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WALTON POND DEVELOPMENT

Loganville, Georgia

Walton Pond is a real estate investment opportunity located in Loganville, Georgia at 3690 Hwy. 81. Walton Pond consist of 220 acres of mixed use zoning, 50 acres of commercial property along 2,700 feet of Hwy 81, 34 acres designed and approved for 213 units of multi-family town houses 1,600 square feet each with an attached one car garage, two fully permitted and under construction single family subdivisions totaling 282 lots, and fully permitted and under construction collector roads to accommodate each pod within the development. Both collector roads and 136 single family lots should be completed by July 2010. This property is privately held and is currently available in whole or in part.

The property is available in full or separately. Adjusted market values are available.

An investment proposal for profit sharing would be considered.

Interested parties please contact David A. Derusha at 678-410-1569.

The Village at Loganville Georgia

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(L) Outdoor Mall with a nightlife crowd. (L) An example of the entrance for the mall at night.



Open areas can create a pedestrian friendly atmosphere, and provide a sense of security for shoppers.



Shoppers can enjoy outdoor park areas created within the complex. This can provide extra motivation for people to chose to shop here.



Architectural features can serve as landmarks for people to gather in the shopping center.



Similar projects from around America

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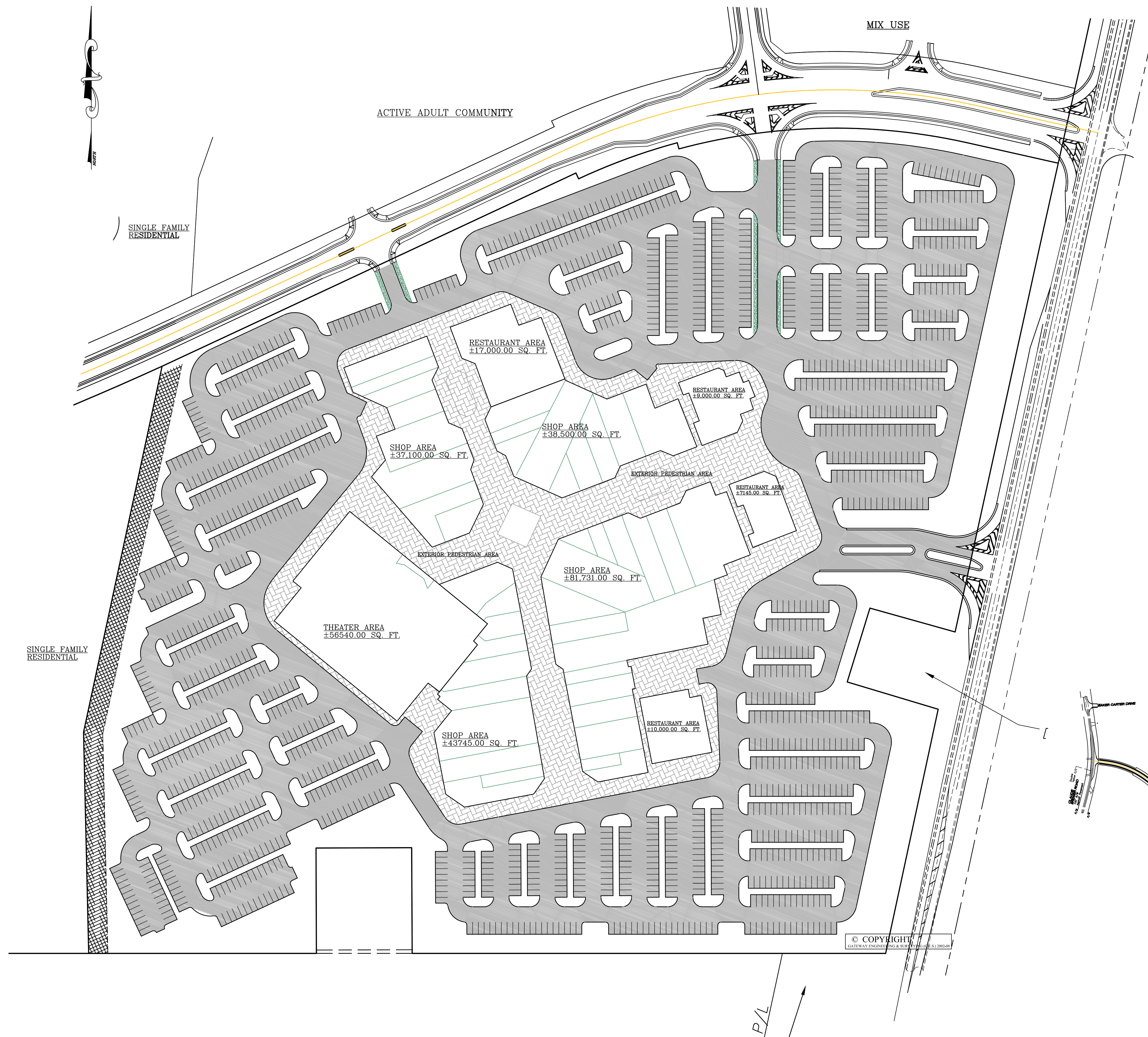


