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CULLMAN CITY CONNECTION

March 2026

New Ways to Stay Informed

The City of Cullman continues to expand the ways it connects with residents, making it easier than ever to stay informed, engaged, and involved in what's happening across the community.

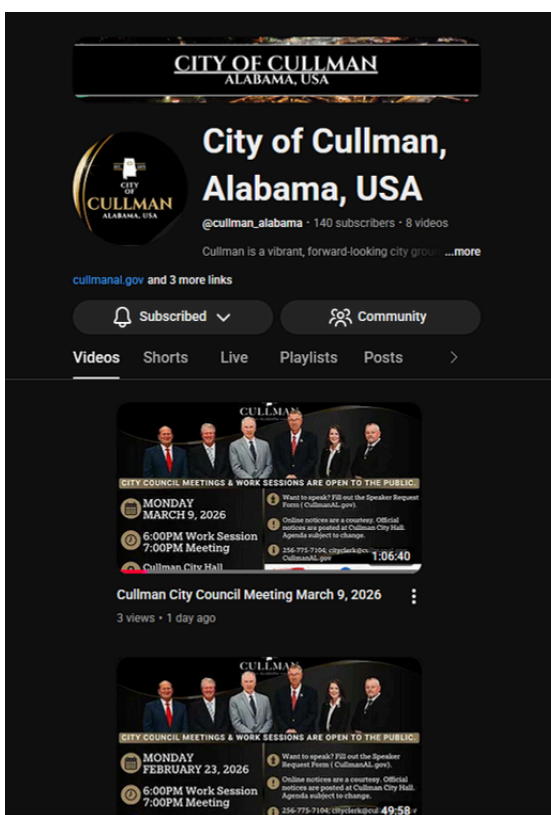
One of the newest additions is the revamped [City's YouTube page \(@cullman_alabama\)](#). The updated page serves as a central hub for video content, including City Council meetings, project updates, community highlights, and important announcements.

Council meetings can also be viewed live on the [City's Facebook page \(@CullmanCity\)](#) and on the YouTube page, giving residents multiple ways to stay connected in real time or watch later at their convenience.

In addition to expanded video communication, the City has launched a new [Alerts and Notifications system powered by CivicReady](#). This system delivers important updates directly to residents, including emergency alerts, road closures, weather information, service interruptions, and other timely notices that may affect daily life.

Residents can sign up by texting **CullmanAL** to **38276** or by visiting [CullmanAL.gov/alerts](#) to create an account and choose their notification preferences. The service is free.

Some residents may have already been subscribed using existing contact information to help ensure important updates are received. Anyone who does not wish to receive notifications can opt out at any time by texting **STOP** to **38276**, using the unsubscribe link included in email messages, or updating their preferences at [CullmanAL.gov/alerts](#).



Stay Informed. Stay Safe.


Sign Up to Receive Alerts from
the City of Cullman!

Sign up to be notified about:

- Inclement Weather
- Water Outages
- Street Closures
- Meetings & Events
- Office Closures/Service Delays

How to Subscribe

1. Go to [CullmanAL.gov/alerts](#)
2. Complete the sign-up form to subscribe.
3. Make notification selections.
4. Click Sign Me Up.
5. Please make sure you confirm your account to ensure you are receiving notifications.

 Text **CullmanAL** to **38276** to sign up for text messages.

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CIVICREADY mass notification system

Together, these tools reflect the City's ongoing commitment to transparency, communication, and accessibility.

Cup O' Community Brings
Leaders and Residents Together

On Tuesday, March 24th, Kim Hall, David Moss, Paul Schaffer, and Chuck Shikle of the City Council attended the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce’s “Cup O’ Community” event, a casual opportunity for local leaders and residents to connect and visit over coffee.

Held at Festhalle and featuring coffee from Karma’s Coffee House, the event gave everyone a chance to have real conversations and share ideas in a relaxed setting.

Special thanks to the Chamber for hosting, CPRST for use of Festhalle, Karma’s for the coffee, and everyone for coming out to chat.



