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WETUMPKA AREA NEWCOMERS GUIDE

ELECTRIC SERVICE is provided by Alabama Power Company or Central Alabama Electric Cooperative. Alabama Power offices are located on 400 South Main Street, Wetumpka. Hours are 8:15 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. One may request service 24 hours a day by calling the Customer Service Center at 800-245-2244. A deposit may be required for residential service. Central Alabama Electric Cooperative's Wetumpka office is located at 637 Coosa River Parkway. Call 567-8855 or the Prattville main office at 800-545-5735. For all service or billing information, contact either location.

WATER SERVICE is provided by Wetumpka Water Works and Sewer Board with offices located at 2909 Elmore Road, Wetumpka, 567-8404. Service must be acquired in person during the hours of 7:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. A non-refundable application fee is required. Sewage charge is based on a percentage of the water bill. Central Elmore Water Authority is located at 716 US Highway 231, 567-6814. Make application in person. Security deposit is required.

GAS SERVICE is provided by several propane companies or natural gas by the Alabama Gas Corp. located at 235 Lee Street, Montgomery. Apply for service in person or call 263-2341 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday thru Friday. A security deposit may be required. The deposit bears interest and may be refundable. Lights and water must be turned on prior to gas being turned on and a one-day notice is required. To report gas service out of order or request adjustment of appliances call 832-4477.

TELEPHONE SERVICE is provided to all residents of Wetumpka by AT&T and/or Bright House Network. For AT&T residential sales, billing and service, call 888-757-6500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For Bright House residential sales, billing and service call 800-822-0060 or visit their website at www.mybrighthouse.com. There is no toll charge between Montgomery, Wetumpka, or Millbrook.

CABLE TV SERVICE is provided by Bright House Network. For Bright House residential sales, billing and service call 800-822-0060 or visit their website at www.mybrighthouse.com.

GARBAGE COLLECTION is provided by Sunflower Waste and Sunflower Landfill located at 1303 Washington Blvd., Tallassee. Applications may be made by calling 334-218-1338. For weekly curbside household garbage pick up, a container will be provided after completion of the service agreement and payment of the required deposit. In addition, three packages may be set out and will be picked up.

PROPERTY TAX: For information about city, county, and state property taxes, contact the Elmore County Revenue Commissioner at the Elmore County Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For information call 567-1182.

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ENHANCED 911: Elmore County is served by an Enhanced 911 System (name, address, telephone number appear on the screen when called). All new residents receive addresses through the E-911 Office. For information contact the administrative office at 567-1105. This office is located in the Elmore County Judicial Building, 8935 US Highway 231.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: You are required to get an Alabama Driver's License upon establishing residence. The Driver's License Examiners' Office is located at East Tallasse Street (old pool house), in Wetumpka. Written exam hours are 8:00 a.m. thru 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. thru 2:30 p.m. Road test hours are 10:30 a.m. thru 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. thru 3:30 p.m. on Monday thru Friday. Out-of-state residents must turn in their present license; take the eye test and written test to obtain an Alabama Driver's License. Persons fifteen years of age may take the eye test and written test to obtain a Learner's License (restricted). There is a cash only, correct amount charge for these services. After passing the tests you will be given a slip by the examiner. The slip must then be taken to the Probate Judge's Office in the Elmore County Courthouse where your license will be issued. Licenses are issued for four years. Cash or check will be accepted. For information call 567-8871.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: Personal vehicle tags are issued through the Elmore County Tag and Title Department in the Elmore County Courthouse. Hours are 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. You will need: New car purchased in the state—bill of sale and application for title; new car purchased out of this state—statement of origin and bill of sale; new out of state resident—vehicle and person(s) whose name(s) are on the title must be seen by the person, also present title/copy of title, last registration; out of state vehicle with current legal tag has 30 days to register; local vehicle with current Alabama title has 10 days to register. Car tags are to be renewed at the effective expiration date. Personal vehicle tags are issued on a staggered basis according to the first letter of the last name. Business vehicles and annual tags are due in October and November. For further information, call 567-1166. Tax and tag are paid together. Manufactured homes must be registered at the Elmore County Tag and Title Department unless assessed with property.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Alabama requires you to register ten days before an election in order to vote. The Board of Registrars is located in the Elmore County Courthouse. You may register during regular office hours. For further information, call 567-1150.