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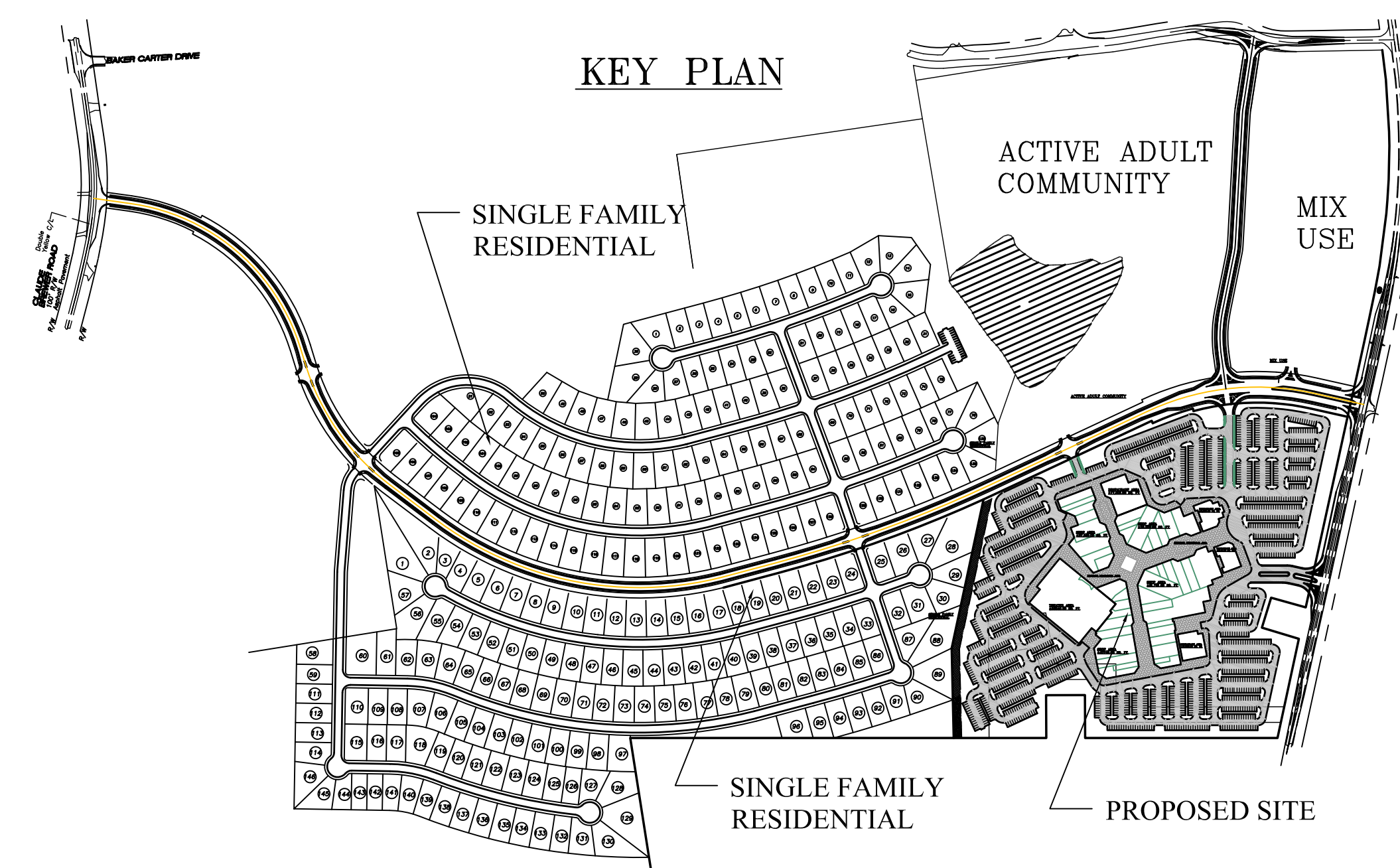
GATEWAY ENGINEERING & SURVEYING
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The Village
@ Loganville



TOTAL PARKING SPACE PROPOSED: ±1,460.00 SPACES.

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The Village
@ Loganville

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

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PROJECT ADDRESS:
GEORGIA

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DESIGNED BY: J.V. & M
DRAWN BY: M.G.

