



Gateway to the Cohutta Wilderness

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New Ordinance: 2024-6 Off Highway Vehicles

A new ordinance passed in Eton on Feb. 6th allowing alternative modes of transportation in Eton.

You can now legally drive your golf cart or side-by-side on the backroads of Eton including CCC Camp Road. All vehicles must follow state laws regarding safety such as, a caution triangle, blinkers, headlights, taillights, and insurance.

Travel is not allowed on state highways such as 411 and 286, but these vehicles are permitted to cross over these roads to access other destinations.



Property Tax Relief

Small change, big impact.

Under the leadership of Mayor Billy Cantrell and support of the City Council, Eton is delighted to announce our change in the property tax due date. This change allows Eton citizens to keep more money in their pockets around the Christmas holiday.

Great things are happening in the heart of Eton. We're delighted to announce that the city is making life a little more convenient for its taxpayers. The property tax due date has been changed from December 20th to **February 20th**, giving residents extra money when it matters most, during Christmas.

City Mayor Billy Cantrell proposed to Council moving the property tax due date to February 20th with hopes to help relieve some of the financial burden around Christmas time. This change was voted on and passed unanimously by City Council on March 6th 2024.

This change is Eton's way of saying thank you for being an essential part of our great community.

Eton has always been a progressive thinking city and a leader when it comes to this type of policy. By moving the due date citizens will not have to worry about budgeting back during the important holiday. This also gives tax payers more time to budget and plan for their property taxes further easing the financial burden.

We are the first city in our region to implement this policy and we stand by our decision. It is the job of your Mayor and Council to look out for the best interest of our citizens and this was an easy one. Safeguarding the best interests of our citizens remains our top priority, and this decision reflects our

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commitment to serving you efficiently and effectively. Thank you for being an Eton resident.

Fresh n' Low Closing April 2024

Why are they closing?

It came as a complete shock to City Administration that Fresh n' Low grocery store is closing. Eton offices never received a phone call, an email, or office visit regarding the matter. Food City owns the Fresh n' Low grocery chains based out of Tennessee. They bought the Eton store in 2022. What is their reason for closing you ask? Hopes that you will shop at their Food City location in Chatsworth. It's simple business. Buy a competitor and close them down, but what about community? Food City promotes they stand for the community, but were deceitful with ours. Future use of the building is still unknown, but why close a small community grocery store that keeps a busy parking lot?



What The City Plans To Do

Mayor Billy Cantrell, City Council, and Administration are working strategically to find alternative grocery solutions for our citizens. Fresh n' Low was a great convenience for many residents who wanted a short commute to get their groceries. The City does not want to see that convenience go away. With our expected growth our focus will be on a larger grocery chain and to help employees find a new job if they don't want to stay with Food City.



You be the Judge

It's a shame Food City didn't take into consideration Eton's projected 50% growth in housing the next 5 years with 199 homes in the next year. Or consider caring about our small town community (which they so heavily promote online). Eton would have gladly worked alongside their staff to find solutions to keep the doors open. But instead our phone calls were not returned. For community or for profit? You be the judge.



Cruise Ins to Return Summer 2024

The motorcycle Cruise Ins are expected to return this summer at the Old Eton School.

The motorcycle cruise ins are returning to Eton this summer on the 2nd Saturday of each month. There will be motorcycles, food vendors, and friendly competitions.

Although called Eton Cruise Ins, the City of Eton has no ties to the event. The event is now held by a private coordinator, but all citizens are welcome to participate.

New Homes On the Way

Chestnut Ridge will bring 199 new homes to Eton

Eton is prepping for a new development expected to break ground this year. Eagle American Homes (EAH) of Georgia is the group behind the development of Chestnut Ridge.



Chestnut Ridge will be a 25.28 acre, 199 unit, planned residential community that will be located on HWY 411 just north of the redlight. The homes are unique in style replicating the beautiful townhomes that you would find in Charleston SC.

The goal of this development is to bring in new and more affordable housing options to the city. The idea is to create community style living with walking paths, a village green, dog park, two ponds, and much more. Each unit will be unique with different square footage options, colors, and smart home features bringing added efficiencies. Some units will be lease to own and others will be for sale.