CONSERVATION LICENSE: Conservation licenses (hunting, fishing, boating, etc.) are available through the Probate Judge's Office in the Elmore County Courthouse. For information call 567-1141. The costs vary according to the type of license.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ELMORE COUNTY, INC. is located at 255 Central Plank Road in Wetumpka. Hours of operation are Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. thru 3:00 p.m. For information call 567-3377 or visit the HSEC website at www.elmorehumane.com.

HOUSEHOLD PETS: There is a leash law within the city limits of Wetumpka which applies to both dogs and cats. For more information, call the Animal Control officer at 567-1327.

BUSINESS LICENSES: Contact the City Clerk's Office located at the Wetumpka City Hall at 567-5147 for information on the schedule of licenses, permits, and other regulations regarding the establishment of businesses within the City of Wetumpka.

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COSSA RIVER: The Coosa River flows through the middle of the City, dividing the historic business district from its residential counterpart. The waters south of the Bibb Graves Bridge offer navigable access to the Gulf of Mexico. From the base of Jordan Dam, to the north side of the bridge, the waters are more shallow and filled with rock formations. This portion of the river is home to the infamous "Moccasin Gap," a series of rapids sure to challenge even the most experienced paddler. The rumbling waters are ideal for rafts, canoes, and kayaks.

Each year hundreds of adventurous sports-men from across the United States converge on the river for the Annual Coosa River Whitewater Festival. The event, sponsored by the Coosa River Paddling Club begins at the base of Jordan Dam and concludes in Wetumpka just south of the bridge. Nationally sanctioned racing, surfing, and ender competitions are only a few of the many activities. From April until October, whitewater excursions are available through Southern Trails, Coosa Outdoor Center, and Coosa River Adventures. They provide transportation to the launch site and all necessary supplies.

TALLAPOOSA RIVER: The Tallapoosa River runs from the north Georgia mountains to just south of Wetumpka where it joins the Coosa River to form the Alabama River. The Alabama River flows into the Gulf of Mexico. Creating a navigable waterway from the Bibb Graves Bridge in Wetumpka to Mobile Bay.

LAKE JORDAN: Lake Jordan, a 4,900 acre lake, located only 10 minutes from Wetumpka is a fisherman's paradise. Water skiing, jet skiing and other forms of water sports are also abundant. Many annual activities, including fishing tournaments take place each year.

LAKE MARTIN: Lake Martin, one of the world's largest man-made lakes with approximately 44,000 acres of clear sparkling water, is located only 20 minutes from the city of Wetumpka. This recreational playground offers golf, sailing clubs and marinas all within close proximity.

WETUMPKA RIVERWALK: Riverwalk which begins on the south side of the Coosa River, crosses under the Bibb Graves Bridge and then meanders through Gold Star Park continues south to the rear of the new Civic Center. The walkway is perfect for exercising or taking a leisurely stroll and offers a wonderful view of the Coosa River. A complete playground facility is located in Gold Star Park. The playground features 40 different events, and can accommodate up to 120 children. The Alliance Warehouse, the oldest building in Wetumpka, the Ma Brown Log Cabin and the Old Calaboose are located near the walk.

FORT TOULOUSE/JACKSON STATE PARK: Perched on a bluff near the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers, Fort Toulouse/Jackson State Historic Site, a 180-acre game and wildlife sanctuary attracts thousands of visitors each year and offers a variety of recreational and educational experiences. The park offers campgrounds with RV hookups, hiking trails, an arboretum, picnic areas, a boat launch, and visitor's center with museum and gift shop.

