

# General Information

## Meal Tickets

Tickets are required for the following events:

- ◆ Municipal Training Luncheon  
(Friday and Saturday)
- ◆ Sunday Luncheon
- ◆ Monday Breakfast

*Tickets for guests may be purchased at the registration desk for the Sunday Awards Luncheon.*

## Registration Desk Hours

The GMA Registration Desk is located on the Second Level and will be open during the following hours:

**Friday, January 25: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 26: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 27: 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Monday, January 28: Closed –**

Breakfast to be held at Georgia Freight Depot

# Schedule of Events

## Friday, January 25

**7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration**

*Second Level*

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

*Registration Area*

**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Training Institute**

Training class descriptions can be found on the Mayors' Day App, GMA website, and the 2019 training brochure.

*These classes are located on the Second Level:*

- ◆ **Governing the Commons: Collective Decision Making in Complex Systems\***  
(6-hour class, lunch included)  
*Room 203*

- ◆ **Managing Growth: Economic and Natural Resource Issues**  
(6-hour class, lunch included)  
*Room 206-207*

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

**Municipal Training Institute**

Training class descriptions can be found on the Mayors' Day App, GMA website, and the 2019 training brochure.

*These classes are located on the Second Level:*

*(Lunch is **not** included for the 3-hour morning classes.)*

◆ **Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems\*** (3-hour class)

*Room 208-209*

◆ **Open Records\*** (3-hour class)

*Room 218*

◆ **Public Policy Development and Implementation\*** (3-hour class)

*Room 210-211*

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Municipal Training Institute**

Training class descriptions can be found on the Mayors' Day App, GMA website, and the 2019 training brochure.

*These classes are located on the Second Level:*

*(Lunch is **not** included for the 3-hour afternoon classes.)*

◆ **Living Beyond Expectations: The Opportunities and Challenges of the Growing Senior Population** (3-hour class)

*Room 213-214*

◆ **Municipal Courts Post-Ferguson II: Promoting Justice, Protecting City Assets**

*(Prerequisite is Municipal Courts Post-Ferguson I: Promoting Justice, Protecting City Assets) (3-hour class)*

*Room 221*

◆ **Municipal Taxation 101 - The Basics\*** (3-hour class)

*Room 222*

*\* This course is on the "required" list for the Municipal Training Institute certificate program.*

**4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Training Board Meeting**

*Room 217*

## Saturday, January 26

**7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration**

***Second Level***

**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Training Institute**

Training class descriptions can be found on the Mayors' Day App, GMA website, and the 2019 training brochure.

***These classes are located on the Second Level and the Galleria Level:***

*(Breakfast and lunch are included for these 6-hour classes.)*

◆ **Building a Hometown Connection:  
GMA Lobbying 101** (6-hour class)

***Room 218***

◆ **Community and Media Relations\***  
(6-hour class)

***Galleria 8***

◆ **Downtown Development Authority  
Basic Training** (ends at 4:30 p.m.)  
(6-hour class)

***Room 210-211***

◆ **Economic Development\***  
(6-hour class)

***Room 204-205***

◆ **Environmental Sustainability**  
(6-hour class)

***Room 206-207***

◆ **How Shall We Live? Practical Ethics  
for Public Life\***  
(This class is limited to 35 participants.)  
(6-hour class)

***Room 213-214***

◆ **Human Resources\***  
(6-hour class)

***Room 219***

◆ **Law Enforcement Services: Trends and  
Best Practices**  
(6-hour class)

***Galleria 4***

- ◆ **Money, Money, Money ... Money!  
Funding City Projects and Programs  
Through Grants and Loans**  
(6-hour class)

*Galleria 1*

- ◆ **Municipal Finance I\***  
(6-hour class)

*Room 222*

- ◆ **Municipal Law\***  
(6-hour class)

*Galleria 7*

- ◆ **Regional Approaches to Cooperation**  
(6-hour class)

*Galleria 2*

- ◆ **Service Delivery Strategy – Efficiency &  
Tax Equity for Local Governments**  
(6-hour class)

*Galleria 6*

- \* *This course is on the "required" list  
for the Municipal Training Institute  
certificate program.*

**12:00 p.m.  
Training Luncheon**

(This luncheon is only for individuals registered for a training course on Saturday. Assigned times will be announced in each class.)

