

Cobb County Budget Improvement Items
Supported by the Mableton Improvement Coalition
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What are these items?

1. **Mow the roadsides more often.** Mow the right-of-ways every 21 days, which is twice as often as now. More frequent mowing is especially important in Mableton because we have so much undeveloped property that isn't mowed at all and so many pedestrians. Where there are sidewalks, tall grass obstructs them; where there aren't sidewalks, pedestrians must make their way through the tall grass.
2. **Add another code enforcement officer** to improve response to complaints, follow up zoning stipulations and undertake proactive measures to address noncompliance. Adding one code enforcement officer last year has helped, but additional staffing is still needed. There is a particular problem with zoning stipulations, which are widely ignored and require consistent, frequent contact by the county code enforcement office.
3. **Increase the budget for the Mable House Amphitheatre** to pre-recession levels to provide funding for top notch entertainers, so as to improve the financial return of the facility and to leverage the upcoming SPLOST improvements. While the Amphitheatre might be located in Mableton, it is an asset to the entire county, just like Hyde Farm, Jim Miller Park or the Anderson Theatre, to name just a few examples. Bringing more people to the Amphitheatre will introduce many of them to South Cobb for the first time, and help spur economic growth for the area.

What can you do?

1. Send a short email to Cobb County Commissioners Tim Lee, Bob Ott, Bob Weatherford, JoAnn Birrell and Lisa Cupid and tell them you support these budget items (one, two or all three). Include County Manager David Hankerson and Budget Director Jim Pehrson, too. Here are all their email addresses – just copy and paste!

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2. Share the news! Forward a copy of your sent email to your friends and neighbors wherever they might live in Cobb County. These are countywide issues and everyone can get on board!