Photo: Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.



Personnel Board Members Sworn In

Cullman Personnel Board members Dr. Sheila Phillips, Johnny Green, and Wade Bentley were officially sworn in this week by City Clerk Wesley Moore.



L-R: Dr. Sheila Phillips, Johnny Green, Wade Bentley, and City Clerk Wesley Moore.

The Personnel Board reviews and oversees matters related to the City’s personnel system, including employee classifications, policies, and employment appeals. Through this work, the board helps ensure that employment processes across the City are carried out fairly and consistently for all employees.

We appreciate these members for their willingness to serve and for dedicating their time to supporting the City of Cullman and its workforce.



Citywide Spring Cleanup Kicks Off

On March 30, the City's annual Spring Cleanup began, providing residential sanitation customers with an opportunity to dispose of large household items at no additional cost. Throughout the week, sanitation crews are collecting old furniture, appliances, mattresses, and other bulky household materials placed curbside on each resident's normal collection day.

This annual service helps residents clear out items not typically accepted during routine trash pickup. (Construction debris, hazardous materials, tires, and cross ties are not eligible for collection.)

At any other time of the year, residents who need curbside pickup for bulk items may contact the Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 to schedule a collection; however, a small fee will apply.



Strawberries, Blooms, and Stories: Coming up in April

April is packed with opportunities to get out and experience Cullman, from handcrafted art and local history to one of the area’s most anticipated festivals.

The [Alabama Strawberry Festival](#) returns April 24–25, 2026, offering two days of live entertainment, vendors, food, and family-friendly activities.



This annual event highlights one of our region’s most beloved traditions while drawing visitors from across the state. Whether you come for the music, the shopping, or just to enjoy something sweet, the festival continues to be a signature spring event for the community.

The [Bloomin’ Festival Arts & Crafts Fair](#) will take place April 18–19, 2026, on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School. It features more than 150 artists and craftsmen, food vendors, live demonstrations, and family entertainment.



Residents and visitors can also take part in the **Cullman County Museum’s Walking Tours**, held each Saturday in April beginning at the Museum at 10 a.m. Tours are scheduled for April 4, 11, 18, and 25 and are presented in partnership with the Cullman County Historical Society and Friends of Frankweiler. Each tour is guided and offers a closer look at Cullman’s unique German history, architecture, and stories that have shaped our city over time.

From fresh strawberries to historic streets and sweet spring traditions, April is a great time to experience everything Cullman has to offer. More events are listed at CullmanAL.gov.



Council Meeting Recap: March 9

The City Council met during severe weather, with reports of minor damage occurring in parts of the county. Despite the conditions, the meeting proceeded with a full agenda.

Infrastructure

The Council approved a citywide roadway assessment through First Step Pavement Management. The project will use 360-degree imaging and data analysis to evaluate streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure, helping guide future maintenance and planning.

Parks & Recreation

A \$237,625 bid was approved for landscaping and irrigation work related to the Lazy River project at WildWater, with authorization for potential cost negotiations.

Zoning & Community Development

Several zoning updates were finalized to support redevelopment in established neighborhoods. In addition, the new Neighborhood Enhancement Program aimed at revitalizing blighted residential properties was approved. Additional ordinances were approved to address procedures for selling City property and for extending utilities outside city limits.

Sanitation & Environmental Planning

The City joined the updated Cullman County Solid Waste Management Plan to align with current long-term waste strategies.

Public Comments & Community Updates

Residents raised concerns about streetlights, drainage issues, and homelessness support.

Visit Cullman shared updates on its newly redesigned tourism website (visitcullman.org).

Special Events Approved

- **Alabama Wildlife Federation Wild Game Cook-Off** - April 9
- **Walk for Sacred Heart** - April 12

Recognition

The Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST) team was recognized for their role in helping the City of Cullman receive the **Rainer Bauer Award**, the highest honor presented by the Alabama Germany Partnership.



Cullman was selected for our long-standing commitment to celebrating and preserving our German heritage through our sister-city relationship with Frankweiler, the presence of German industry such as REHAU, and the continued success of Cullman Oktoberfest and Cullman Christkindlmarkt.

