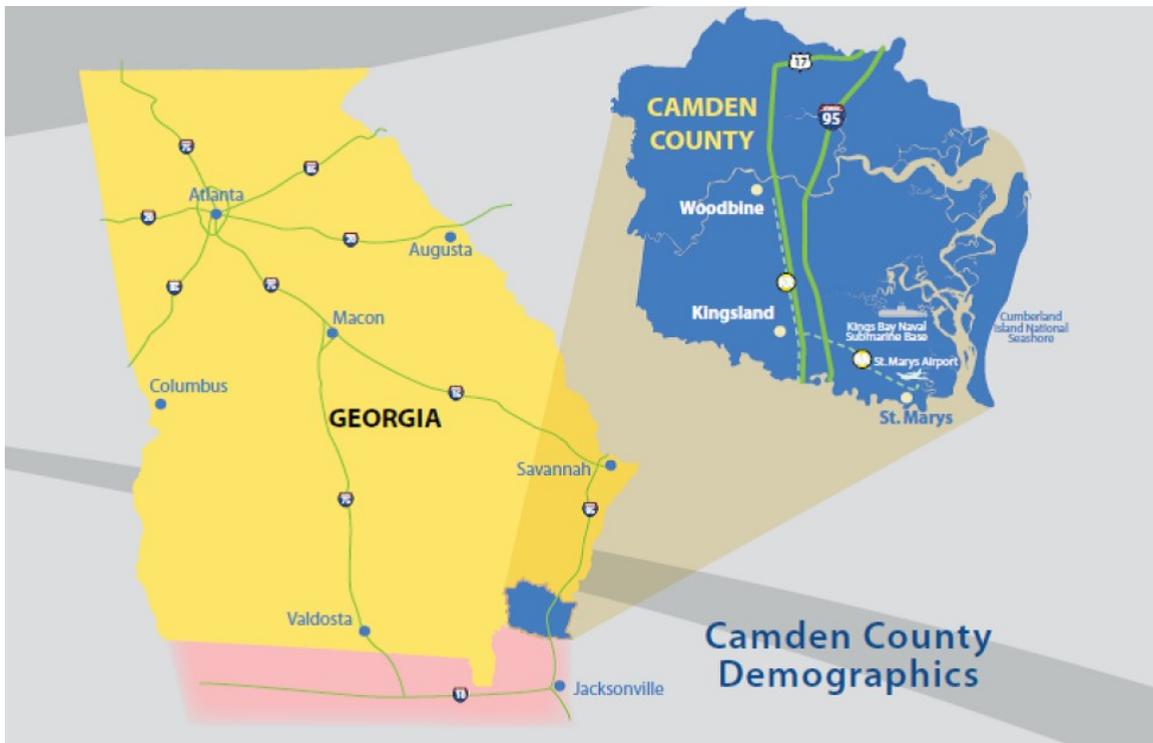
Per Capita	\$22,701
Median Household Income	\$51,990

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-13

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CAMDEN:

- The median home cost in Camden County is \$129,300. Home appreciation the last year has been .9%.
- Compared to the rest of the country, Camden County's cost of living is 8.50% lower than the U.S. average.
- The unemployment rate in Camden County is 6.80 % (U.S. avg. is 6.30%). Recent job growth is Positive. Camden County jobs have Increased by 1.60 percent.
- Average commute time is 21 minutes. The national average is 25 minutes.

Source Sperling's BestPlaces.net



Enhancing the Quality of Life



Enhancing the *quality of life* for Camden County citizens.

Public Service Authority (PSA) The Camden Community Recreation Center (CCRC) at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland is the central hub of the PSA. The CCRC houses a state-of-the-art, fully equipped weight room; aerobics room; basketball gym; gymnastics gym; a racquet ball court, and a spin studio as well as a heated community pool along with a 1/4 mile track. The PSA is responsible for the maintenance of 27 other parks and recreational facilities throughout Camden County. The facility located behind the Recreational Center consists of 4 baseball fields, a concession stand, 2 batting cages, and restrooms. Directly behind the fields citizens enjoy the model airplane runway.

Senior Center

The Senior Center is located in the Ralph Bunch Complex in Woodbine. Partnered with the Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging to provide a hot lunch and, if needed, transportation to the center. The seniors get together daily from 9:30 to 1:30 for exercise, outings, quilting, sharing of stories and talents, and many other activities. To find out more information call 729-1945 or email us at seniorcenterpsa@tds.net

The Athletic Department offers baseball, softball, t-ball, track, volleyball, football, cheerleading, and basketball to the youth in Camden County.

