



State of Hinesville Address by Mayor James Thomas, Jr.

Liberty County Chamber of Commerce
Progress Through People Luncheon
April 26, 2011

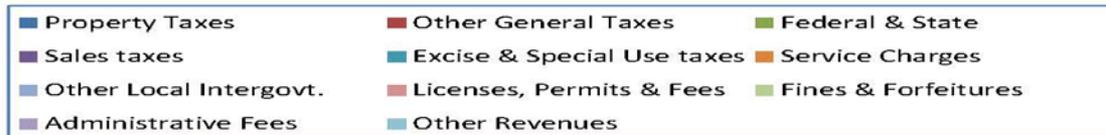
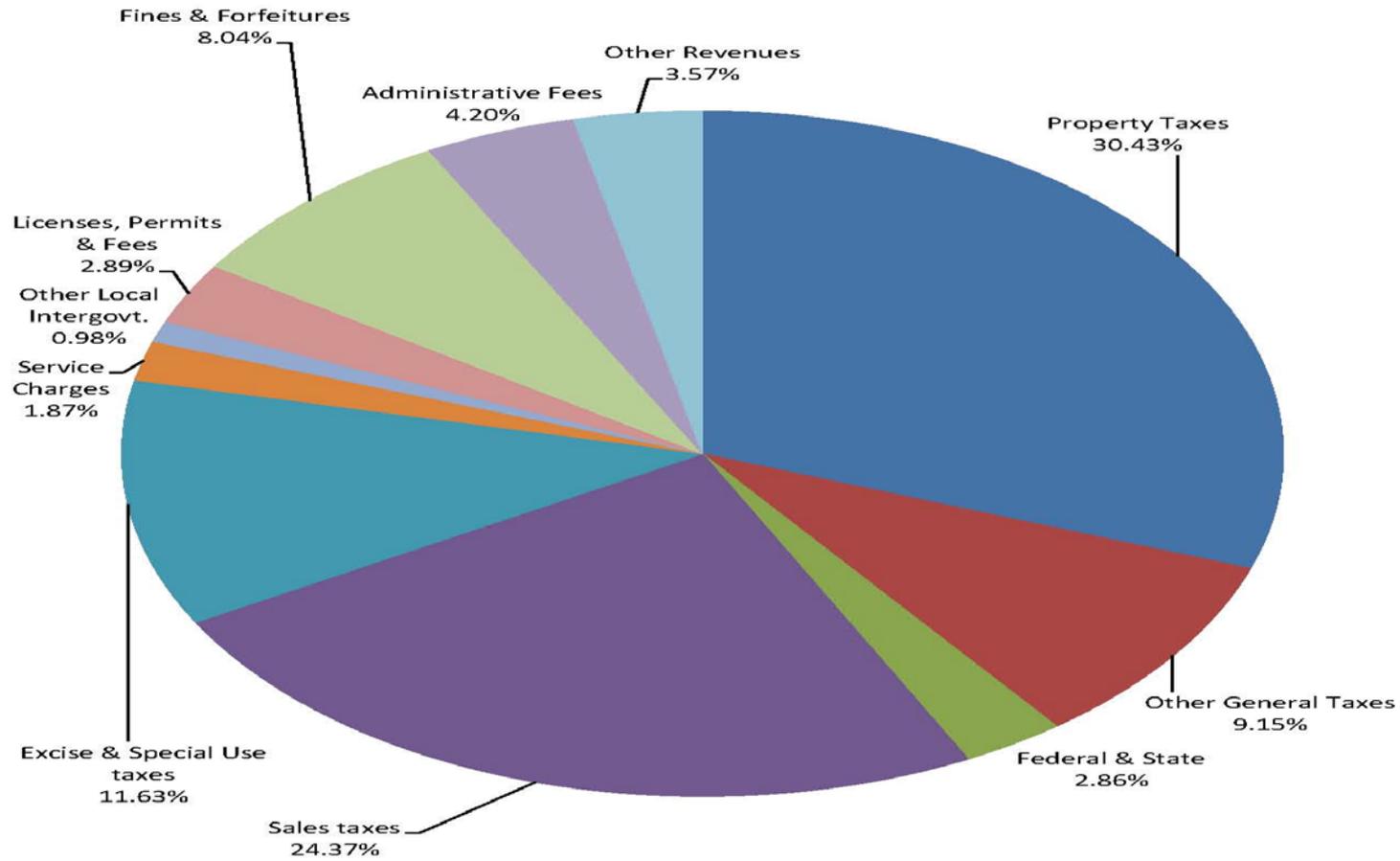
Home for a day or a lifetime...

