

2012

ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
COMMUNITY

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CITY OF NEWNAN



From the Office of the Mayor

To the Citizens of Newnan

For several years the City of Newnan did not publish an annual report. I'm pleased to renew that tradition this year. 2012 was a favorable year for the operations of the government of the City. Inside this report you'll find information concerning your city that is timely and descriptive of the services we provide.

In 2013 the City will undertake two major projects. The relocation of the University of West Georgia campus from Shenandoah Industrial Park to the Newnan Hospital campus on Jackson Street is a fifteen million dollar project that will renovate the facility into an institute of higher education. Many people in our community worked together to make this dream a reality, and I would like to express my gratitude to them. The second project is the construction of a much needed Public Safety Complex that will include a Municipal Court. This is an eight million dollar project that is funded with SPLOST revenue. The location is the site of the previous Hannah Homes Housing on Bullsboro. In addition to managing these projects, the City will continue to extend all of our normal services.

Please allow me to express my appreciation to the volunteers who are members of the various Boards, Commissions, and Authorities who provide valuable services to the City Government. I consider it an honor to serve as the Mayor of the City of Newnan and will continue to work toward providing a city where our children will want to raise their families. As always, please contact me if you have any concerns.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Brady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Keith Brady



2012: A Season of Growth

As City Manager Cleatus Phillips looked back on 2012, he saw a year full of accomplishments and planning for the future. "In 2013, we are going to be finalizing a lot of things that got started in 2012," Phillips said. "Many of the projects that were completed in 2012 were infrastructure upgrades and not readily visible to the public. They were put in place to insure that we are prepared for the future and for the projects that will be completed in 2013."

Local Option Sales Tax

The city and Coweta County successfully negotiated a **new agreement** that will see the city's portion of LOST increase from 21.89% to 31.19%. Proceeds from the one-cent sales tax are used to provide property tax relief in the form of a tax rollback each year. The 2012 rollback was 4.33 mils. The LOST agreement will be renegotiated in 2022.

Redistricting Plan Awaiting Approval

A **council redistricting plan** currently awaiting approval by the federal Department of Justice revamps the city's current city council districts. The new plan calls for the city to be split into three large districts, with one including predominantly minority voters. Two council members will be elected from each district, and candidates will run for one of two seats in each district. The mayor will continue to be elected citywide.

Meeting and Convention Facility

The Newnan Centre, a multi-use meeting complex being constructed on Lower Fayetteville Road next to the Coweta County School System's Centre



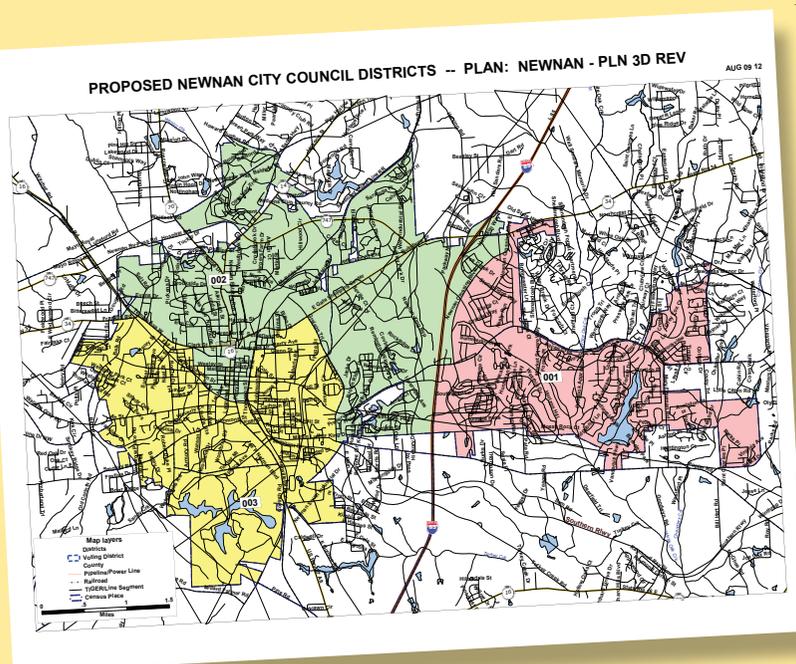
for Performing and Visual Arts will open in summer 2013. There will also be a walking/nature trail developed around the perimeter of the Newnan Centre facility.