MISSION:

To provide a wide variety of high quality leisure opportunities, services, and facilities for the citizens of Camden County to enjoy and enhance their quality of life.

2014 Accomplishments

Over 400,000 people visited the 26 facilities including the Rec Center, surrounding fields, as well as the many parks.

Athletics:

- Several youth sports teams were able to attend district and state competitions.
- Track team won the annual State GRPA District II meet, bringing home several medals.
- 13-14 age boys Relay Team were the fastest in the region advancing to the National Meet in Hershey, PA where they placed 4th out of 8 regions.
- 11-12 ages boys baseball team made the GRPA State Competition.
- 7-8 age football team won 2nd place in the Annual Mickey Katrkaveck Bowl in Ware County.
- 9-10 age football team won 2nd place for the GRPA District II Competition.
- 11-12 age Girls basketball team took 2nd place for the GRPA District II Competition.

Gymnastics:

- The Gymnastics team excelled all throughout the year, finishing the season as strong as they began.
- 17 gymnasts went to State and brought home 8 Gold medals, 5 Silver and 7 Bronze.
- 31 gymnasts went to AAU National Competition and brought home 31 Gold, 20 Silver and 14 Bronze medals.

Health & Fitness:

Several new programs were implemented in 2014.

- *Insanity* and *PiYo* (fast-paced blend of Pilates and Yoga) were added to the aerobic class.
- A *PiYo* strength workshop was held in August.
- Several free nutrition seminars were held.
- *Countdown to the Holidays* program held in November focused on burning extra calories while getting fit to combat the weight gain over the holidays. It was such a success, members asked for the program to be held twice a year in the future.
- Members visited health fairs, hospitals and the Coastal Community College as well as doing a demo during the Employee Health Fair.

Enhancing the Quality of Life

Community:

- Annual Day camps, Daddy Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with Santa saw an excessive increase in participation this year.
- Worked with St. Marys Kiwanis, Relay for Life, 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other local organizations.

Awards:

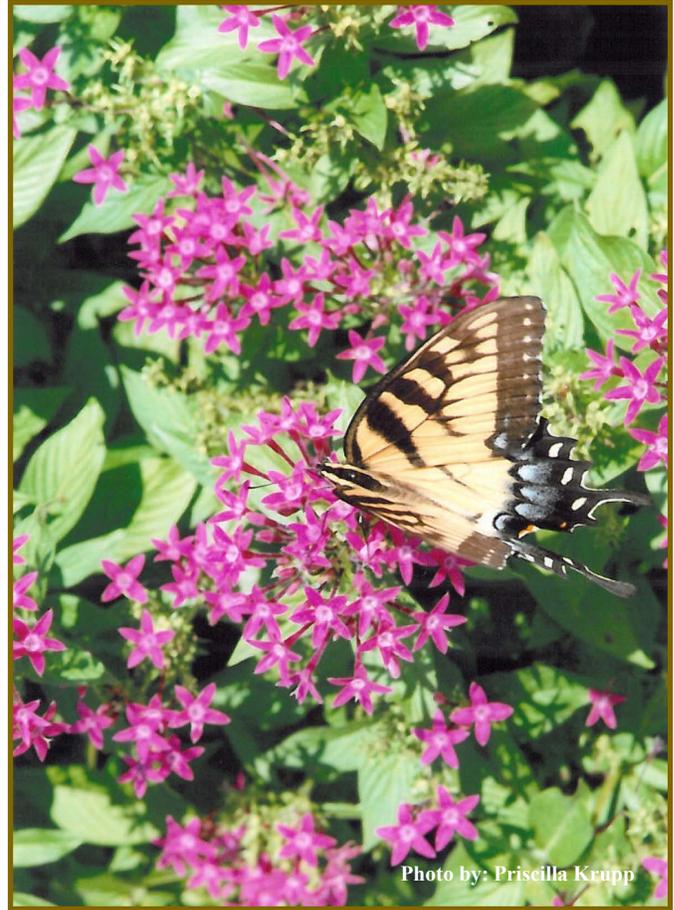
- Kitt Williams-Brown and Juvi Jamie were recognized for their outstanding work in recreation at the Annual GRPA District II Banquet in August.
- Kitt Williams-Brown received the "James Edo 'Sonny' Miller Award", recognizing individuals who have made outstanding and lasting contributions to the athletic aspect of the recreation profession.
- Juvi Jamie (Health & Fitness Coordinator) received the "Carl Hager Award", recognizing individuals for outstanding and lasting contributions to the programming aspect of the recreation profession in the 2nd District.