- We are... one of the fastest growing cities in the state of Georgia
- We are... the second largest city on the coast
- We are... accessible to ground, air, rail and water transportation
- We are... a community where long-time residents and newcomers work hand-in-hand to achieve a better community
- We are... committed to excellence

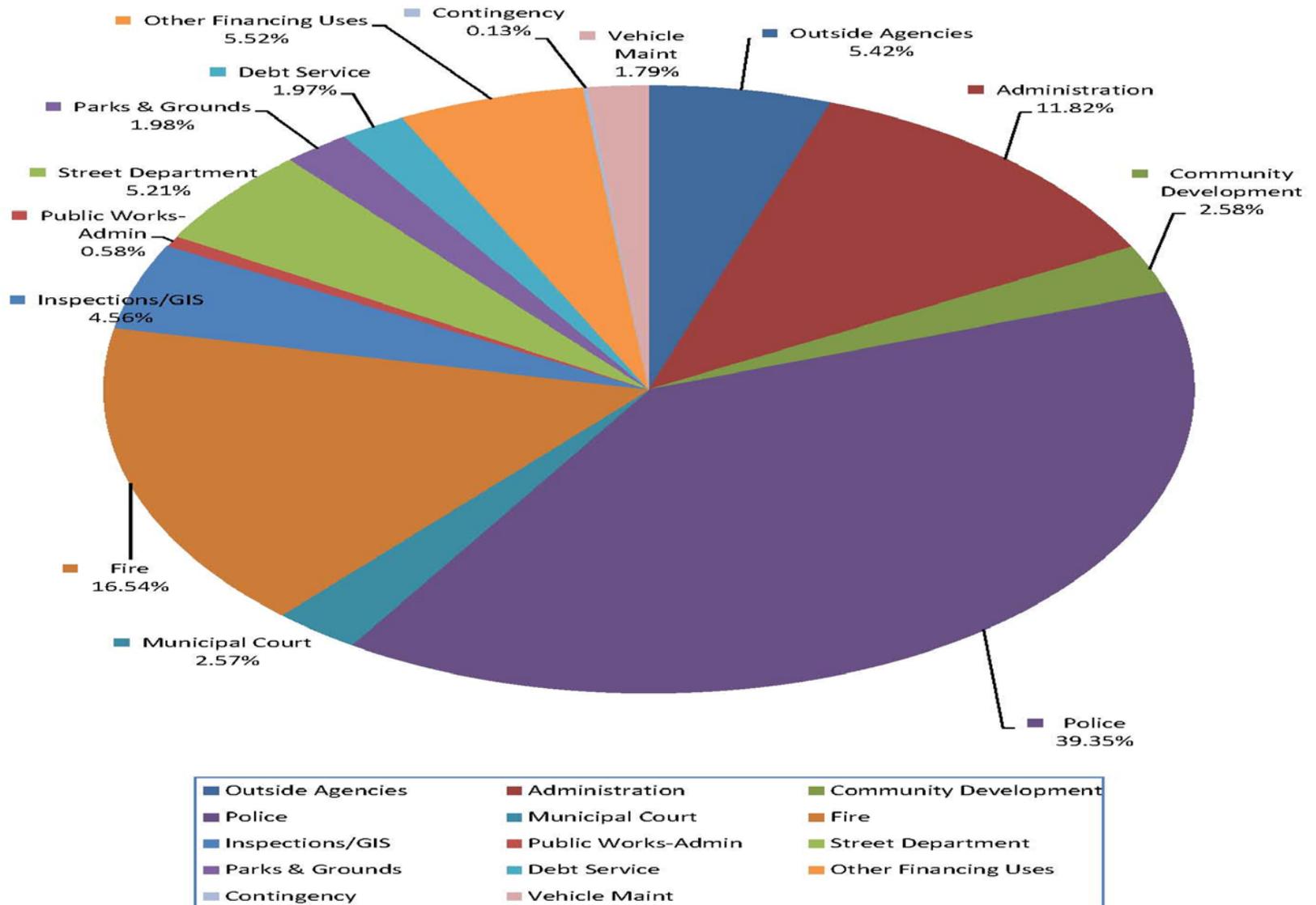
FISCAL SHAPE OF THE CITY:

