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## POWDER SPRINGS LOOKS TO FUTURE

Powder Springs Mayor Al Thurman told residents that it's time for the city to grow and bring in new development.

He noted that over the past two decades, there have been numerous studies. "We've studied these things to death. It's time to get moving."

Nearly 100 people attended the State of the City presentation at the Ford Center on January 24.

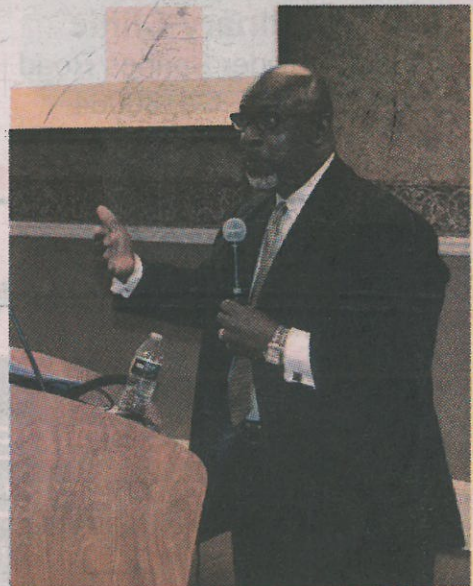
On the financial side, the mayor said, "In short, the city is in the black."

He asked residents to be sure to make their comments known to elected leaders.

"We need you to tell us if we are on the right track," he said. "We work for the citizens who want to be included in any decisions we make."

He noted that in the past year he has worked to increase openness and communication. The city has increased Town Hall meetings from annually to quarterly. Interim Police Chief Cochran told the crowd that the Bridging the Gap Program begun in 2015 has brought together law enforcement, community officials and faith leaders to work on relations between the police and community. Numerous community events for children have been held. The Citizens and Police Program (CAP) assigns a police officer to a community to be the face for that area. A summer youth program is being planned.

The city is partnering with CobbWorks



Powder Springs Mayor Al Thurman talks to the crowd in his State of the City address.

to host a job fair to bring business owners and residents together. The Great Promise Partnership is working to prevent dropouts, working through the business ambassador warns.

"You asked for more community events," City Manager Pam Conner said. The city has added a Veterans Day program in addition to the July 4 and Christmas Tree Lighting. Several 5K runs are held on city trails.



## ALLIANCE MEMBER SHOW

... displays the blue ribbon for first place in ... Show and Sale for her painting, "Girl in ... House Arts Center Jan.28 featured displays ... photography, sculpture and fine craft. Below, ... on look over art work. The Members Show ... tesy Tri8Media.



## BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH ARTISTS

The South Cobb Arts Alliance will hold a Brown Bag Business event on Feb. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Mable House Arts Center, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton.

Guests are encouraged to Brown Bag or

