



COMMUNITY NEWS

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January 2023 - Happy New Year!

New Year's Traditions

According to the history.com, below is a list of New Year's Food Traditions from around the world. What is your favorite family tradition?

1. **The Hoppin' John** - A Southern menu staple, usually a mix of black-eyed peas, rice and pork, originated with enslaved West Africans in the U.S. in the 19th century, most notably in the South Carolina Low Country.
2. **King Cake** - Louisianans and Mardi Gras fans start their year off with this sweet ringed cake with colorful icing and baked with a trinket hidden inside. The lucky person who finds this trinket is named "king" or "queen" for the day.
3. **Tamales** - Tamales date 8000 to 5000 B.C., and arrived in U.S. points of entry such as Los Angeles and San Antonio, and were sold by street vendors in the 1870s. Migrant workers helped the dish spread to other areas of the country.
4. **Soba Noodles** - This Japanese tradition is toshikoshi soup with buckwheat "year-crossing" noodles. Toshikoshi means "to climb or jump from the old year to the new."
5. **12 Lucky Grapes** - The Spanish tradition holds that eating 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight (one for each chime of the clock) will bring good luck.
6. **Lentils** - Round and shaped like a coin, Italians consider lentils a symbol of prosperity and is often served with pork sausage.
7. **Pickled Herring** - Herring has been a standard Scandinavian, Dutch and Northern European dish since the Middle Ages symbolizing fertility, long-life and bounty (plus the silver color represents fortune).

Passports

Get your passport at the Statham Public Library
Adults (age 16+) \$130+\$35
Children (age 15 and under) \$100+\$35
Walk ins Welcome!!
Call 770-725-4785 for more information



The City of Statham will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 for the Holiday.

January Council Meetings:

Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 7:00 pm



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**Make this
year a year of
finding
fulfillment,
joy, peace and
purpose.
Welcome
2023!**

WATER BILL 

DATES TO REMEMBER Water bills are due by the 15th of each month. After this date, a 10% late fee will be automatically assessed. If your bill is not paid in-full on or by the 20th, you will be subject to disconnection on the 21st.

WATER METERS Please be aware that water meters have antennas. Mow cautiously around the meters to avoid damage. Damage to the meters will result in a charge of \$185 or greater.

LIMB PICKUP 

LIMB PICK-UP This service is available for residents in the City Limits of Statham only. Branches must be under 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. Piles need to be no higher than 3 feet x 4 feet, and placed at the edge of the road away from power lines. Call City Hall to request pickup (770) 725-5455. Staff will provide quotes for larger limb pickup requests.

STATHAM PD - SGT. RUSSO HONORED



SPD's Sergeant AJ Russo was honored by Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith with the Sheriff's Commendation Award for actions that "exemplify his dedication to the profession, the community and to the citizens of Barrow County." The actions taken by Sergeant Russo, his K-9 partner, Nora, and BCSO deputies "resulted in a large amount of narcotics confiscated and not making it to the streets of our community." We join with the Sheriff in commending

Sergeant Russo and Nora, and thanking them for their continued service to the citizens of Barrow County and the City of Statham. Well done!



YOU Are Invited to Join Us!

Sundays	Wednesdays
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am	• Women's Bible Study - 10:00 am
• Worship - 10:30 am	• Faith Journey - 6:30 pm
• Kids Ministry - 10:30 am	• Adult Bible Study, Wired
	Student Ministry, Kids Ministry
	Find us on Facebook! 

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