- **GOOD financial and economic condition**
- **Budget cuts through all departments**
- **Deferred capital purchases this fiscal year**

City of Hinesville General Fund Revenues Fiscal Year 2012



City of Hinesville General Fund Expenditures Fiscal Year 2012



Operations and Services



PUBLIC SAFETY: HFD

- Purchased a new FIRE LADDER TRUCK that can fight fires in larger buildings and tall structures to replace our 20 year old fire truck
- Recognized as a regional test site for the Georgia Certifications and national Professional Qualification Certifications



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

HPD and HFD are well prepared and will work in conjunction with EMA, GEMA, and Ft. Stewart in the event of an emergency or disaster



MOSQUITO CONTROL:

- Year-round program
- Will be more effective through the assistance of the Georgia Department of Community Health and collaboration with the Liberty County Mosquito Control Program
- Due to the exceptionally warm winter and early spring, mosquito breeding is expected to be higher than normal this season.
- Spraying and treatment began in mid-March and will continue through the breeding season
- The old program simply relied on pesticide spray to reduce mosquitoes when female counts became high
- New program will include more breeding identification and source reduction. There will also be increased testing for viruses
- Residents will be more involved with the new program through public safety education efforts and assistance identifying breeding sources

Projects



CITY GROWTH:

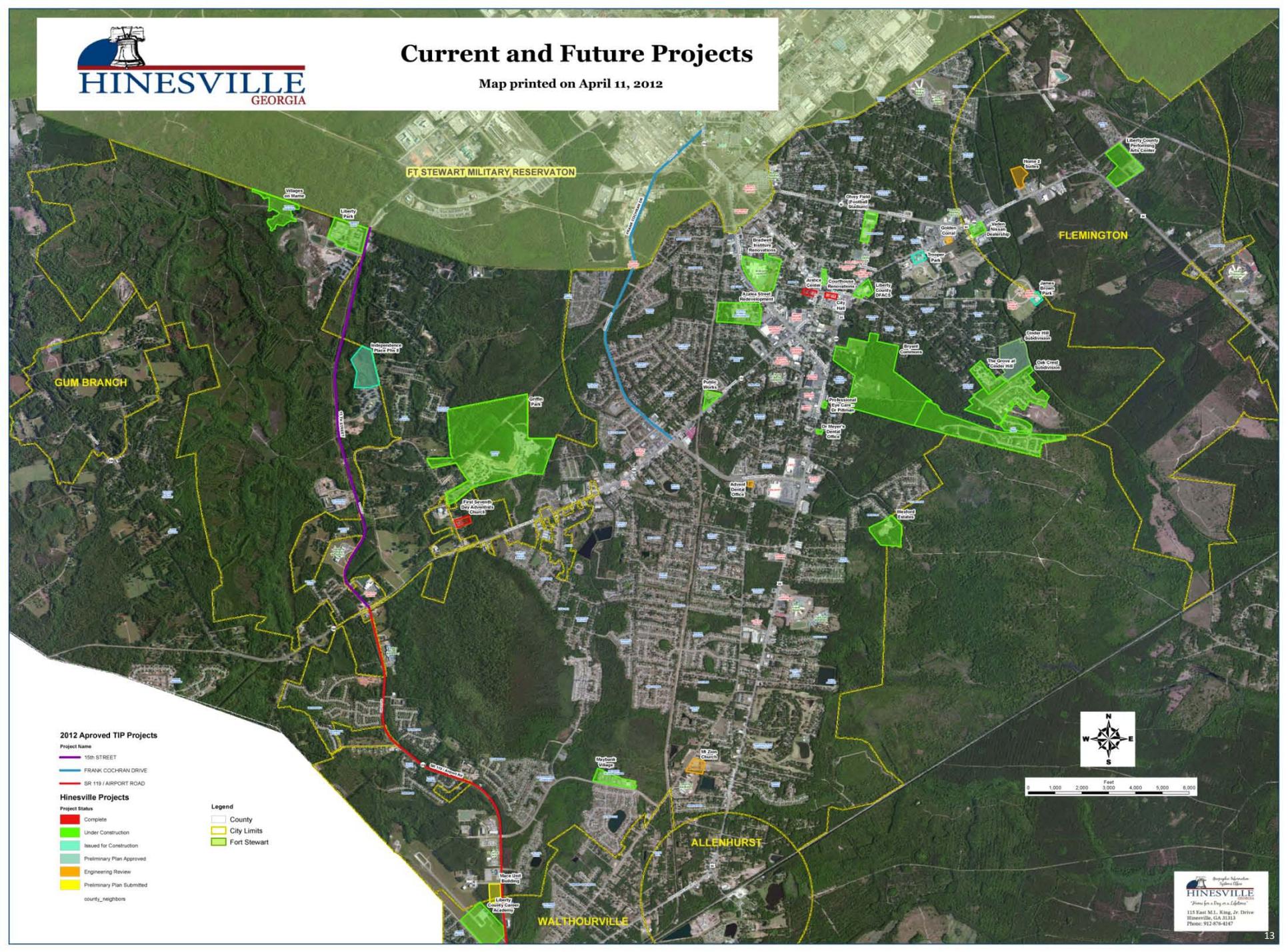