***Grand Ballroom  
(located on the Second Level)***

**3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
GMA Board of Directors' Meeting**

***Galleria 5***

*Presiding:*

**Linda Blechinger**

Mayor, Auburn - GMA President

## Sunday, January 27

All events are located on the **Second Level**.

**7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.**

### **Devotional Service**

**Room 212-214**

*Speaker:*

**Justin Wright**, Councilmember, Centerville

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Federal Policy Council Meeting**

**Room 204-207**

The Federal Policy Council (FPC) is GMA's federal legislative advocacy group. The primary purpose of the FPC is to maintain communications with the Georgia congressional delegation in support of GMA's federal municipal policies. At this meeting, FPC members are pleased to welcome U.S. Congressman Drew Ferguson, who will provide an update on the 116th Congress, including the prospects for a comprehensive strategy to address the nation's infrastructure needs. As the former Mayor of West Point, Georgia, Congressman Ferguson has a firsthand understanding of the importance of investing in water, sewer, transportation, and rural broadband needs to serve our residents and keep our communities competitive places to do business. Now in his second term, the Congressman was recently appointed to serve as Chief Deputy Whip for the 116th Congress.

*Chair:*

**Vince Williams**, Mayor, Union City -  
GMA Second Vice President

*Speaker:*

**Congressman Drew Ferguson**,  
Georgia's Third Congressional District

*Staff Contact:*

**Becky Taylor**, Director, Federal Relations  
& Research

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

**Orientation for First-Time Attendees**

(Light Breakfast Included)

***Grand Ballroom***

*Newly elected officials and first-time attendees are encouraged to attend.*

*Staff Contacts:*

- **Pam Helton**, Director, Consulting Services
- **Kay Love**, Municipal Operations Consultant

*Special thanks to the **Georgia Restaurant Association, Home Depot, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, New South Construction Company and Turnipseed Engineers, Inc.** for sponsoring this event*

**9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Policy Committee Meetings**

The purpose of policy committee meetings is to discuss legislative issues of interest to cities being debated during the 2019 legislative session. The membership will use the meetings to review legislative priorities as they impact policy items adopted by city officials during the GMA Annual Convention. In addition, the committee members will hear from local and state elected and appointed officials regarding their thoughts on the 2019 legislative session.

**◆ Municipal Government**

***Room 209-211***

The historic mid-term elections are behind us, yet many decisions about reforming the way the electoral process works in Georgia are on the minds of legislators in both the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives. Also, municipal elections are on the near-horizon in 2019 and have the potential to be a testing ground for the voting processes the state will use in 2020. Senator Kirk and Representatives Fleming and Oliver will share ideas gauged to improve access to the polls, maintain secure elections into the future and establish appropriate funding sources to invest in voting equipment. Additionally, attendees will hear

a review of the recommendations of the GMA Municipal Incorporations, Deannexation and Credit Ratings Task Force and be briefed on anticipated legislation of concern to municipal governments in the 2019 session. Legislators will also give their perspectives on the legislative session. Additionally, Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Christopher Nunn will speak on opportunity zones and give a brief DCA update.

*Chair:*

**Randall Walker**, Mayor Pro Tem, Perry

*Presenters:*

- **Commissioner Christopher Nunn**,  
Department of Community Affairs
- **Senator Greg Kirk**,  
Chair, Senate State & Local Government  
Operations
- **Representative Barry Fleming**,  
Chair, House Governmental Affairs  
Elections Subcommittee
- **Representative Mary Margaret Oliver**,  
Member, House Governmental Affairs  
Committee

*Staff Contact:*

- **Charlotte Davis**, Governmental  
Relations Associate

## ◆ Revenue and Finance

### *Room 212-214*

The 2017/18 session saw several pieces of legislation with a significant impact on municipal revenues. HB 61 positioned the State of Georgia to begin collecting sales tax from remote sellers in January of 2019, whereas HB 811 would allow the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement with a data analytics firm to identify businesses that do not remit all or part of their taxes owed. Both bills have the potential to increase municipal revenues by hundreds of millions of dollars. Representative Jay Powell and Senator Chuck Hufstetler championed these pieces of legislation in their respective chambers and will be on hand to discuss past legislation and provide an outlook on the upcoming session. Ed Braswell of G2Lytics, a data analytics firm that assists governments in identifying underpayment of taxes, will provide an update of what

his company provides and when we can expect a product like his to be used in Georgia.