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DRAWING SCALE:
1" = 80'-0"

CONCEPTUAL SITE
PLAN



WALTON CREEK
ESTATES
146 LOTS

WALTON POND
ESTATES
136 LOTS

34 ACRES FOR
VILLAGE
SHOPPING

213 UNITS OF
TOWNHOMES

16 ACRES
COMMERCIAL







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LOGANVILLE, GA

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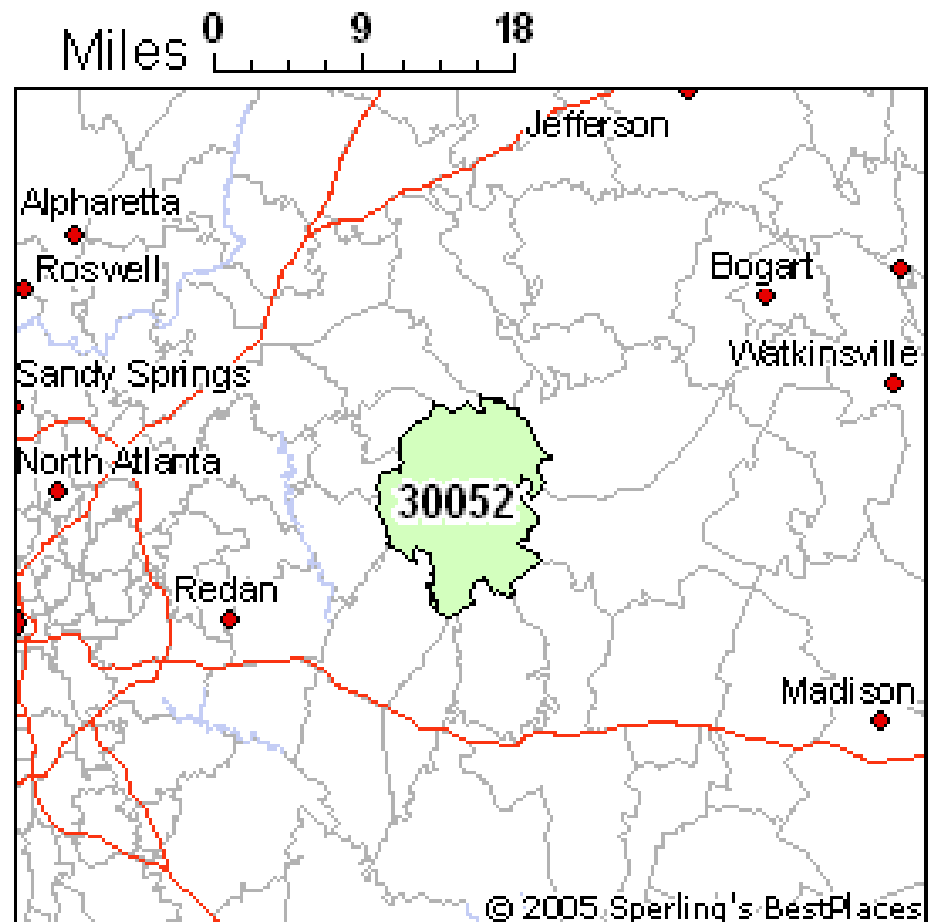
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LOGANVILLE MAP

Loganville, Georgia
Zip Code 30052



LOGANVILLE OVERVIEW

Zip Code Overview

- As of 2007, Loganville (zip 30052)'s population is 57,904 people. Since 2000, it has had a population growth of 77.27 percent. See all of our Loganville (zip 30052) demographic data.
- The median home cost in Loganville (zip 30052) is \$240,900. Home appreciation the last year has been -3.60 percent. Find more data on Loganville (zip 30052) Real Estate.
- Compared to the rest of the country, Loganville (zip 30052)'s cost of living is 8.87% Lower than the U.S. average. See our full report on Loganville (zip 30052) Cost of Living.
- Loganville (zip 30052) public schools spend \$4,853 per student. The average school expenditure in the U.S. is \$6,058. There are about 17 students per teacher in Loganville (zip 30052). Learn about Loganville (zip 30052) Schools and Education.
- The unemployment rate in Loganville (zip 30052) is 4.20 percent (U.S. avg. is 4.60%). Recent job growth is Positive. Loganville (zip 30052) jobs have Increased by 2.82 percent. See our full report on Loganville (zip 30052) Economy.



LOGANVILLE PEOPLE

- The 2007 Loganville (zip 30052), GA, population is 57,904. There are 641 people per square mile (population density).
- **Family in Loganville (zip 30052), GA**
- The median age is 33.7. The US median is 37.6. 66.92% of people in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, are married. 8.32% are divorced.
- The average household size is 2.9 people. 37.47% of people are married, with children. 7.17% have children, but are single.
- **Race in Loganville (zip 30052), GA**
- 91.16% of people are White, 4.21% are Black, 1.36% are Asian, 0.22% are Native American, and 2.83% claim 'Other'.
- 3.93% of the people in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, claim Hispanic ethnicity (meaning 96.07% are non-Hispanic).



