



City of Cochran
Cochran Cares Housing Team

Spring 2020 Updates

2019 CHIP Award Lottery

- Monday January 13, 2020, 6 **homeowners qualified** and were selected through a **lottery**.
- \$300,000 in CHIP awards will be utilized to rehabilitate the homes of the 6 homeowners selected.
- Recipients had to meet the following criteria:
 - Cannot have more than **50% AMI**
 - Must be at least **62 years of age**
- Currently initiating procedures for future CHIP awards.



Cochran “Yard of the Month” Initiative

Established Summer 2019





Downtown Development Authority Updates

- Rusty Lloyd was selected as the Executive DDA Director effective February 17, 2020
- Cochran DDA received a \$3000.00 check from Georgia Power to be utilized for downtown economic development
- The DDA hosted their first ever “Light-up Cochran.” Local downtown businesses decorated their windows to encourage walkability during the Christmas season. Monetary prizes were awarded.



Downtown Development Authority

- Created a video to submit to HGTV's Hometown Takeover contest.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TydEmK7HmU>
- Received our Articles of Incorporation
- Created a baseline Video Inventory of downtown to help highlight improvements in the future
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- Working with the City to apply for a GDOT Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Grant Application
- Working with different colleges to develop murals for our downtown area



Gearing up for our 5th Annual Clean-up Day

- Correlates with Earth Day and will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020.
- Annual Tire Amnesty event to follow

Continuation of Demolition Efforts

Since our September 2019 Retreat, the City of Cochran oversaw the demolition of four (4) dilapidated structures throughout the community.

In 2015, the City Council set up a “Demolition Grant” program for owners of dilapidated houses. If a household qualifies as low income, the City’s program will pay the cost of asbestos testing, abatement, demolition and disposal. The owner’s responsibility is \$250.00 and they must agree to maintain the vacant parcel in compliance. Since 2015, a total of **21 houses** have been torn down with grant assistance.





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