SPLOST Funds:

With SPLOST funds Cardio equipment at the REC Center was replaced with 6 new treadmills, 2 elliptical machines, 2 adaptive motion trainers, 2 recumbent bikes, an upright bike and a Jacob's Ladder.

New Departments Added:

Mid year three new departments were added, Mosquito Control, Facility Maintenance and Roadside Mowing for Camden County.



Parks and other facilities maintained by the Recreation Department:

Chris Gilman Stadium; Howard Peebles Park; Kingsland Lion Park; Little Catfish Creek; Brown-town Wilderness Park; Temple Landing Boat Ramp; Tom Casey Memorial Dog Park; St. Marys Recreational Authority park/St. Marys Pool; St. Marys Civic Park; Camden County PSA Soccer Complex; Sweetwater Park; McIntosh Sugar Mill Park; Point Peter Pond; Woodbine Lions Park; Harriett's Bluff Community Park; Harriett's Bluff Boat Ramp; Cornelia Jackson Memorial Park; Woodbine 110 Community Park; Woodbine Nature Trail; Satilla Waterfront Park; Mary B. Smart Park; Maple Ford Park; White Oak Boat Ramp; Spring Bluff Boat Ramp; and White Oak Nature Trail.

"An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."

- Henry David Thoreau



Spaceport Camden



The National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) has adopted a strategic plan to guide its operations and investments from 2011 – 2021 and beyond. NASA Administrator Charles Bolden summarized the strategy by stating the “new direction extends the life of the International Space Station, supports the growing commercial space industry, and addresses important scientific challenges while continuing our commitment to robust human space exploration, science, and aeronautics programs.” (2011 Strategic Plan, NASA 2011, p. i) Two key initiatives in the strategic plan include: (Ibid, p. 5)

- Developing competitive opportunities for the commercial community to provide best value products and services to low Earth orbit and beyond.
- Facilitating the transfer of NASA technology and engage in partnerships with other government agencies, industry, and international entities to generate U.S. commercial activity and other public benefits.

As a result of this new direction, NASA has discontinued the shuttle program and have begun outsourcing low earth orbit activities to an emerging commercial space industry. As a result, a booming multi-billion dollar commercial space industry has been birthed. Georgia has an opportunity to tap into this growing sector of the aerospace market and attract commercial space companies to the state.

All low earth orbit rocket launches currently occur at federal ranges. The commercial space industry is seeking independent commercial launch sites away from federal ranges to facilitate their corporate activities.

Why Develop a Spaceport in Camden?

Large, Rural Site on the Atlantic Ocean Offers Safety, Security and the Ability to House Multiple Launch Operators in Efficient Flights to a Wide Range of Orbits

The Camden County site can support the integration, test and launch operations of several vertical launch systems. The ready support of multiple launch operators on this site provides flexibility for a rapid succession of launches. The site, previously owned by Thiokol Chemical Corporation, was the former testing facility where the world's most powerful rocket motor was test fired in the 1960's.

Located on the Atlantic Ocean and surrounded by a large undeveloped buffer zone, this location provides a nearly unrestricted launch range for the launch of spacecraft to a wide range of orbits. With a range of launch azimuths five times that of the proposed Texas site, Camden County provides direct access to an orbital inclination range as large as any launch site in the United States. Orbital inclinations between 31° and 58° can be reached without the addition of costly propulsive maneuvers to change the orbital plane.

Southerly Location and Favorable Launch Azimuths Enable More Payload to Orbit

Launches from Camden County have the capability to fly due east, maximizing the velocity boost from the rotation of the Earth and enabling more payload to reach orbit. The Camden County's southerly location provides launch vehicles with an extra boost from the rotation of the Earth when reaching orbit. The Camden County latitude provides an 8% velocity advantage due to the Earth's rotation relative to the Wallops Flight Facility and a 4% advantage relative to Vandenberg Air Force Base.