Voter Approval of 2013 SPLOST

Extension of the one-cent **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)** was approved by voters on March 6, 2012. The 2013 SPLOST Program will provide more than \$31 million in capital investment over the next 6 years. Highlights of the program include \$8 million for a new Public Safety Complex and \$14 million for Transportation Improvements. Thank you to the voters of Newnan and Coweta County!

West Side Park Upgrades

Renovations at Ray Park on the city's west side will begin. The plans call for new sidewalks, playground equipment, and mulch made from recycled tires and asphalt.





CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS OF AMERICA

On August 15, 2012, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) opened its fifth cancer hospital in Newnan, Georgia.

The 226,000-square-foot, all-digital cancer hospital includes 25 private inpatient rooms, 26 infusion stations, two 650-square-foot surgical suites, radiation and infusion therapy departments, a patient clinic, rehabilitation and physical therapy department, concierge services, 60 on site residential accommodation rooms for patients and caregivers, and an organic food service department and dining room.



NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX OPENING IN 2014

The city's new public safety complex will be constructed on the former Hannah Homes property as you enter into Downtown Newnan. The 36,000 square foot facility will house the city's police and municipal court operations. Funding for the project was included in the 2013 SPLOST referendum. The city plans to open the facility in 2014.



UWG Campus to Open

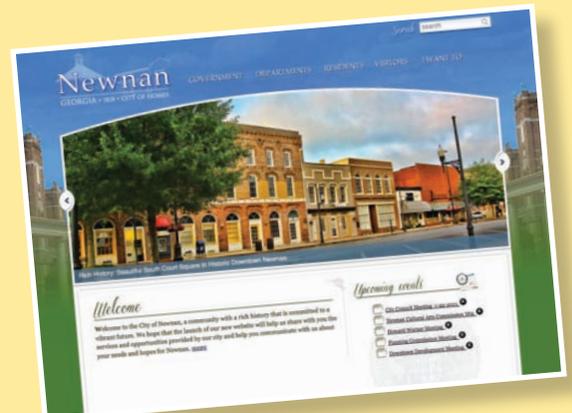
A **\$15 million renovation** of the former Newnan Hospital on Jackson Street at the north end of downtown will transform the buildings into a new campus for the University of West Georgia. The city will oversee the project and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents has agreed to buy the completed facility from the city for \$5 million. Coweta County will kick in about \$535,000, with the land, buildings and about \$4.2 million coming from the Newnan Hospital's board.

New Sanitation Service

It's a new way and new day in the city when it comes to sanitation. The City of Newnan launched its **new yard debris and bulk waste items service pickup** March 2013. All city residents received notice by mail from Waste Industries on what their new pick up day for all trash will be. Household garbage and recycling is also included on this new day of pick up. Rates remained the same for this new convenience for citizens.

Web Site Updated

In late 2012, the **City of Newnan website was redesigned**, and residents will find easier navigation, a cleaner look, and expanded information. One of the main goals of the project was to provide faster and easier access to the information residents access the most.





**NEWMAN CROSSING BYPASS
PAVEMENT REHABILITATION**



This project included milling the existing pavement, striping, and crosswalks and was coordinated with the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of

Newnan Crossing Bypass and McIntosh Parkway. Contract price: \$924,554.12 - Funded through SPLOST. **STATUS - Completed**

**ROSCOE RD/ JACKSON STREET
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**



This project consists of reconstructing the intersection of Roscoe Road at Jackson Street to realign with the existing intersection with Sprayberry Road. Sidewalks along the north side of Roscoe Road,

extending to Phillips Street, are included. Contract price: \$616,912.60 - Funded through SPLOST. **STATUS - Under construction**

BONNELL ALUMINUM EXPANSION

Long-time Newnan manufacturer Bonnell has announced a large expansion to its aluminum extruding facility. **STATUS - Under construction**

BIKEPED PLAN UNDERWAY

The BikePed Plan – Phase I represents a study for a comprehensive bicycle, sidewalk, and trail network. Phase I of the plan consists of a study to identify the scope the BikePed system, including:

- Incorporation of existing bicycle and pedestrian system
- How to serve a broad range of users
- Enhance the existing system to better serve users
- Expand the system to streamline connections and develop new routes
- Establish seamless links with surrounding county planned greenways and bicycle routes
- Enhance user safety and comfort



This project is being done in-house and will include a sidewalk network created in the City's GIS mapping system. **STATUS - Underway**



**PIEDMONT NEWMAN
HOSPITAL**

Piedmont Newnan opened its replacement hospital facility located at 745 Poplar Road in May 2012. This state-of-the-art, 362,000-square-foot facility is designed to provide flexibility for changing clinical, technology and community needs and

accommodate future growth. **STATUS - Complete**

LCI GRANT RECEIVED

The ARC's Liveable Centers Initiative awarded the City of Newnan a grant to help fund a plan that will focus on redevelopment opportunities near the old Newnan



Hospital and various industrial properties, creating a mix of land uses in a way that is compatible with the town's historic character, as well as on improving connectivity both within Newnan and from Newnan to the larger regional transportation network. Award amount: \$120,000 **STATUS - Underway**

By the Numbers: The City's Finances

As the financial books are closed on 2012, the City of Newnan maintained a healthy fund balance. As many of the graphs illustrate, the City has aggressively controlled spending, a trend that has been continuing for the last several years.

General Fund Balance Sheet 2012

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$17,178,862
Investments	1,455,604
Taxes Receivable	488,455
Other Receivables	814,279
Inventories	6,647
Total Assets	\$19,943,846

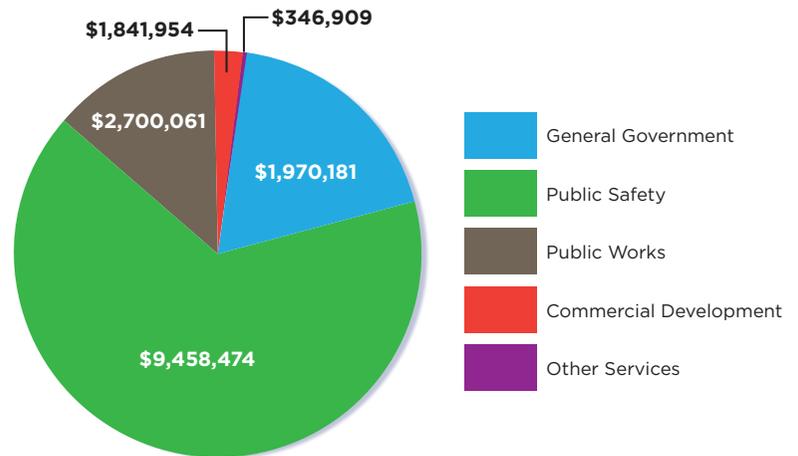
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	\$336,725
Accrued Expenditures	281,087
Deferred Revenues	439,315
Total Liabilities	1,057,127

