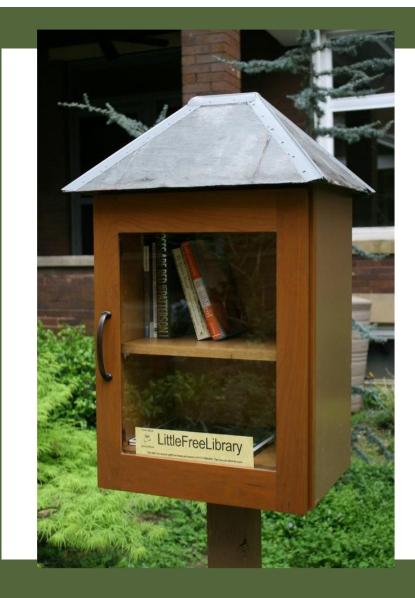


## STATE OF THE CITY of SKY VALLEY 2020

### Thank you to the Sky Valley Property Owners Association

- for this **opportunity to speak**
- For all that you do for Sky Valley including your community breakfasts, helping Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund, donations to local charities, Welcome Back and Farewell Events, great Membership Directory
- For the SVPOA's generous donation toward landscaping efforts of our city!
- For your involvement and contribution to the new Sky Valley Marketing Plan
- For **your Web Site** which can help people find the MLS listings of Sky Valley properties, condos, and houses for sale.





## **One more thank you!**

THANK YOU TO TOM SMITH SVPOA BOARD MEMBER

> FOR A FUTURE SKY VALLEY MINI LENDING LIBRARY!

Your City Government, City Employees & our Citizens a report on how we are <u>working together</u> to make Sky Valley the best mountain city! OUR ROADWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- EVAUATING ROADWAYS AND COMPLETING ROAD REPAIRS/PAVING/STRIPING PROJECTS
- EVALUATING AND REPLACING CITY CULVERTS



#### **CONTINUED VIGILANCE AND MITIGATION**

- CLEANING OF OUT OUR DITCHES
- EVALUATING AND RESTRUCTURING OF OUR DITCHES AND WATER DRAINAGE ROUTES
- TRIMMING SIDES OF ROADWAYS AND MOWING
- TREE REMOVALS
- CONTINUAL MONITORING OF OUT GREAT WATER SYSTEM INCLUDING WATER PRESSURE AND LEVELS. TESTING WATER QUALITY AND REPAIRING LEAKS

• MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, REPLACING CITY EQUIPMENT



# 0% MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING OUR CITY OFFERINGS MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING OUR CITY PARK

## Beautifying our city and enhancing our natural resources....



City and Special Projects Committee – Stain and landscape fence at Scenic Overlook, also railing at Water Fall.....



Sky Valley Garden Club working to beautify our City by landscaping areas around our valley.



# ENHANCED COMMUINICATION

#### NEW WEBSITE

Including web pages to connect people to SVPOA, SVGC, SV Country Club, Sky Valley Churches, Sky Valley Marketing Efforts

# <u>CITY FACEBOOK PAGE, TWITTER ACCOUNT,</u> <u>INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT</u>

#### <u>CODIFIED ORDINANCES</u>

Professionally Updated. Organized, Legally Reviewed, and Available for review on Website

- <u>COUNCIL MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND</u>
   <u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS RECORDED ON ZOOM</u>
   Link to videos and minutes on website
- WORKING WITH RABUN COUNTY Council and Mayor working with Forward Rabun and the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce to promote Sky Valley (Grants, Tourism, Encourage Home and Property Sales). Sharing ideas and information.

		<u>Average </u>	Sales Price					
	202	<u>:0</u>	2019	%Change	2			
REAL ESTATE	January	282,480	159,300 +7	7.3%				
statistics for	<b>February</b>	190,500	231,000	-17.5%				
Statistics IOI	March	329,000	205,000	+60.5%				
	April	298,750	296,667	+0.7%	Ac	tive Listings l	by Month	
Sky Valley	May	120,000	183,500	-34.6%		2020	2019	% Change
Der Coercie	June	177,500	545,000	-67.4%	January	24	27	11.1%
Per Georgia					February	26	27	3.7%
MLS)					March	26	25	4.0%
					April	22	26	15.4%
					May	22	31	29.0%
<ul> <li>Inventory of houses for s</li> </ul>	sale in 202	0 is down			June	24	35	31.4%

- Marketing Activity and available houses are driving property prices to increase
- Condos don't stay on the market long great demand for "modern and well appointed condos"
- People report they want a "turn key" house and are not interested in ones needing updating/repairing
- People in the market for homes are seeking good internet services, a well-kept safe city, available activities, and increasing property values.