Horse Bend Bluff, GA., February 27, 1965 - World's Most Powerful Rocket Motor Fired. Tested by Thiokol Chemical Corp. at it's Space booster division in Camden County, Georgia. 13' (156-inches) diameter motor generated 3 million pounds of thrust—twice the thrust developed by any other.

Making History Again!

Combined with the wide range of favorable launch azimuths, this velocity advantage enables launch operators to deliver more payload mass to orbit. For example, for flights to the International Space Station, Camden County's southerly location and favorable launch azimuth range allows rockets to deliver 1.8 times the payload to the International Space Station than launches from the proposed Texas site. Launches from Camden County to the International Space Station provide 2% more payload relative to flights from the Wallops Flight Facility. Located on the Georgia-Florida border, the latitude of the Camden County site provides an eastward velocity boost similar to (within 2%) that at the Kennedy Space Center.

Commercial Efficiency

As a commercial property, the Camden County launch site eliminates the need for commercial space companies to sequence alongside governmental payloads or be saddled with the federal government regulation that exists at other launch sites. This gives launch operators the flexibility to launch when they want with little worry of conflicting launch range needs.

Nearby Rail, Barge and I-95 Access Simplifies Logistics and Reduces Cost

As a former rocket test facility with roads, security fences, and supporting utilities, the Camden County site has significant existing infrastructure. Logistical support and supply chain costs are favorable through advantageous geographic features, including a location between Florida and Alabama, both with large existing space industries, on an ocean and near a major interstate freeway, I-95. Support for barge and train access is available at the site. Those elements arriving by ship can do so through the nearby ports of Brunswick and Savannah. A right to work state, Georgia is an ideal location for space-related companies seeking to hire skilled workers in manufacturing, operations, technology development and research. Georgia currently has more than 80,000 aerospace workers with continued growth provided by the state's extensive set of technology-oriented colleges and universities.

Proximity to Cutting-Edge Space Technology and Research

Located on the Georgia-Florida border, Camden County provides ready access to cutting-edge space research and technology. The Georgia Institute of Technology is a top tier research university with established space technology programs. Each year, Georgia Tech graduates more than 200 students with interests in space systems engineering and space science. Georgia Tech's Center for Space Technology and Research brings together a wide range of space science, space technology and space research activities including efforts on the frontiers of astrophysics, Earth science, planetary science, robotics, space policy, space technology and space systems engineering.

Launch Site	Latitude	Range of Achievable Direct Orbit Inclinations	Free Boost Velocity
Camden County	30.8° N	31° - 58°	399 m/s
Kennedy Space Center	28.6° N	28° - 62	408 m/s
Proposed Texas Site	26.0° N	25° - 26° and 29° - 40°	418 m/s
Wallops Flight Facility	37.9° N	38° - 60°	366 m/s
Vandenberg AFB	34.7° N	51° - 145°	382 m/s

“Only through curiosity can we discover opportunities, and only by gambling can we take advantage of them.” - Clarence Birdseye

Spaceport Camden

An overflow crowd was on hand at the Camden Roundtable meeting (held at the Laurel Island Links Clubhouse) to hear Dr. Robert Braun, the David and Andrew Lewis Professor of Space Technology at Georgia Tech, speak about the ongoing planning and potential for bringing a spaceport to Camden County.

Dr. Braun, who has worked closely with County Administrator Steve Howard on the spaceport project, spoke about the importance of space technologies in our everyday lives including advanced weather forecasting and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). He said the space industry, which is becoming increasingly conducted by business instead of government, is a several hundred billion dollar business.



Dr. Robert Braun speaks about the planning and potential for bringing Spaceport to Camden County

Georgia, said Dr. Braun, has many industries with great expertise in aeronautics that could easily use that expertise in expanding into the aerospace business. The local spaceport, which would be located at the end of Harriett's Bluff Road, would help be the turning point in developing the aerospace industry in the state. Dr. Braun also said that the strategic location of the potential spaceport site, the quality of life in Camden County, the limited number of federal space launch ranges, and the fact that the commercial space industry is more diffuse and diverse than government programs bodes well for the success of developing a spaceport locally.

Mr. Howard, who also addressed the audience and answered questions, said the future of the space industry is bright and Camden County is well poised to fill the need for reliable and sustainable places to launch. He said his role as project lead on developing the project began about fourteen months ago with one of the next major hurdles to cross being the required Environmental Impact Statement process resulting in a favorable decision.