LOGANVILLE PEOPLE

AS OF OCTOBER 2007

POPULATION DATA		
PEOPLE	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Population	57,904	293,655,400
Pop. Density per Sq. Mile	640.7	80
Pop. Change Since 2000	77.27%	5.88%
Median Age	33.7	37.6
Households	19,703	108,954,329
Household Size	2.9	2.6
Male Population	49.81%	48.65%
Female Population	50.19%	51.35%
Married Population	70.19%	58.89%
Single Population	29.81%	41.11%



LOGANVILLE PEOPLE

AS OF OCTOBER 2007

POPULATION BY AGE		
AGE	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Age 0 to 4	8.16%	6.74%
Age 5 to 9	8.04%	6.73%
Age 10 to 14	8.18%	7.10%
Age 15 to 17	4.81%	4.32%
Age 18 to 20	3.82%	4.37%
Age 21 to 24	5.12%	5.53%
Age 25 to 34	13.69%	13.47%
Age 35 to 44	18.18%	14.86%
Age 45 to 49	7.57%	7.51%
Age 50 to 54	6.02%	6.73%
Age 55 to 59	4.81%	5.66%
Age 60 to 64	3.73%	4.44%
Age 65 to 74	4.77%	6.45%
Age 75 to 84	2.50%	4.41%
Age 85 and over	0.61%	1.70%



LOGANVILLE PEOPLE

AS OF OCTOBER 2007

POPULATION BY RACE		
RACE	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
White	91.16%	77.53%
Black	4.21%	12.35%
Asian	1.36%	3.58%
American Indian	0.22%	0.89%
Other	2.83%	5.65%
Hispanic	3.93%	12.73%
Non-Hispanic	96.01%	87.27%



LOGANVILLE PEOPLE

AS OF OCTOBER 2007

POPULATION BY FAMILY		
RACE	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Married, w/children	37.47%	27.90%
Married, no children	32.92%	31.04%
Single, w/children	7.17%	9.43%
Single, no children	22.60%	30.05%
Divorced	8.32%	7.64%
Separated	2.49%	2.82%
Widowed	4.19%	7.42%
Now Married	66.92%	57.73%
Never Married	17.95%	24.39%



LOGANVILLE ECOMONY

- The unemployment rate in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, is 4.20%, with job growth of 2.82%. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 26.93%.
- **Loganville (zip 30052), GA Taxes**
- Loganville (zip 30052), GA, sales tax rate is 7.00%. Income tax is 6.00%.
- **Loganville (zip 30052), GA Income and Salaries**
- The income per capita is \$25,392, which includes all adults and children. The median household income is \$65,736.
- [Loganville, GA Economy data](#)



LOGANVILLE ECONOMY

ECONOMY		
ECONOMY	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Unemployment Rate	4.20%	4.60%
Recent Job Growth	2.82%	1.40%
Future Job Growth	26.93%	11.90%
Sales Taxes	7.00%	6.00%
Income Taxes	6.00%	5.02%
Income per Cap.	\$25,392	\$24,020
Household Income	\$65,736	\$44,684



LOGANVILLE ECONOMY

ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLDS BY HOUSEHOLD		
ECONOMY	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Income Less Than 15K	5.87%	13.64%
Income between 15K and 25K	6.51%	11.21%
Income between 25K and 35K	8.89%	11.46%
Income between 35K and 50K	15.34%	15.84%
Income between 50K and 75K	23.78%	19.28%
Income between 75K and 100K	18.39%	11.53%
Income between 100K and 150K	16.07%	10.70%
Income between 150K and 250K	4.21%	4.43%
Income between 250K and 500K	0.75%	1.31%
Income greater than 500K	0.17%	0.61%



LOGANVILLE ECONOMY

INCOME POPULATION BY OCCUPATION		
ECONOMY	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Management, Business, and Financial Operations	14.52%	13.61%
Professional and Related Occupations	17.19%	20.24%
Service	11.28%	14.75%
Sales and Office	29.45%	26.74%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	0.33%	0.74%
Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance	15.71%	9.48%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving	11.51%	14.44%



LOGANVILLE HOUSING

- The median home value in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, is \$240,900. Home appreciation is - 3.60% over the last year. The median age of Loganville (zip 30052), GA, real estate is 9 years.
- **Loganville (zip 30052), GA Apartments and Rentals**
- Renters make up 12.28% of the Loganville (zip 30052), GA, population. 3.69% of houses and apartments in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, are unoccupied (vacancy rate).
- [Loganville, GA Housing data](#)