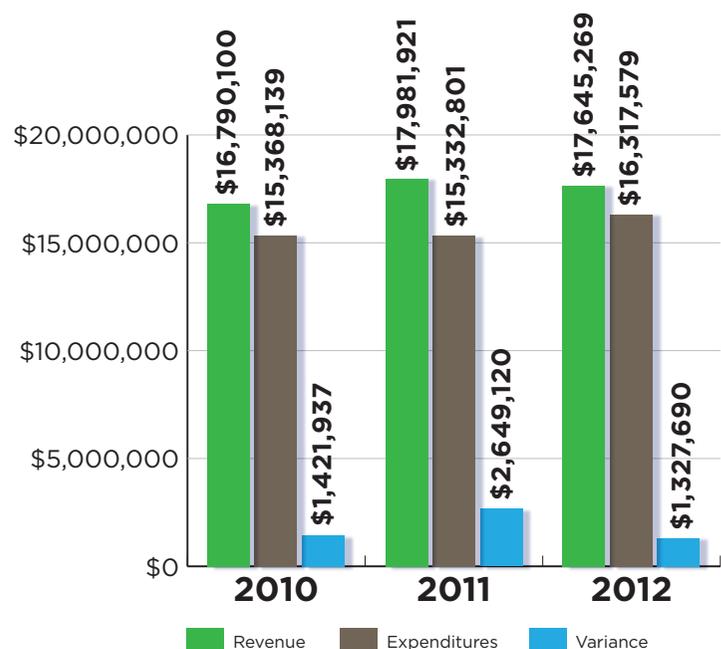
Fund Balance

Nonspendable	6,647
Restricted	64,559
Assigned	541,886
Unassigned	18,273,626
Total Fund Balance	18,886,718
Total Liabilities	
& Fund Balance	\$19,943,846

2012 Actual Expenditures



Revenues vs. Expenditures

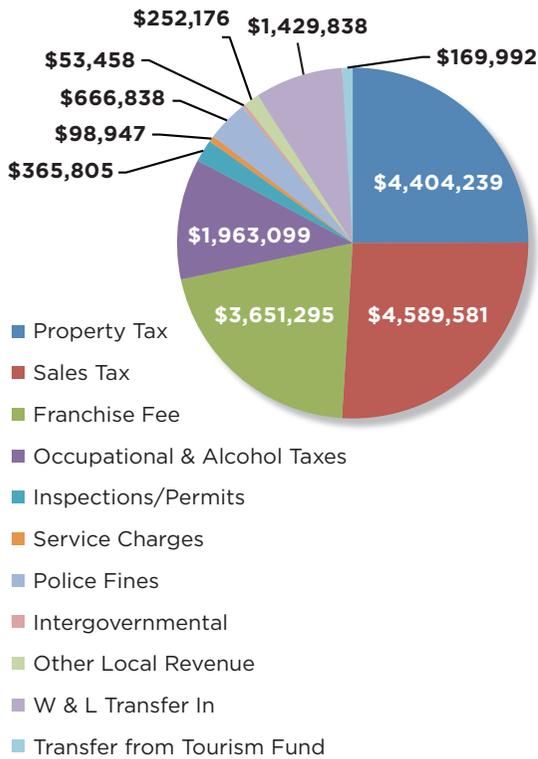


“We are very stable from a financial standpoint. Signs point to a great year in 2013 and we ended 2012 in the black again.”