In 1965, the Thiokol Corporation tested what was then the world's most powerful rocket motor in preparation for the flights to the moon. The test firing was done in Camden County on the site of the current proposed spaceport. Above are photos of the rocket motor as it was trucked through Woodbine.

Our Past, Present & Future

Bryan - Lang Historical Archives

The Bryan-Lang Historical Library, located in Woodbine, is a historical research facility that serves as the repository of historical documents, books, microfilm, microfiche and photos about the people and culture of Camden County, which includes the history of the surrounding areas and beyond.

The historical collection presently includes 3,200 family history files and 1,200 county history files that describe the people and culture of the area. The 5,000 volumes in the book collection include many that are rare and out-of-print. More than 2,000 microfiche sheets and microfilm rolls offer historical newspaper, census and vital records information and a collection of 6,000 photos provides a pictorial history.



The library is named in memory of Beatrice "Bebe" Lang and Mary Givens Bryan, her longtime friend and Georgia State Archives Director from 1951 to 1964.

“For one who reads, there is no limit to the number of lives that may be lived, for fiction, biography, and history offer an inexhaustible number of lives in many parts of the world, in all periods of time.” - Louis L’Amour



Camden Library

The Public Library, located in Kingsland, offers access to services and resources that connect the people of Camden County to ideas and information which sustain and enrich their lives. A diverse, highly qualified staff continually assesses community needs and interests to support, encourage and inspire customers. The Public Library provides easy access to books and other reading materials, online resources, cultural events, and family programs throughout the year.

The Public Library offers programs throughout the year including book clubs for all ages to encourage reading at all levels. Summer reading programs for students and children's reading programs such as Book Babies (ages 6 months to 23 months), Toddler Time (ages 2 to 3 years) and Story Time (ages 3 to 5 years).

To learn more about the Public Library services, please contact (912) 729-3741, or stop by and visit at 1410 Hwy 40 East, Kingsland, Georgia.

Our Shining Star's

Employee of the Quarter

Throughout the year employees are encouraged to nominate and recognize the efforts of their peers. At the end of each year, one of the Employee of the Quarter winners is awarded the distinction of Employee of the Year at a formal Awards Ceremony.



Charlene Carter, Chief Deputy Clerk of Superior Court, Employee of the 2nd quarter FY 2014.

Tara Smith, Camden County Sheriff's Office, Employee of the 3rd quarter FY 2014.



Zach Taylor, Tax Assessors Office, Employee of the 4th quarter FY 2014.

Employee of the Year



Charlene Carter, Chief Deputy Clerk of Superior Court was named Employee of the Year. Always going above and beyond her required job duties, Charlene exemplifies leadership and understands the impact her performance has on the citizens. She helps to feed the homeless through ministries within her church, as well as helping to raise funds for various charities. Her team mentality and caring heart has made Charlene an invaluable asset to Camden County for the past 34 years.

Customer Service



Brandon Horne
Fire Rescue

Most Dedicated



Stephen Murdock
Fire Rescue

Safety Warrior



Dean Groover
Fire Rescue

Humanitarian



Dan Ehret
Fire Rescue

Future Leader



Jessie Brazell
Administrative Services

Thrifty Nickel



Ron Batchler
Fire Rescue

"Success is peace of mind in knowing you did your best." - John Wooden

Most Valuable Players

The MVP is a team player who provides great customer service, always gives 100% and is both creative and committed to his or her job and Camden County Government. The recipients of this award were selected by those who know them best, co-workers within their own departments.

Department MVP's for 2014—Clerk of Courts – Dorothy Mercer; UGA Extension Office – Kathy Strickland; Tax Commissioner – Kim Horne; Tax Assessors – Heidi Schaefer; Camden County Sheriff's Office, Admin. – Jodi Logan; Corrections – Lucreta Dyals; E-911 – Tabitha Givens; Planning & Development– Cindy Daniels; Administrative Services – Louis Foltzer (IT); Solid Waste – Cyrus Roberts; Camden County Firefighter – James McNeil; and Camden County EMS – Joe McGee.



Pictured left to right: Jodi Logan, Lannie Brant, Cyrus Roberts, Nancy Gonzalez, Dean Groover, Tabitha Givens, Joe McGee, Heidi Schaeffer, Dan Ehret, Kathy Strickland, Stephen Murdock, Brandon Horne, Lucreta Dyals, Dorothy Mercer, Kim Horne, Charlene Carter, Louis Foltzer, Jessie Brazell

County Administrator's Awards

County Administrator, Steve Howard, presented the Teamwork and Leadership awards.