LOGANVILLE HOUSING

HOUSING		
HOUSING	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Median Home Age	9	27
Median Home Cost	\$240,900	\$217,200
Home Appreciation	-3.60%	9.80%
Homes Owned	83.96%	64.07%
Housing Vacant	3.69%	14.48%
Homes Rented	12.28%	21.45%
Property Tax Rate	\$10.34	\$13.28



LOGANVILLE HOUSING

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY VALUE

HOUSING	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Less Than \$20,000	2.31%	3.01%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	2.34%	4.37%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	2.27%	5.74%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1.78%	7.07%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2.69%	8.41%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	34.10%	19.74%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	28.85%	14.06%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16.25%	16.59%
\$300,000 to \$399,999	5.27%	8.21%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	1.79%	4.53%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	1.32%	4.75%
\$1,000,000 or more	0.40%	1.86%



LOGANVILLE HOUSING

HOUSING UNITS BY YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
HOUSING	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
1999 to October 2005	33.84%	10.15%
1995 to 1998	19.00%	6.69%
1990 to 1994	16.79%	6.70%
1980 to 1989	16.42%	14.75%
1970 to 1979	7.04%	17.11%
1960 to 1969	2.87%	12.78%
1950 to 1959	1.71%	11.64%
1940 to 1949	0.53%	6.64%
1939 or Earlier	1.80%	13.55%



LOGANVILLE HEALTH

- There are 65 physicians per capita in Loganville (zip 30052), GA. The US average is 170.
- **Loganville (zip 30052), GA Health Index**
- Air quality in Loganville (zip 30052), GA is 23 on a scale to 100 (higher is better). This is based on ozone alert days and number of pollutants in the air, as reported by the EPA.
- Water quality in Loganville (zip 30052), GA is 40 on a scale to 100 (higher is better). The EPA has a complex method of measuring watershed quality using 15 indicators.
- Superfund index is 100 on a scale to 100 (higher is better). This is upon the number and impact of EPA Superfund pollution sites in the county, including spending on the cleanup efforts.
- [Loganville, GA Health data](#)



LOGANVILLE HEALTH

HEALTH		
HEALTH	LOGANVILLE, GA	UNITED STATES
Air Quality (100=best)	23	48
Water Quality (100=best)	40	55
Superfund Sites (100=best)	100	71
Physicians per Cap.	65.3	169.7



LOGANVILLE CRIME

- Loganville (zip 30052), GA, violent crime, on a scale from 1 (low crime) to 10, is 2. Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The US average is 3.
- Loganville (zip 30052), GA, property crime, on a scale from 1 (low) to 10, is 2. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The US average is 3.
- [Loganville, GA Crime data](#)

Crime	Loganville, GA	United States
Violent Crime	2	3
Property Crime	2	3



LOGANVILLE CLIMATE

- Loganville (zip 30052), GA, gets 53 inches of rain per year. The US average is 37. Snowfall is 1 inches. The average US city gets 25 inches of snow per year. The number of days with any measurable precipitation is 113.
- On average, there are 217 sunny days per year in Loganville (zip 30052), GA. The July high is around 90 degrees. The January low is 33. Our comfort index, which is based on humidity during the hot months, is a 35 out of 100, where higher is more comfortable. The US average on the comfort index is 44.
- [Loganville, GA Climate data](#)

Climate	Loganville, GA	United States
Rainfall (in.)	52.8	36.6
Snowfall (in.)	0.6	25.2
Precipitation Days	113	101
Sunny Days	217	205Avg.
July High	90	86.5Avg.
Jan. Low	32.7	20.8
Comfort Index (higher=better)	35	44
UV Index	5	4.3
Elevation ft.	838	1,062



LOGANVILLE EDUCATION

- Loganville (zip 30052), GA, schools spend \$4,853 per student. There are 17 pupils per teacher, 469 students per librarian, and 492 children per counselor in Loganville (zip 30052), GA schools.
- [Loganville, GA Education data](#)
[All Loganville, GA schools](#)

Education	Loganville, GA	United States
School Expend.	\$4,853	\$6,058
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	17	15.9
Students per Librarian	469	907
Students per Counselor	492	546
2 yr College Grad.	6.13%	8.22%
4 yr College Grad.	13.31%	15.16%
Graduate Degrees	5.64%	7.16%
High School Grads.	85.00%	79.62%



LOGANVILLE TRANSPORTATION

- The average one-way commute in Loganville (zip 30052), GA, takes 40 minutes. 82% of commuters drive their own car alone. 12% carpool with others. 0% take mass transit and 4% work from home.
- [Loganville, GA Transportation data](#)

Transportation	Loganville, GA	United States
Commute Time	39.5	27.4
COMMUTE MODE		
Auto (alone)	81.99%	71.32%
Carpool	12.35%	14.52%
Mass Transit	0.27%	2.00%
Work at Home	4.08%	5.46%
COMMUTE TIME TO WORK		
Commute Less Than 15 min.	16.05%	28.89%
Commute 15 to 29 min.	25.42%	36.08%
Commute 30 to 44 min.	23.48%	19.35%
Commute 45 to 59 min.	16.88%	7.57%
Commute greater than 60 min.	18.17%	8.12%