*Chair:*

**Evie McNiece**, Commissioner, Rome

*Presenters:*

- **Representative Jay Powell**,  
Chair, House Rules Committee
- **Senator Chuck Hufstetler**,  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
- **Ed Braswell**, President and CEO,  
G2Lytics

*Staff Contact:*

**Joel Wiggins**, Governmental Relations  
Associate

## **10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Policy Committee Meetings**

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### **◆ Environment & Natural Resources**

#### ***Room 212-214***

Striking the right balance between our living environment and bustling business enterprises has always been a challenge. While our state has done a great job cleaning up our waterways, setting a path forward to reduce wasteful practices, and encouraging equitable standards for infrastructure funding through our state water plan, there remains much to be done to keep Georgia ahead of other states in both business and environmental planning. China's new quality standards for incoming waste have impacted the solid waste industry across the country and the ability to recycle certain materials economically. Landfill capacity in the Metro Atlanta region must be expanded in the coming years or the cost to haul waste will certainly increase. These challenges



may have a silver lining for our state. Representative Lynn Smith and Senator Tyler Harper, respective Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, will discuss these issues and give an update on the legislative session. Andrew Morris, Natural Resources Policy Officer with the Atlanta Regional Commission, will discuss the new water runoff standards for 2020, and Sarah Visser, Georgia's Environmental Protection Division Land Protection Branch Assistant Chief, will give a departmental update.

*Chair:*

**Danny Dunagan**, Mayor, Gainesville

*Presenters:*

- **Representative Lynn Smith**, Chair, House Natural Resources and Environment Committee
- **Senator Tyler Harper**, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee
- **Sarah Visser**, Assistant Chief, Land Protection Branch, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
- **Andrew Morris**, Natural Resources Policy Officer, Atlanta Regional Commission

*Staff Contact:*

**Michael McPherson**, Governmental Relations Associate

## ◆ **Transportation**

**Room 209-211**

Mobility is the oil for Georgia's economic engine, and local governments are responsible for maintaining over 100,000 miles of roads, accounting for 86% of all the roads in the state. These local roads, streets and bridges are vital to moving people and goods throughout the state. As our state leaders strive to maintain Georgia's reputation as the number one state in the country to do business, the demands on our infrastructure are growing and the funding is not growing at the same rate. The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG), available to assist local governments with mainly repaving projects, has grown since the 2015 transportation legislation raised overall revenue, but is the LMIG formula maximizing the state's interests to build

capacity and target congestion? Additionally, the emerging consensus among state leadership is that mass transit investments in metro Atlanta and in the rest of the state are necessary for Georgia's economic competitiveness. Legislators and transportation experts will discuss tools to reduce congestion in urban areas and provide mobility solutions in rural areas. LMIG funding, transit governance, and rural transportation options will be a focus.

*Chair:*

**Isaiah Hugley**, City Manager, Columbus

*Presenters:*

- **Representative Kevin Tanner**, Chair, House Transportation Committee
- **Senator Brandon Beach**, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
- **Meg Pirkle**, Chief Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation
- **Stacy Key**, Board Member, Georgia Department of Transportation

*Staff Contact:*

**Tom Q. Gehl**, Director, Governmental Relations

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Awards Luncheon**

*Grand Ballroom*

**Presiding**

**Linda Blechinger**, Mayor, Auburn  
– GMA President

**Invocation**

**Mary Parham-Copelan**, Mayor, Milledgeville

**National Anthem**

**Kentaiwon Durham**, Mayor Pro Tem, Douglas

**Lunch**

**Acknowledgements**

**Mayor Blechinger**

**Value of Cities**

**Larry Hanson**, Executive Director, GMA

**Presentation of "Live, Work, Play" Awards**

**Ben Young**, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher,  
Georgia Trend

**Recognition of Certified Cities of Ethics**

**Jim Thornton**, Mayor, LaGrange – GMA Third  
Vice President

## **Training Certificates Presentation**

- **An'cel Davis**, Councilmember, Riverdale; Chair, Municipal Training Board
- **Dr. Laura Meadows**, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- **Aileen Harris**, Training Manager

*Individual photos of training certificate recipients will be taken outside the ballroom following the luncheon.*

*Special thanks to **EOM Operations** for sponsoring this event.*

## **2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting**

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## **Public Safety and Community Development (Joint Committee Meeting)**