- The Census 2010 recently listed Hinesville as the fourth fastest personal income growing MSA in the U.S.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Hinesville is the 4th fastest growing MSA in job creation in the US from 2007 to 2011.
- In every city council meeting for the past two years we have new businesses starting

CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

- New City Hall completed
- Justice Center completed
- Public Works facility under construction
- Veterans Parkway (formerly Frank Cochran Drive) widening
- Bryant Commons development
- Jacks Hill Road improvements
- ADA ramps for US 84, SR 119, etc.
- Central Avenue/Memorial Drive Phase IV
- Armstrong Atlantic State University downtown Hinesville campus
- Westside annexation
- Upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Fort Stewart

Current and Future Projects

Map printed on April 11, 2012



2012 Approved TIP Projects

- Project Name
- 15th STREET
 - FRANK COCHRAN DRIVE
 - SR 119 / AIRPORT ROAD

Hinesville Projects

- Project Status
- Complete
 - Under Construction
 - Issued for Construction
 - Preliminary Plan Approved
 - Engineering Review
 - Preliminary Plan Submitted

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Legend

- County
- City Limits
- Fort Stewart



Liberty Transit:

- Liberty Transit system still operating, looking for increased marketing opportunities
- Ridership currently averages 2,000 riders per month
- We need approximately 4,000 riders per month to meet our objective
- Still conducting ridership surveys to collect data so we can modify routes as needed
- Support the system through ridership and information sharing



VA MEDICAL FACILITIES:

- An interim clinic is being designed for the Patriot Center
- Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in July