LOGANVILLE COST OF LIVING

- Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Loganville (zip 30052), GA is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Loganville (zip 30052), GA is more expensive.
- Overall, Loganville (zip 30052), GA cost of living is 91.13.
- [Loganville, GA Cost of Living data](#)

Cost of Living	Loganville, GA	United States
Overall	91	100
Food	101	100
Health	107	100
Housing	74	100
Utilities	92	100
Transportation	104	100
Miscellaneous	100	100



LOGANVILLE RELIGION

- 31.73% of the people in Loganville (zip 30052), GA are religious, meaning they affiliate with a religion. 1.24% are Catholic; 29.79% are Protestant; 0.00% are LDS; 0.68% are another Christian faith; 0.00% in Loganville (zip 30052), GA are Jewish; 0.03% are an eastern faith; 0.00% affiliate with Islam. [Loganville, GA Religion data](#)

Religion	Loganville, GA	United States
Percent Religious	31.73%	50.03%
Catholic	1.24%	21.92%
Protestant	29.79%	19.12%
LDS	0.00%	1.57%
Baptist	22.00%	8.16%
Episcopal	0.69%	8.12%
Pentecostal	1.77%	1.89%
Lutheran	0.00%	2.81%
Methodist	4.95%	3.84%
Presbyterian	0.37%	1.33%
Other Christian	0.68%	4.66%
Jewish	0.00%	2.16%
Eastern	0.03%	0.05%
Islam	0.00%	0.54%



LOGANVILLE VOTING

- 21.31% of the people in Loganville (zip 30052), GA are registered as Democrats. 78.17% are registered Republican. Remaining are independent: 0.52%.
- [Loganville, GA Voting data](#)

Religion	Loganville, GA	United States
Democrat	21.311%	48.590%
Republican	78.171%	51.070%
Independent Other	0.000%	0.066%
Independent Liberal	0.000%	0.475%
Independent Conservative	0.518%	0.447%





Tribune Inside

Winter guard



The No. 1 Winter Guard in the region is looking for funds to prove they are worthy of the designation at the region contest. A3.

New coach

Covenant Christian Academy welcomes its new baseball coach. Find out all about the skipper's philosophy on the diamond. B1.

Good growth

When you're talking Gwinnett County, you're talking about growth. Columnist Diane Schatell talks all about it. A9.

CAP of Gwinnett

The Gwinnett County Civil Air Patrol has been a pivotal piece of Georgia's aviation history. A father of a member details the organization. A10.

Church news

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Weather

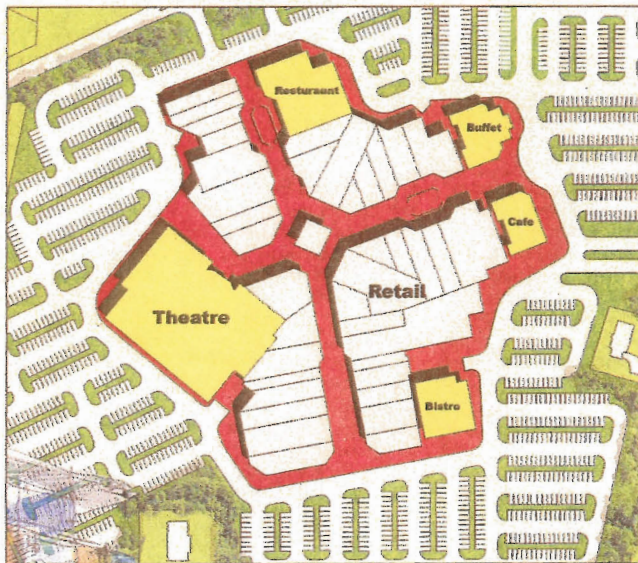


Friday's high will be 68 degrees with some rain in the forecast. The low will be 57 degrees. Complete weather, A2.

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Big Development?



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The proposed development at Highway 81 which a mall and movie theater.

Highway 81 target for mall, movie theater

Officials say project 'still a work-in-progress'

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LOGANVILLE — If David Derusha of New Horizon Partnership, LLC gets his way, Loganville will soon have its own upscale indoor/outdoor mall along the lines of The Avenues at Webb Gin.

Derusha is currently working to attract interest in the project which

would be located on Highway 81 in the front section of the Walton Pond residential development.

Derusha, the developer for Walton Pond, emphasized the project is still a work-in-progress but he is hoping enough people will realize the potential for the Loganville area.