### ***Room 209-211***

The Opioid Crisis and its impact on mental health, health care services and the courts is a major concern for local governments across Georgia. Large mental health hospitals have been closed in Georgia in favor of community-based care, yet communities lack the resources to accept mental health cases from court diversion. A class action lawsuit has been filed that includes several Georgia cities as plaintiffs. Andy Davis, of Brinson Askew Berry Law Firm, will give an overview of the opioid lawsuit. Kim Jones, Executive Director of the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Senator Renee Unterman, will offer the advocate and legislative perspective. Updates on interesting aspects of the "Shared Economy," such as Short Term Rentals and Dockless Electric Scooters, and the findings of the Senate Study Committee on

Medical Marijuana will be discussed with Senator Matt Brass and Representative Spencer Frye.

**Community Development Chair:**

**Michelle Cooper Kelly**, Councilmember, Marietta

**Public Safety Chair:**

**Keith Turman**, Mayor Pro Tem, Royston

**Presenters:**

- **Senator Renee Unterman**, Chair, Science and Technology Committee
- **Senator Matt Brass**, Chair, Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee
- **Representative Spencer Frye**, Member, Health and Human Services Committee
- **Kim Jones**, Executive Director, NAMI Georgia
- **Andy Davis**, Partner, Brinson Askew Berry Law

*Staff Contacts:*

- **Tom Q. Gehl**, Director, Governmental Relations
- **Michael McPherson**, Governmental Relations Associate

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Legislative Policy Council Meeting**

***Rooms 204-207***

The Legislative Policy Council (LPC) is the focal point of GMA's legislative policy process, combining the recommendations of the Association's six policy committees with input received from city officials throughout the state. At this meeting, the LPC will receive reports from the policy committee meetings held earlier in the day and discuss any pressing issues impacting GMA's 2019 Legislative Policies.

**Chair:**

**Phil Best**, Mayor, Dublin - GMA First Vice President

*Staff Contact:*

**Tom Q. Gehl**, Director, Governmental Relations

**Monday, January 28**

**The registration desk will not be open Monday morning.**

**6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.**  
**Shuttles run from the Hilton to the Georgia Freight Depot:**

**Buses will pick up in the circle in front of the Hilton.**

**There is a pay to park lot on site, if you prefer to drive. 65 MLK, Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**  
**Capitol Connection – Legislative Networking and Buffet Breakfast**  
*Georgia Freight Depot*

**8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Legislative Breakfast Program**  
*Georgia Freight Depot*

**Opening Remarks**

**Linda Blechinger**, Mayor, Auburn  
– GMA President

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**National Anthem**

**Nicole Forman**, Press Secretary, City of Atlanta

**Invocation**

**Johnny Crist**, Mayor, Lilburn

**Welcome**

**Keisha Lance Bottoms**, Mayor, Atlanta

**Remarks**

- **Honorable Governor Brian Kemp**
- **Honorable Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan**
- **Honorable Speaker of the House David Ralston**

*Special thanks to **Verizon, The Coca-Cola Company, Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP, Georgia Power, Jacobs** and **Ruffneck Scarves** for sponsoring this event.*

**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Cities United Day at the Capitol**

With the Georgia General Assembly underway, it is vitally important that legislators see that municipal officials are speaking with one voice through the Georgia Municipal Association. After the Capitol Connection breakfast, city officials are asked to walk up to the state Capitol building to visit with their senators and representatives. An announcement will be made at the close of the breakfast indicating where inside the Capitol city officials will be asked to assemble for a photo and guidance on contacting legislators. GMA staff will be on-hand to assist in directing city officials through Capitol Hill.