"It was my honor to recognize Nancy Gonzalez and Lannie Brant for their outstanding performance and contributions to public service in 2014. These employees raised the bar and have set an example for the others to follow."

Teamwork Award

Nancy Gonzalez, Asst. Director, Finance & Budget

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."



Nancy Gonzalez, Asst. Director Finance & Budget; County Administrator, Steve Howard

Leadership award

Lannie Brant, Director, Solid Waste Authority

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. One does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of their actions and the integrity of their intent. In the end, leaders are much like eagles...they don't flock, you find them one at a time."



Lannie Brant, Director, Solid Waste Authority; County Administrator, Steve Howard

Looking Ahead 2015

Board of County Commissioners 2015 Calendar
January 1, County Business Offices are Closed
January 6, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
January 19, County Business Offices are Closed
January 20, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
February 16, County Business Offices are Closed
February 17, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
March 3, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
March 17, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
April 3, County Business Offices are Closed
April 7, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
April 21, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
May 5, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
May 19, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
May 25, County Business Offices are Closed
June 2, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
June 16, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
July 3, County Business Offices are Closed
July 14, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
August 11, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
August 25, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
September 1, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
September 15, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
October 6, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
October 12, County Business Offices are Closed
October 20, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
November 3, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
November 11, County Business Offices are Closed
November 17, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
November 26 & 27, County Business Offices are Closed
December 8, Commissioners' Meeting, 6 PM
December 25, 25 & 28, County Business Offices are Closed

Board of County Commissioner's meetings are held in Woodbine at the Government Services Building. This calendar does not include any work sessions, public hearings or special called meetings that are currently scheduled or that may be scheduled in the future. Meetings may change due to schedule conflicts.

www.camdencountyga.gov

Camden County Government's website provides access to information about our community as well as individual pages for each county department and their specific functions. It is our goal to make your award-winning government more accessible and responsive to the needs of citizens and those seeking information about us.



The Community Outreach eNewsletter is published monthly in an effort to ensure we are meeting our goal of providing open government. It is our mission to provide the citizens of Camden County with a transparent government.

These newsletters provide an opportunity for us to communicate information and provide a better understanding of current issues involving Camden County Government. Use "Notify Me" to subscribe to these monthly electronic newsletters.



Great customer service is the cornerstone of every successful organization! Click on the "Your Opinion Counts" icon to give us your feedback regarding your customer service experience with Camden County Government.

Contact us:

Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 99
200 East 4th Street
Woodbine, GA 31569



Camden County's website offers a

"Notify Me" link on its home page. "Notify Me" offers the ability to receive real time notifications of Board of County Commissioners agendas and meetings, emergency notifications, press releases, job postings, and more! To subscribe, select the "Notify Me" green tab on the left-hand side of Camden County's home page.



CodeRED is a geographically based notification system in which residents provide their address and contact information for notification of the latest

information and county recommendations in the event of such an emergency event. A link to register your information with the CodeRED emergency notification system is established on the County's home page. For more information about CodeRED, please contact EMA at (912) 729-5602.

Social Media

As more and more citizens in our community make the shift towards more modern social technologies to receive and share information and communication, it is imperative that the Board of County Commissioners include these technologies as part of its efforts to enhance customer service and community outreach, as well as increase citizen awareness. The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Social Media Policy that establishes operational procedures and guidelines for Camden County's use of social media platforms.

Connect with us through social media to keep up with what's going on in YOUR local government!



Making a Difference in Our Community



Throughout the year Camden County's HOPE Team has participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life as well as held several fund raisers to help raise money for a cure.

At 2014 Relay for Life of Camden County, the HOPE Team camped out overnight and took turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from cancer.

The 2014 Relay for Life of Camden County participants helped to raise \$8,785.35 for the American Cancer Society.

Why Survivors Participate in Relay for Life

- Meet other cancer survivors who have had the same experiences
- Become a part of the largest cancer support group in the world
- Serve as inspiration to those newly diagnosed with the disease
- Publicly recognize and thank caregivers for their support and commitment

Whether you are a survivor or a caregiver, getting involved in a Relay For Life event can introduce you to others who care and are facing the same challenges, and provide you with opportunities for learning, sharing, and friendship.