Situated on 35 acres, an artist's rendition of the project — dubbed The Village at Loganville, includes a theater — a bistro, a buffet eatery and café anchoring many retail outlets.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An aerial shot of an area off of Highway 81 that may soon contain a major shopping development.

NO LICENSE IN PLACE TO SERVE LIQUOR IN LOGANVILLE

Restaurants not biting chance to serve spirits

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LOGANVILLE — Bottoms up. Or not.

Four months after voters approved a month after the city put an ordinance in place to allow liquor to be served in restaurants, there are still no local restaurants to serve alcoholic beverages in Loganville.

According to City Clerk Michelle McCall, a couple of applications have been filed by area restaurants, and there have been one or two additional inquiries. On Wednesday no official application was filed with the city.

Representatives of Chili's Bar & Grill confirmed an application has been filed for the restaurant.

"We do have our attorney working on it but we don't expect to be serving it in the middle of April," McNair, manager of Chili's Bar and Grill, said.

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Driver's course back at WCPS

Governor's office supports funds for new program

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WALTON COUNTY — When Rotarian John Sauer attended an Advanced Driver's Education class hosted by Councilman Chuck Bagley back in 1999, it was the start of a chain of events that now looks like the driver's ed back to Walton County next year.

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out the remaining two years of her late husband's appointment to the planning commission.

"It will take me a while to get into it and I've also got a lot of other things on my

and city council meetings anyway, so Barbara won't be starting off from scratch. This is a good appointment for the city."

Barron said the same applies to Sonny Medlin, the other new appointee to the plan-

ates of Loganville 101 before applying for positions on the CAC and planning commission.

Loganville 101 is a program that runs once a year teaching participants of the city's inner workings.

Developers drawn by population

MALL from Page A1

City Manager Bill Jones has seen the plans and liked what he saw — especially the idea of a movie theater.

"I think the concept would definitely be a plus for the city," Jones said. "I hope we can attract something like a theater to Loganville — it would give our folks something to do."

The Village at Loganville would include parking for more than 1,400 vehi-

cles with plans to also attract a "nighttime crowd." Jones said the presentation made by Derusha included architectural standards that appeared to give "a Greek or European flavor" and the pedestrian friendly design included outdoor park areas.

Derusha said he plans to market the project to the big stores and believes the Loganville demographics offer enough to support it. Some of the research on Loganville

shows the population for the 30052 zip code as 57,904 in 2007 — an increase of more than 77 percent since 2000.

Derusha said although the plan is still in the concept stage, if things work out people could be shopping at The Village at Loganville sooner rather than later.

"Even though I don't yet have all the players in place, if things work out, it could be a reality in 18 months," Derusha said.

LBTD draws little restaurant interest

LBTD from Page A1

McNair said Chili's was looking forward to being able to serve its signature "real" margarita instead of a wine based one, but didn't expect that to be in time for the restaurant to take part in the nationwide Chili's margarita competition that kicks off next week.

"I believe even after our attorney at corporate turns in the application, it could take a while to

get it approved because it still has to be filed with the state. So we are looking at the middle of April at least," McNair said.

He said they are gearing up for the expanded menu options and plan to send staff to other Chili's restaurants in the area for training in a week or two so they are ready to go once the application has been filed and approved.

"We will start sending them out probably next week, but we don't want

to do it too soon before we get the go ahead," McNair said.

Deaton said the first restaurant to inquire was Ruby Tuesday, who is represented by the same attorney who picked up the application for Chili's so she expected an application to be filed on their behalf sometime soon as well. El Ranchero local Mexican restaurant, was also looking to get an application in but hadn't done so yet.

Our View:

Mall would be a boon to Loganville area

A mall and movie theater in Loganville?

That's what David Derusha of New Horizon Partnership, LLC has planned.

The developer is hoping to build the major retail center on Highway 81 a few minutes down the road from Highway 78.

The 35-acre project has been named The Village at Loganville and includes a theatre, a bistro, a buffet eatery and café anchoring many retail outlets.

Detractors will say this new development will add massive congestion to the area and likely so. It is an unattractive byproduct of such growth.

But the project could actually be a big boon to the area, providing a big tax base and a reason for more to move here (Again a lot of you won't like this).

The truth is, for a county the size of Walton and a city that is growing like Loganville, it is about time something like this project sees the light of day.

Think about this. Those looking to catch a flick or drop some cash on a pair of sneakers — aside from those found at Wal-Mart — have to travel out of city limits and out of the county.

Why not keep those tax dollars here? Why not employ our locals? Why not save our residents the gas money and travel time it takes to go elsewhere?

As city officials point out, this will also draw visitors to the area and give locals locals something more to do once the sun goes down.

And that's not a bad thing.

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Take a stand, know the rules that govern you

One of the founding principles of this country is limited government.