***Shuttles will continue to run from the Depot to the Hilton until 12:30 pm.***

**We thank all first responders for their bravery and commitment to Atlanta.**

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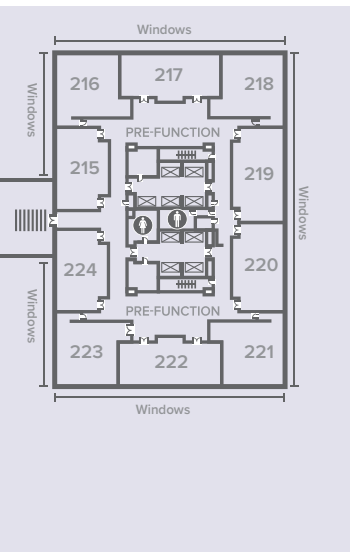
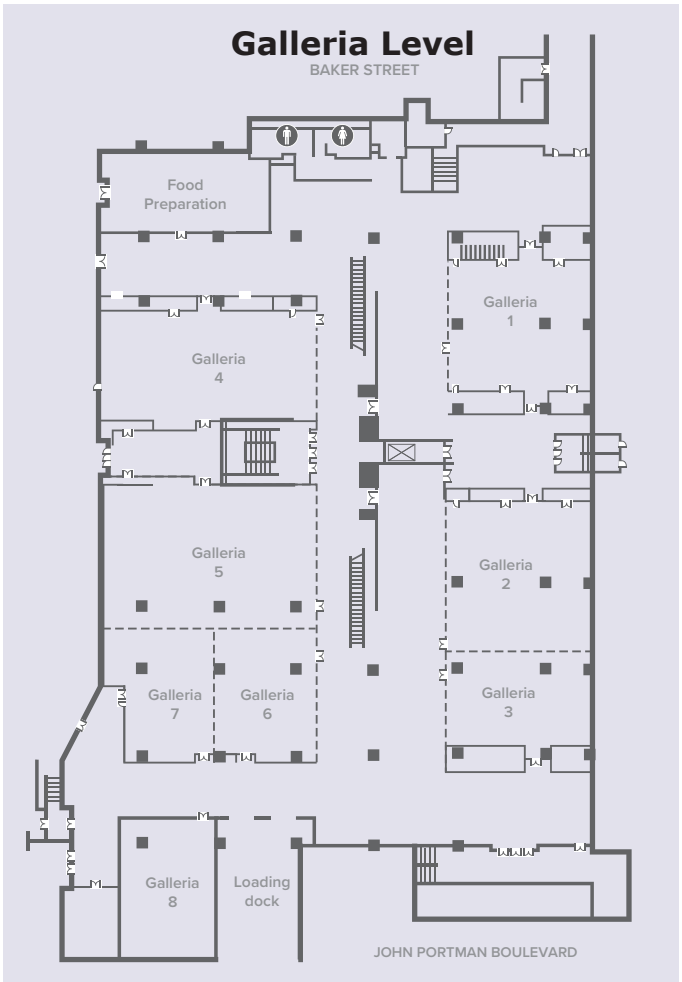
## Second Floor





# Galleria Level

BAKER STREET



## **Training Certificate Recipients**

### **Certificate of Dedication (276 Hours)**

**Chyrileen B. Kilcrease**, Metter  
**Eddie Charles Lewis**, Fitzgerald Water, Light  
and Bond Commission  
**Annie Doris Willingham**, Camilla  
**Alton Belton**, Thomson

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**Henry Baker**, Lenox  
**J. Clark Boddie**, Palmetto  
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**Donald Harris**, Trion  
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**Rusty Adams**, Byron  
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### Certificate of Recognition (42 Hours)

**Diane Daniels Adoma**, Stonecrest  
**Valerie Anderson**, Austell  
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**Karen Jordan,** City Clerk, Ball Ground

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#### **Public Safety -**

**Keith Turman,** Mayor Pro Tem, Royston

#### **Revenue & Finance -**

**Evie McNiece,** Commissioner, Rome

#### **Transportation -**

**Isaiah Hugley,** City Manager, Columbus

### **Municipal Training Board Chair**

**An'cel Davis,** Councilmember, Riverdale



## Legislative Policy Council

**Phil Best**, Mayor, Dublin – GMA First Vice President (Chair)

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- ◆ **Newly Elected Officials Training,  
UGA Tifton Campus, Tifton  
Wednesday - Friday, March 6-8, 2019**
- ◆ **Spring Training, Athens  
Classic Center  
April 12-13, 2019**
- ◆ **Annual Convention, Savannah  
International Trade & Convention  
Center, Savannah  
June 21-25, 2019**
- ◆ **Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal  
Leadership Institute, Jekyll Island  
Convention Center, Jekyll Island  
Tuesday - Friday, August 27-30, 2019**
- ◆ **Downtown Training, Jekyll Island  
Convention Center, Jekyll Island  
Tuesday, August 27, 2019**
- ◆ **Fall Training, James H. Rainwater  
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September 26-27, 2019**



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