Each November the park hosts what has become known as the state's most authentic "Living History" event. Alabama Frontier Days, which annually attracts some 15,000 visitors, offers a unique look into the culture of the South as it transformed from Creek Indian land to pioneer settler forts and homesteads. During this four-day period, Fort Toulouse is occupied by a full force of authentically costumed French Colonial Marines and Creek Indians. Scheduled events include demonstrations on Native American Pottery Making, Dugout Canoe Construction, Early American Spinning, Weaving, Dyeing, and Blacksmithing, as well as various forms of period entertainment.

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FORT TOULOUSE/JACKSON CONTINUED: Each spring, a French and Indian War Encampment is held at the park. Activities include living history camps, demonstrations by the French Colonial Marines, and a mock battle which takes place throughout the weekend. In addition, a living history event is held during the third weekend of each month with the exception of December. Programs rotate between the French Colonial Marines and the Fort Jackson Battalion.

Recently 250 acres were purchased by the Forever Wild Program to be operated in conjunction with Fort Toulouse/Jackson State Historic Site. The sites of old Fort Jackson Town, the first county seat for Montgomery County and Jackson Camp, the living quarters of 2000 soldiers who constructed Fort Jackson are contained within this acreage. Signs of prehistoric Indian mounds and village sites have also been located.

WACC HISTORIC WALKING TOUR: The Wetumpka Area Chamber of Commerce tours begin at 110 East Bridge Street from the historic Bank of Wetumpka building, built about 1905. To learn more about the tours of historic Wetumpka, contact the chamber office at 567-4811.

METEOR IMPACT CENTER: The Wetumpka Astrobleme originated from a cosmic event that occurred some 80 to 83 million years ago. It is one of the few above-ground impact crater locations in the United States and one of only about six in the entire World. Even more unusual is the fact that the structure is actually exposed. Despite the weathering that has occurred through millions of years, the crater walls are still prominent. The projectile of the meteor impact was probably travelling between 10 and 20 miles per second. So this means the impact would have produced winds in excess of 500 miles per hour, and the meteor most likely struck at a 30-45 degree angle as it came from the northeast. Geologists speculate that the shock waves, the damage, and other effects of the impact explosion radiated out from the strike several hundred miles. Debris may have been thrown as far away as the present Gulf of Mexico. Geologists also theorize that the strike area would have been under a shallow sea, perhaps 300 to 400 feet of water, that covered most of southern Alabama at the time of the impact.

CHRISTMAS ON THE COOSA: On the second Saturday in December of each year the Coosa River shines as host of the annual Christmas on the Coosa celebration. A large street parade and explosive fireworks are only a few of many activities. Other activities during the month of December include the annual tree lighting and the annual Progressive Nativity and Luminaria display.

WETUMPKA DEPOT PLAYERS: Located at 300 South Main Street, the theater can seat 150 guests for each performance. This outstanding community theater group performs several productions each year. The group is a cultural and social asset to the community. For scheduling and ticket information their website at www.wetumpkadepot.com.

WETUMPKA YMCA: The Wetumpka YMCA, a branch of the Montgomery YMCA, features a full-sized basketball gymnasium. Goodtimes and CIT Day Camp offer activities such as arts and crafts, swim lessons, computer classes, movies, and weekly trips. For adult a fully equipped fitness room, aerobic classes, and a variety of men's and co-ed sports leagues are available. During the summer months, swimming lessons are offered. For further details call 567-8282. The YMCA is located on Red Eagle Drive.

YOUTH SPORTS: Serving as home to the Wetumpka Dixie League, the Wetumpka Municipal Park provides a venue for residents to experience the thrill of youthful competition. An estimated 900 youth and 200 adults spend countless hours rounding the bases. The six lighted playing fields, located at 815 Kelly Fitzpatrick Drive, are also used by the nearby high school and other civic groups. A batting cage is available for practice sessions and a city operated concession stand offers spectators an array of refreshments. A girls softball complex is located off of Coosa River Parkway.