This means that the people are more in control than the national government is. This basic principle and freedom is being frayed and torn in the name of "terrorism." The government has taken things too far, and the people of this great nation lie in ignorance to the reality of the situation.

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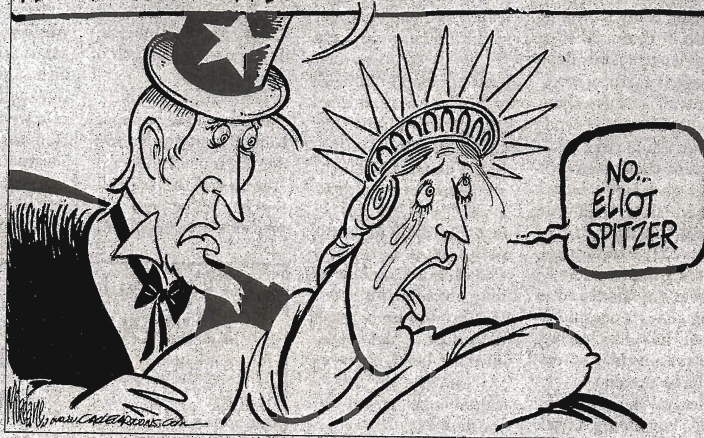


The government can also now check cable viewing habits, telephone habits, check and credit card num-

concern of this country and measures should be taken to protect limb and land. This has been blurred from a defensive standpoint to offensive tyrannical tactics that could easily be sufficed with appropriations set in a moral and ethical atmosphere. The federal government has moved from defending normal people to wrenching civil liberties in paranoia. Protection

The U.S. has been caught in a torture scandal, unlawful firings due to political opposition, and is even involuntarily extending the contracts of American soldiers and forcing them to fight years after they signed on for. These are not characteristics of a free nation. These are the slow and steady steps towards fascism and tyranny and the only things that are creasing

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March is Red Cross Month

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are right here in Walton County. When the Red Cross helps anyone, no matter whether rich or poor, the services are free — the service is simply to help the displaced victims in the time of trauma. Additional programs that help raise funds and save lives are the CPR and first aid instructor courses. Burch said these courses are critical to funding their services so what better way to help raise funds than to learn a skill that could help save a life too. Anyone interested in signing up for the course can contact the local Red Cross at 678-625-8339. There is also an instructor course to which businesses could consider sending someone on their staff. The instructor would then be in a position to train any future employees. The fee for this is only \$150 and is will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 12, 19 and 26. Another local fund-raiser is the April 19 Red for the Red — a Motorcycle Fun Ride starting at 9 a.m. at Landmark of Monroe and then ending up at the Walnut Grove City Park with live entertainment —

Johnny Roguemore and the Bluegrass Nightmares I'm told.

Another fund-raiser the local chapter is working on is a \$1 e-mail donation drive. A dollar doesn't seem like much when you consider all they do.

Other things handled by the Red Cross include the blood drives, preparing children for disaster relief and even canteening for the police and sheriff's department in the event of any stand-off that goes on for any length of time. Another service many don't know about is the military messaging. The Red Cross helps put families and servicemen overseas in contact with each other.

The Walton County chapter is hosting an open house at their new location in Walnut Grove (the old Walnut Grove City Hall) at 11:30 a.m. today. If you have the time, go out and give them the support they show the community. It will also give you the opportunity to find out just what it is the Red Cross does and how you can help — donations of time and money are always appreciated. Red Cross month seems like a good time to get involved.

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Running yes, but for what

District 2 Commissioner Michael Turner, who represents the Loganville area of the Walton County Board of Commissioners, ramped up the intrigue the local political arena last week when he learned Loganville Councilman Chuck Bagley was seeking the post.

"At this time, I am planning on running for one of the Walton County offices up for election this year," Turner told *The Tribune's* Sharon Swanepoel. "During my seven years on the board of commissioners, I have made an exceptional effort to understand how the county government can serve the citizens better. This effort has proved me the kind of knowledge you can only acquire through experience."

If you read between the lines here, Turner is essentially saying he is going to run for something, but it may not be his commission seat. But if he does run for the commission, he's the better candidate due to his experience in county government.

Turner's response begs the question: If he is not going to run for his commission seat, then what public office would he seek instead?

There are a number of offices in the upcoming election Turner could seek, but realistically there are really only two other public offices Turner qualifies for and has a legitimate shot of winning other than his District 2 seat.

One is the commission chairman position currently held by Kevin Little, who has already announced he will be seeking a return to office. The other is the District 107 state representative seat currently held by long-time incumbent Le Walker, who has run so many times unopposed he probably has difficulty remembering the last campaign he actually had to have yard signs printed.

So what will Turner do? Will he run as an incumbent for his District 2 seat? Will he challenge Little for the big chair or the commission? Or will he try and unseat the