"Time is shortening. But every day that I challenge this cancer and survive is a victory for me." - Ingrid Bergman



During 2014, the Sheriff's Office STAR of Hope Program provided a jacket, 1 pair of shoes, an outfit, socks, and underwear for 100 children and provided Christmas Dinner for 36 families. In addition the children were provided with

items off their wish list, including bikes, skateboards and toys. Over \$10,300 was raised through donations and charity events throughout the community. This would not have been accomplished if it were not for the help from Camden County Sheriff's Office, Camden Fire Rescue, The Hope Committee and the generosity of our local business and citizens.



Coast2CoastRx™

Camden County launched the [Coast2CoastRx](#) Free Discount Prescription Card to residents in September 2013. Since its inception, residents have saved 50% on their prescriptions.

County residents, regardless of income, age, or health status can participate in the program and save on the cost of their medications. The program has saved cardholders throughout the nation an average of 50% in 2014 on the cost of prescription drugs. **Even pets and people living outside the County are able to take part in the program.** The Rx card is distributed free of charge and may be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies in Camden County and includes over 60,000 drugs in its formulary.

Providing savings for residents through the Rx program will come at no expense to the County. Besides the discount on prescriptions, the card also provides discounts on dental, vision, veterinary and hearing services; plus discounts on lab and imaging tests and diabetes supplies and equipment for all family members.

Residents can print the Rx card and view the nearest participating locations at www.coast2coastrx.com

A shot of Camden



Photo by Denese Proctor



Photo by Teresa Readdick



Photo By Elaine Powierski



Photo by Marsha Hershberger



Photo by Cheryl Conner



Photo by Melissa Carter



Photo by Deborah Baird



Photo by William Terrell



Photo By Ron Williams



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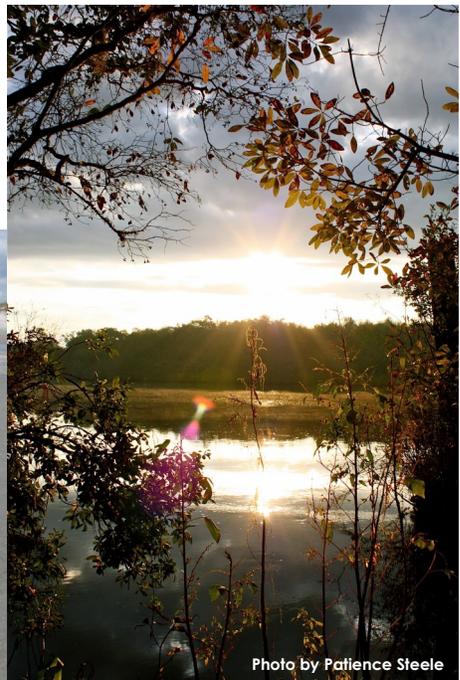


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CAMDEN COUNTY IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW



- Animal Control 912-576-7395
- Board of County Commissioners 912-576-5601
- Clerk of Superior Court 912-576-5631
(filing for a divorce or records, child support/custody, adoptions, property deeds, liens, plats, foreclosures, passports)
- Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfill Site 912-576-9374
- Curbside Collection 912-510-6881
- Department of Family & Children Services 912-729-4583
- District Attorney 912-576-3704
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA) 912-729-5602
- Environmental Health 912-729-6012
- Extension Agency (4-H) 912-576-3219
- GA Department of Driver Services (DMV) 912-729-1362
- GA Forestry 912-576-5387
- Health Department—St. Marys 912-729-4583
- Health Department—Woodbine 912-576-3040
- Juvenile Court 912-576-3226
- Magistrate Court 912-576-5658
(civil claims that don't exceed \$15,000, dispossessory, writs of possession for personal property, garnishment actions and misdemeanor bad check cases)
- Mosquito Control 912-729-4823
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill 912-729-4099
- Planning & Development 912-729-5603
- Probate Court 912-576-3785
(applying for a marriage, birth or death certificate or pay a traffic citation)
- Public Defender 912-673-9488
- Public Safety—Fire Rescue Headquarters 912-729-3911
- Public Services Authority (Leisure Services) 912-729-5600
- Public Roads 912-576-3028
- Registrar 912-576-3245
- Sheriff's Office 912-510-5100
- Tax Assessor 912-576-3241
- Tax Commissioner 912-576-3428