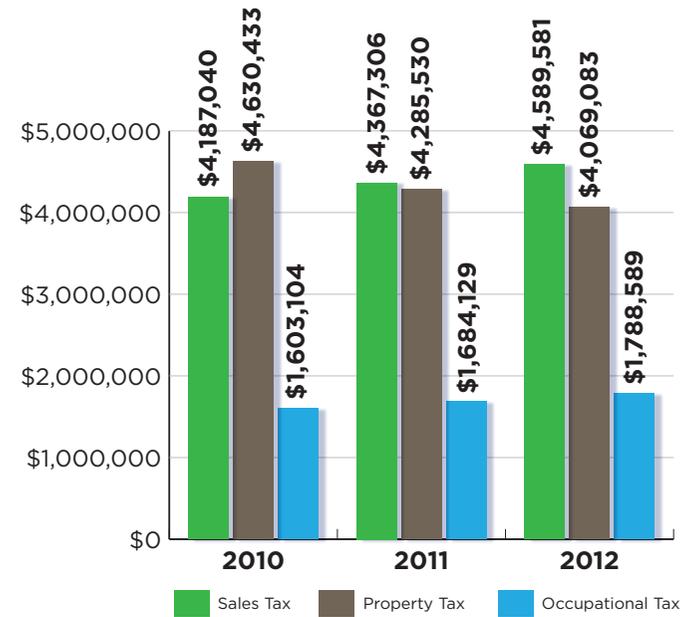
– Cleatus Phillips, City Manager

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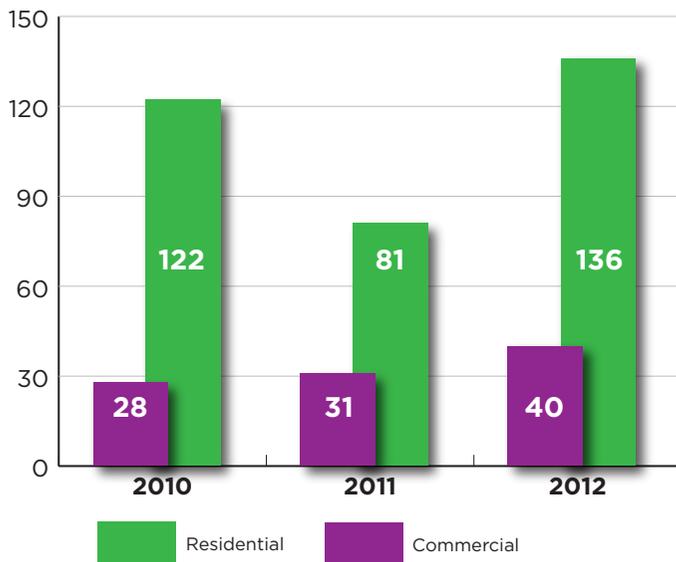
Revenue Sources



Sales and Property Taxes



Building Permits Issued



A comparison of the types of building permits issued over the past 3 years shows a trend in building which can be an indicator of the overall economy of the area.



The City of Newnan has been awarded the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award and the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2012.

The City has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Award every year since 1989, and the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award every year since 2009.

Keeping Our Community Safe

Safety is integral to our way of life in Newnan, and our residents can be proud of the men and women in our public safety departments who serve our community.

The Newnan Police Department takes a hard stand on illegal drug use here in Newnan. Four of the department's officers attended a Federal Narcotics class in North Carolina in 2012, and NPD has three drug units working with the County officers and other agencies to curtail illegal drug activities.

- **Drug and Vice:** Assigned to city cases for street level drug dealers
- **Crime Suppression Unit:** Assigned to work with county officers for city and county drug cases
- **ICE:** Assigned to Immigration and Customs Drug Enforcement for major international drug dealers.

Communication System Upgrades

Communication is key to effective law enforcement, and the City has recently upgraded communications equipment in the police, fire, and public works departments. The hardware upgrades all communications devices to 700 MHz, and will provide a dramatic increase in speed and reliability of transmission of voice and data.

The cost for the upgrade is \$1,100,179.00 and is being funded by SPLOST funds and monies seized in drug raids. The upgrade is underway now and is expected to be completed by May, 2013.

NEWNAN FIRE FIGHTERS HONORED AS LIFESAVERS

Nine members of the Newnan Fire Department were honored with Lifesaving Awards for their work on medical calls, according to Chief David Whitley.

“Over the course of the year, each of these people were a member of an engine company that resuscitated people who were in cardiac arrest. They participated in a life-save. All of these were confirmed saves,” Whitley said.

Fire fighters are typically always the first responders on any kind of medical call. They work on patients until EMS arrives and “sometimes they actually ride in the back of the ambulance to assist the EMT or paramedic,” Whitley said.



Training & Technology

It takes special training and equipment to answer the hundreds of calls the Newnan public safety officers answer each week.



The men and women of the Newnan Police Department are assisted by high-speed wireless networking in each patrol vehicle.

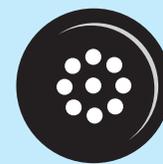
Newnan's firefighting crews are able to respond to just about any situation quickly and efficiently with the city's fleet of firefighting vehicles.

ON THE GO

Newnan Public Safety logged a lot of miles in 2012.



Miles Patrolled:
519,652



Calls for Service:
53,274



Response Time:
4minutes



KEEP Market Days
NEWNAN On The Square
BEAUTIFUL
ONE 53
DAY VENDORS 500-1000
EACH MONTH ATTENDEES
Great American Cleanup
200
VOLUNTEERS

4TH
OF JULY
PARADE
FORTY-ONE
★ ENTRIES
WALK 200
&WAG PARTICIPANTS

TASTE OF
NEWNAN
7,000 TO 8,000
VISITORS

A City That Loves to Play!

A Calendar Full of Fun

Each year, the residents of Newnan and Coweta County gather at various locations in the city for celebrations - parades, festivals, charity events, and craft shows.

On the first Saturday of the month, local artists and crafts people gather around the courthouse to sell their handmade goods during MainStreet Newnan's **Market Day**.

