

CITY BEAT



MAYOR JOHN GAYLE HONORED FOR 'OUTSTANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL LEADERSHIP'

On September 26, 2018, Valdosta Mayor John Gayle was awarded the 'Outstanding Elected Official Leadership' from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) at the annual conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The award from AMPO honors outstanding efforts in transportation planning and leadership of an elected official who has served as a champion for their community and has successfully advanced or promoted transportation planning in the public arena.

Mayor John Gayle was nominated for the award by the Southern Georgia Regional Commission. Mayor Gayle has been a member of the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO Policy Committee for the Valdosta, Georgia Urbanized area since his election in 2010, and has previously served as Chair.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mayor John Gayle

Fire Prevention Week

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Opportunities

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
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Look: Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

Listen: Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

Learn: Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter

This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire-- and how to escape safely in the event of one.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is, that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram-the screening test for breast cancer-can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of detecting breast cancer early. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms, and encourage communities, organizations and families to get involved.

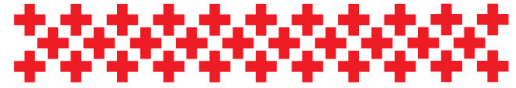
City of Valdosta Blood Drive

The Valdosta Fire Department is sponsoring a city-wide blood drive. The blood drive will take place on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It will be located at Fire Station #1, 106 South Oak Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Freddie Broome at (229) 333-1835.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



**City of Valdosta Blood Drive
Sponsored by:
Valdosta Fire Department**

Fire Station #1
106 South Oak Street
Valdosta, GA 31601

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Visit redcrossblood.org and make your appointment online using sponsor code: cityval

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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Pinevale Elementary celebrates Walk to School Day



October 10, 2018

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

Walk to School Day is an annual event that promotes walking and bicycling for several reasons:

- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- ✓ Awareness of how walkable & bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
- ✓ Concern for the environment
- ✓ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- ✓ Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children

Get started at walkbiketoschool.org

Your local coordinator:

Dr. Ronnie Mathis, Greater Lowndes Coalition Highway Safety
229-630-3109

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Pinevale Elementary School will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 10, 2018.

If you would like to participate in the event, please meet at the Mildred Hunter Center located at 509 South Fry Steet, at 7:00 a.m. The walk will begin at 7:10 a.m.

If you live too far from your child's school to walk, you can drive part of the distance, then park and walk the rest of the way or just get them out after school for a walk in your neighborhood.

The 3rd Annual Firefighter Ball

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018
7:00 PM-11:00 PM

James H. Rainwater
Conference Center

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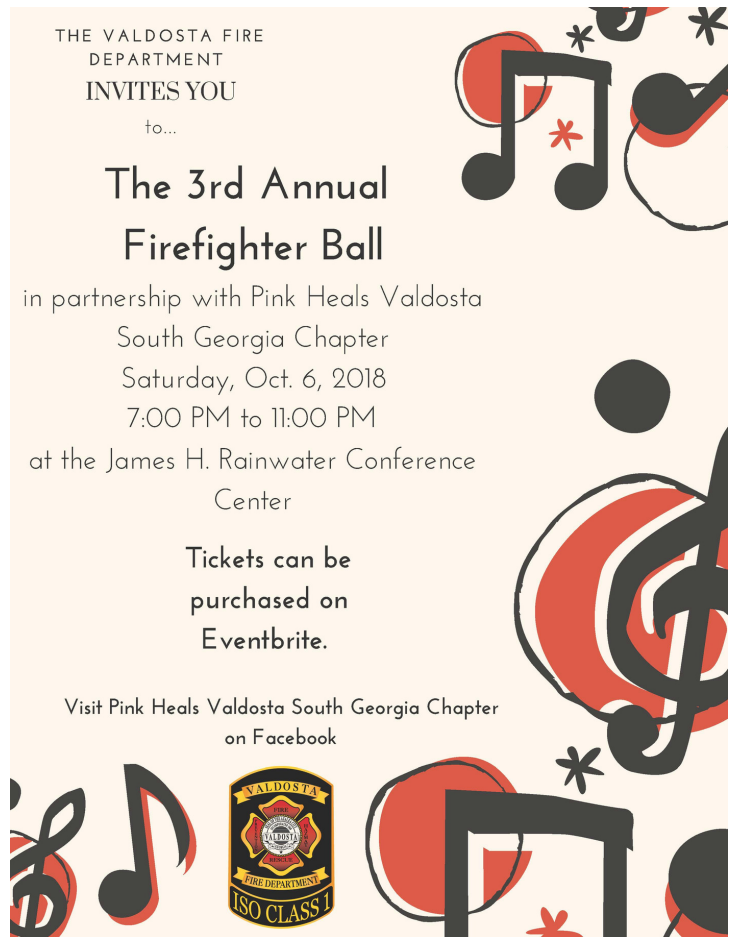
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in partnership with Pink Heals Valdosta
South Georgia Chapter
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
at the James H. Rainwater Conference
Center

Tickets can be
purchased on
Eventbrite.

Visit Pink Heals Valdosta South Georgia Chapter
on Facebook



October 2018

<p>Oct 2 -Open Studio @ Cottonwood Market 10:30-3:30pm</p> <p>Oct 3 -Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 4 -Miss Kate's Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 5 (First Friday) -Fall Fun @ Cottonwood Market 6-8pm -Sundowner Motel @ Steel Magnolias -Live Music by Taylor Clark @ 306 North 7pm - Drink Special All Night -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 12 -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 13 -Live Music by Teasley Duo @ Steel Magnolias -Arts and Crafts @ Cottonwood 10-3pm -Brush & Brunch Paint Party @ Jessie's 10am -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 14 & 15 -Auditions for Christmas in the Air @ Dosta Playhouse Theatre Guild</p> <p>Oct 16 -Open Studio @ Cottonwood Market 10:30-3:30pm</p> <p>Oct 17 & 18 -Miss Kate's Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 19 -2River Station @ 306 North 7pm -Fall Foliage Painting @ Cottonwood 6-8pm -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am</p>	<p>Oct 6 -ArtOverFest @ Turner Center TBA -Live Music by Azalea City Jazz @ Steel Magnolias -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining Tour 10:45am Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 9 -Open Studio @ Cottonwood Market 10:30-3:30</p> <p>Oct 10 -Miss Kate's Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 11 -Pumpkins & Polka Dots Paint Party @ Cottonwood Market 6-8pm -Miss Kate's Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 20 -Live Music by Mojo Poets @ Steel Magnolias -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples & Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 23 -Open Studio @ Cottonwood 10:30-3:30pm</p> <p>Oct 24 & 25 -Miss Kate's Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 26 -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 27 -Owl Family Paint Party @ Cottonwood 2-4pm -Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45am Samples and Sips 5:15pm</p> <p>Oct 30 -Open Studio @ Cottonwood 10:30-3:30pm</p> <p>Oct 31 -Miss Kate's Boos & Bites 5:15pm A Special Halloween Tour</p> <p>www.valdostamainstreet.com</p>
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Visit
Valdosta
Main Street
on Facebook
for upcoming
events.



Volunteers Needed

Rivers Alive

Oct. 13, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Make A Difference Day

Oct. 27, 2018

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Electronics Recycling

Nov. 17, 2018

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**If you, your
business or
organization is
interested in
making a
positive impact
in our
community
and
environment,
consider
volunteering
for the
following
cleanup
events,
coordinated by
Keep Lowndes-
Valdosta
Beautiful:**