Board Appointments

Appointments were approved for the:

- **Library Board** (Drew Green),
- **Wellstone Board** (Cassie Sparks), and
- **Zoning Board of Adjustments** (Ann Swayka - Supernumerary).

City Updates

Officials announced the launch of the [City's new alerts system](#), as described above. Additionally, they noted progress towards developing a new employee handbook and efforts to redesign the website and upgrade the City's issue reporting platform.

Council Meeting Recap: March 23

The Cullman City Council approved a full agenda focused on community events, infrastructure planning, and ongoing City operations.

Special Events Approved

- **AHSAA 1A-3A Track Meet** - May 1–3
- **Dinner on First** - May 9
- **Alabama Strawberry Festival** - April 24–25

Infrastructure & Environment

Final approval was given to an ordinance establishing formal procedures for adopting the annual street and transportation infrastructure capital improvement plan. This creates a consistent, transparent process for evaluating roadway needs and prioritizing future projects.

Mayor was authorized to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. for a traffic calming study on Bolte Road SW to evaluate current conditions and recommend safety & traffic flow improvements.

An additional agreement was approved with Auburn University for stream monitoring and training services, supporting water quality efforts and stormwater management.

Retail Sale of Hemp

An ordinance regulating the retail sale of hemp products within the city was approved, aligning local standards with state law and establishing clear requirements for businesses.

Other Business

The Council approved a resolution updating position control and job descriptions for several roles and adopted a new Municipal Court pay plan.

The Council also held first readings on ordinances regarding rezoning and annexation requests on Main Ave SW and County Rd 1269 as well as for other routine matters set for further consideration at a later meeting.



Message from Mayor Woody Jacobs

The month of March was a busy one.

Honoring Tim Scott



(Photo by Rustic Soul Photography, provided by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce)

On March 26, I had the honor of presenting the Lucille Galin Public Service Award on behalf of the Cullman County Mayor-Commissioner Association posthumously to Tim Scott at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's annual gala. Accepting the award on his behalf were his wife, Jessica, and their daughters, Arleigh Grace and Kadie. His son, Zane, was unable to attend.

Tim was known for his dedication to public service and his deep commitment to our community. It was a meaningful opportunity to recognize his life, his work, and the difference he made.

Cullman Receives Rainer Bauer Award

In early March, Cullman was honored with the Rainer Bauer Award from the Alabama Germany Partnership.



This was the first time a community was chosen rather than an individual, which speaks to our commitment to celebrating and preserving our German heritage.

Representing Cullman in Washington, D.C.

Addressing the "Singing Pavement"

We also worked with our partners at the Alabama Department of Transportation to address a roadway issue many residents had noticed, the "singing pavement" along U.S. Highway 31 in front of the new Redstone Federal Credit Union. ALDOT had contractors repair the issue, and we appreciate their quick response in making travel through that area more comfortable.

Investing in Education and STEM

I attended a presentation at Cullman City Primary School highlighting a STEM initiative supported through a TVA grant. CCPS received a \$5,000 TVA grant which will help expand hands-on learning opportunities and give students more exposure to STEM-related careers while connecting classroom lessons to real-world applications.

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

On March 30, I presented a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month in the City of Cullman.



Child abuse prevention is truly a community effort. Organizations such as The Link of Cullman County, The Willow Path (formerly Victim Services of Cullman), Brooks' Place, Cullman Caring for Kids, Cullman County CASA, the Cullman County DHR, and other local partners work every day to help prevent child abuse and to support families affected by abuse and neglect.

Cullman is fortunate to have so many dedicated professionals and volunteers working to make sure children in our community have safe and supportive environments in which to grow.

I and other city officials attended the NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. We had productive meetings with federal officials and other leaders to discuss issues affecting Cullman. Opportunities like this allow us to share ideas, learn from other communities, and make sure our priorities are represented as decisions are made at the national level.

Thank You, Cullman

Thank you all for your continued support of our city.



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