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

- Bryant Commons amphitheatre construction underway
- Looking for opportunity to build a conference/civic center



AGING COMMUNITY CHARETTE:

- Community for All Ages Charrette to build on common concerns (e.g. safety, transportation, housing, recreation, access to services)
- Aim of creating positive community change through thoughtful planning so that residents can “age in place”
- Funded by the Coastal Regional Commission, its Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and in part by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
- Public Open House May 23 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Final Public Presentation May 24 1-2:30 p.m. at City Hall

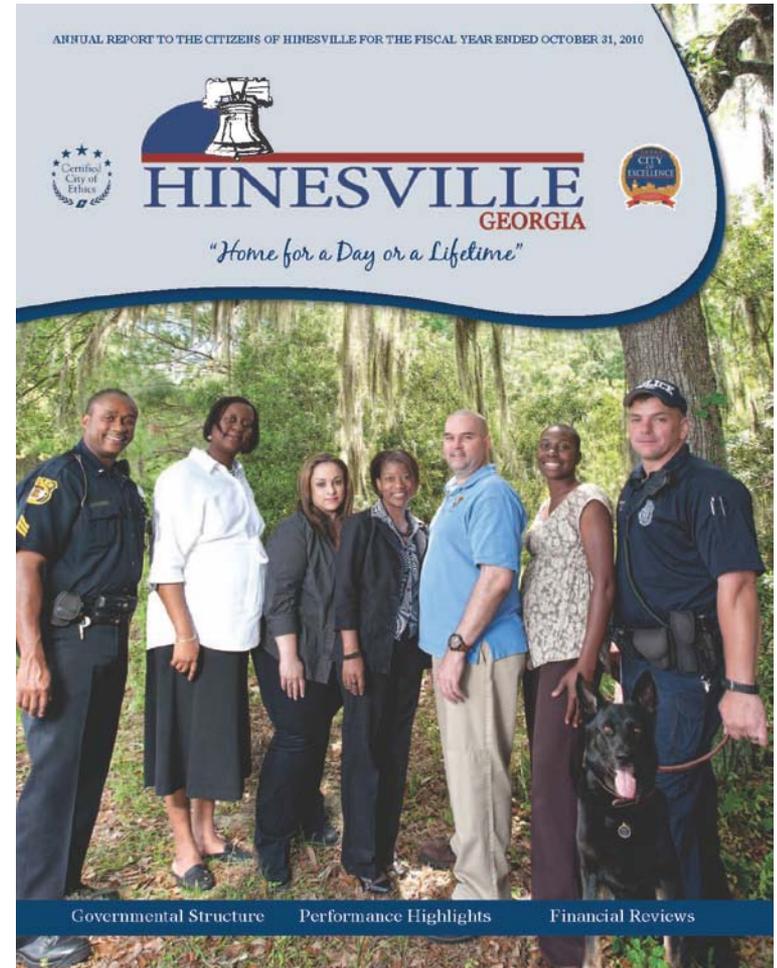
FRANK COCHRAN DRIVE RENAMING:

- Frank Cochran Drive will be renamed Veteran's Parkway, effective May 1, 2012
- This renaming honors veterans past, present, and future
- Ceremony date will be announced soon



FY 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITIZENS:

- Coming soon...
- Provides financial information and program overviews for each department
- FY 2011 copies now available at City Hall
- Previous years copies available online



Challenges and Opportunities



ROADS AND STREETS:

- Voting for Transportation Improvement Act will be on July 31
- TIA will provide funding for local transportation projects
- Roads in need of improvements:
 - Frank Cochran at 196 to Fort Stewart
 - 15th street from Fort Stewart to 196
 - Airport Road from Highway 84 to 196
 - Road support to MidCoast Regional Airport

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Smart growth is working together with our residents, county, other cities, Ft. Stewart- HAAF, the state, and the federal government.

PROGNOSIS:
THE CITY'S
FUTURE LOOKS
GOOD.

