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(ST. MARYS, GA) City opens Virtual Town Hall Meeting for its citizens.

On October 4th, 2012, the City of St. Marys will be holding its 4th Quarter Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will be at 6pm, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 418 Osborne St, downtown St. Marys. The meeting will also be available, streaming live, on the City's website, www.stmarysga.gov, under the Government menu at the bottom, "Virtual Town Hall Meetings."

Participants can provide input remotely at the Virtual Town Hall Meeting by submitting their questions or comments via email to TownHall@stmarysga.gov. Staff will be fielding the questions to the City Council Members to which the City Council will respond at the meeting. Emails will be read aloud, adhering to the Rules of Decorum.

"The public is no longer limited by locality in viewing the Town Hall Meetings. Seasonal residents, vacationers, and individuals who normally do not attend, can still be involved in the meeting" remarked Eugene Rudy, Network Administrator for the City. "Internet broadcasting in government is a new opportunity for the people of St. Marys, and Information Technology department is glad to be a part of it."

Mayor Bill DeLoughy stated, "This virtual Town Hall Meeting is another opportunity for the City of St. Marys to inform citizens about activities and efforts of the City and to encourage more public participation in developing solutions to the challenges facing the City. We recognize the importance of public input on issues affecting the City. Hopefully this virtual Town Hall Meeting will provide people who are not able to participate in the Town Hall in person an opportunity to learn more about the City and provide input on the direction of the City."

City Manager Steve Crowell stated "Since this is our first real experience with a virtual format, Alex Kearns, a citizen of St. Marys, will be assisting in the evaluation of the virtual Town Hall process, providing feedback and suggestions on the experience. Citizens who participate in the virtual Town Hall Meeting can also provide feedback, including suggestions, by e-mailing The Citizen's Corner on the City's website."



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The broadcast will run from 6pm, until the close of the meeting. A copy of the meeting, as well as previous City Council meetings, can be found online at the City's Video On-Demand website, www.stmarysvod.com or on the City's website www.stmarysga.gov, under the Government menu under "Council Meetings", "Videos."

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