



CITY OF
Conyers



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Dear Business Owners and Merchants of Olde Town Conyers:

There has been much debate at recent Conyers City Council meetings and in the local news media about filming in Olde Town Conyers. In an effort to initiate further dialogue, and hopefully mediate steps towards resolution, the city of Conyers and Conyers Rockdale Economic Development (CREDC) would like to address some concerns about filming and its impact on Olde Town Conyers.

Just last week 20th Century Fox announced its television series "Sleepy Hollow" is relocating its production from Wilmington, North Carolina to Conyers. We are thrilled that this production will be immediately occupying 220,000 square feet of warehouse space in our community while creating new jobs and generating sales among local businesses. Most importantly, the majority of filming for this series will occur at locations such as the Georgia International Horse Park, Costley Mill Park and other private homes and properties, not in Olde Town Conyers.

"The Originals" will be returning to Conyers to shoot season three of their series in mid-summer. We understand their production schedule is determined based on the script. As soon as they have the script for the first two episodes, they will know when they wish to be in Olde Town Conyers and will be in touch with us immediately. We anticipate working closely with them to promote and encourage a more amenable relationship for all.

Today is the final day of wrap in Olde Town Conyers for the "Alvin and the Chipmunks 4" feature film production. There will be no other film project in OTC until The Originals returns later this summer. We also do not anticipate permitting any major feature film projects to film in OTC in the immediate future as "The Originals" will be in production and could possibly return to Olde Town through the remainder of this year. We think this break will be welcome for most, whether a fan of filming or not.

Please know that we hear and understand the concerns of those unhappy with filming in Olde Town Conyers as well as those who welcome the industry and the economic impact for the community. We hope you all will work with us as we endeavor to find a happy medium for all of those involved and affected.

In addition, a new parking committee is being established to evaluate and address concerns in Olde Town Conyers and the city is taking steps to create additional parking to alleviate the perceived lack of parking downtown. As always we welcome and appreciate your concerns, thoughts and suggestions about Olde Town Conyers. We are looking forward to working with you in the coming months to find common ground among commerce, economic development, the arts and progressive thinking for the benefit of everyone in Olde Town Conyers and the Conyers/Rockdale community.

Sincerely, -

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