Taste of Newnan is a bi-annual event held in the Spring and Fall highlighting Coweta restaurants and caterers. This event brings approximately 16,000 people to downtown Newnan each year and is a fun family event that the entire community looks forward to attending.

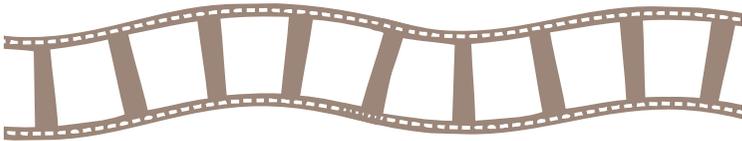


Newnan has two **annual parades**. On the Fourth of July the city celebrates with a patriotic parade that moves through downtown and ends with fireworks at Newnan High School's Drake Stadium. During the holiday season, the City's Christmas Parade delights children of all ages with Santa Claus and the many holiday-themed floats!



Wadsworth & Friends Concert
Since 1993 Charles Wadsworth has brought his wit and talent annually to a sold-out house at the restored art deco auditorium that bears his name.

NEWNAN:
RISING STAR
OF THE
**SILVER
SCREEN**



MOVIES AND TELEVISION SHOWS FILMED IN AND AROUND NEWNAN

THE WALKING DEAD

THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN

JOYFUL NOISE

FLUKE GET LOW
LAWLESS

THE FAT BOY CHRONICLES

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

OCTOBER ROAD

MURDER IN COWETA COUNTY

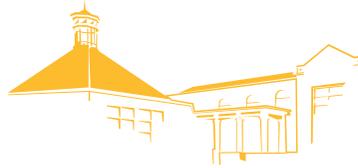
DROP DEAD DIVA

PET SEMETARY II

ZOMBIELAND



City of Newnan Government



Newnan City Council 2012-2013



Keith Brady
Mayor



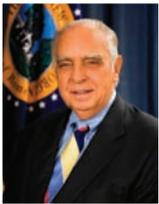
Clayton W. Hicks
Ward A



Rhodes Shell
Ward B



Cynthia Jenkins
Ward C



Bob Coggin
Ward D



Ray DuBose
Ward E



George Alexander
Ward F

Since 1960, the City of Newnan has operated under the Council-Manager form of government. The City Council sets policy and relies on the City Manager to implement policy direction.

The City Council consists of a Mayor and six Council members. The Mayor is elected at large and serves a four-year term. Council members are elected by district and serve four-year staggered terms. The City Council

represents the interests of citizens of Newnan by adopting public policies, determining the City's mission, scope of service, and tax levels, passing ordinances, approving new projects and programs and ratifying the budget.

Appointed by and reporting to the City Council, the City Manager serves as the Chief Administrative Officer and is charged with the implementation of City Council adopted policies and directives and the day-to-day operations of the City. The City

Manager is responsible for hiring directors to oversee each department. The City currently employs 240 people who are organized into five functions. Also important in the operation of the City are the numerous boards and commissions. Preliminary issues are heard and considered before being presented to the Mayor and Council. Over one hundred citizen volunteers serve on the various boards, commissions, and authorities for the City of Newnan.

Seven Fast Facts

In 2012,
the City of
Newnan...

...had over 18 boards and
152 volunteers that worked
on behalf of the City

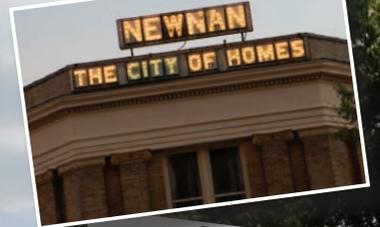
...employed 234 workers
on staff

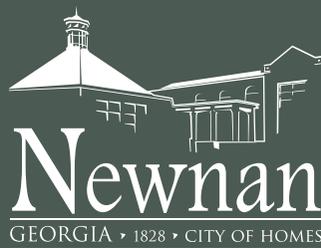
...had over 800 followers on
Twitter and 7,900 likes on
Facebook

...maintained 160 centerline
miles of streets

...had 22,512 visitors at
the Carnegie Library

...had approximately 5,000
patrons at Lynch Pool





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