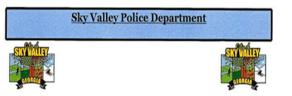
#### CONTINUED ٠ **MEETINGS BOTH ON-**LINE AND (WHEN WE **ARE ABLE) FACE-TO-**FACE

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SKY VALLEY TIMES including City Department Reports, Ordinance **Review, Police Actvity Report**, Building **Inspections Reports**, Happenings, Council and Mayoral **Remarks** 

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Housing & Development Departmental Data Report	For month ending May 31, 2020				
	May 2020	YTD	2019 YTD		
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	1	0		
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	15	45	40		
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	1	0		
Total New Construction not yet finalized	2		0		
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	14		0		
Notices to Comply issued	0	3	0		
Stop Work Orders issued	0	2	0		
Tree Cutting permits issued	10	18	30		
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	0	0		
Fees Collected					
	May 2020	YTD	2019 YTD		
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$1,200.00	\$9,426.00	\$2,502.00		
Tree Cutting Permits	\$300.00	\$605.00	\$1,515.00		
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		



#### Monthly Count Sheet For May 2020

Fire	0
Med Call	3
Accident	0
Family Viol.	0
Fight/Assault	0
Death/Suicide	0
Missing Person	0
Burglary/Break in	0
Theft	0
Susp. Activity	0
Susp. Person	0
Susp. Vehicle	0
Alarm	0
Investigation	4
DUI/PUI	0
Drug Related	0
Juvenile	1
Traffic Control	0
Traffic Stop	7
Warning	4
Citation	3
Lost and Found	0
Complaint	0
City Ord.	0
Public Assist	6
Resident Check	444
Business Check	295
Welfare Check	4
Visitor Escort	1
Arrest	0
911 Calls	34
Mileage	349
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# WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY Police Department

Police vehicles

Newly hired experienced full-time policeman (Charles Webb) Police Chief working on Sky Valley becoming a Certified Police Department

<u>Neighborhood Watch</u> Programs to inform the community of safety issues and solutions and ask for citizen help.



Fires and Emergencies response by a well-respected and run volunteer Fire Department.



#### MONITORING OUR FISCAL RESOURCES

City currently in the participating in our 2019 audit and the Council will begin the budgeting process for 2021

Council receives monthly financial reports from the City Manager which are included in their Council Meeting Packets

Council and Mayor meet with the City Manager for periodic budgetary reviews

AS of June 30, 2020 in reference to our General Fund 43% has been expended – which is in line with where we should be since we are halfway thru 2020. It is the Council's intention to have a surplus at the end of this fiscal year.

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# **Ancient Indian adage**

# "Leaders need to have distance in their eyes".

Your City Council and I are committed to the city's business with a vision of the future of our city in mind.

How we are..... researching options for improving our city 8 planning for the future of Sky Valley (keeping distance in our eyes....)

**BY USING SKY VALLEY COMMITTEES** 

AND A CITIZEN SURVEY FOR DATA COLLECTION

- LANDSCAPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- MAYORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
- PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY CODE ADVISOR
- CITY MARKETING COMMITTEE

THANKS GOES TO ALL THE WONDERFUL CITIZENS WHO HAVE AGREED TO SERVE AND OFFER THEIR TIME, KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCES TO THESE COMMITTEES!

PLEASE TUNE INTO THESE MEETINGS AND VOLUNTEER YOUR INPUT AND TIME



#### **GEORGIA COVID-19 STATISTICS**

CONFIRMED CASES – 81,291 DEATHS – 2,805

<u>RABUN COUNTY</u> – TOTAL POPULATION 17,000 CONFIRMED CASES – 42 DEATHS - 3 HOSPITALIZATIONS - 14

PLEASE STAY SAFE SKY VALLEYIANS!



We continue to encourage everyone's input and participation into the future and success of Sky Valley as we *ALL KEEP THE DISTANCE IN OUR EYES!*