

# 3 new zoning requests coming before planners

## Commission chairman won't rule out fireworks

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WALHALLA — Three new rezoning petitions, including one from a member of a prominent family that has owned property here for more than a century, are coming before the Oconee County Planning Commission on Monday.

Commission Chairman Ryan Honea said the three petitions coming up don't strike him as being controversial, but he's not ruling out the possibility of fireworks.

For instance, Honea said the Jess Neville rezoning request should be rather straightforward because he's zoning his own land from Control Free to Traditional Rural District.

Honea said the Neville



### IF YOU GO

**What:** Planning Commission Meeting  
**When:** 6 p.m. Monday  
**Where:** County Council Chambers, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla

family has been a great steward of their land in Oconee for more than 100 years.

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"They'll keep it the same as it is," Honea said. "It's timberland."

However, two of Neville's parcels are near Lake Keowee, and although he's rezoning his own land, there could be opposition.

"The controversy will be from somebody else," Honea predicted. "They'll be some opposition to it, I can promise you that."

The other petitions are the Moonlight Bay and Southern Hartwell rezoning requests.

The Moonlight Bay request would rezone 43 of

44 parcels from Control Free to Lake Residential District. The other parcel would be rezoned to Community Commercial District.

The Southern Hartwell request consists of 224 parcels in four subdivisions — Edgewater, Riv-erlake, Tugaloo Heights

and The Gates.

All the parcels would convert from Control Free to Lake Residential District.

Residents from the five subdivisions have been engaged in a public relations battle against Pioneer Rural Water District's plans to build

a fresh-water processing plant on Tugaloo Heights Road in Fair Play.

Pioneer apparently is still deliberating whether to continue with its Tugaloo Heights plans or take up Oconee County on its offer to give the utility free space at its Golden Corner Commerce Park

site on Highway 59 in Fair Play.

Honea said the Southern Hartwell rezoning would not have an impact on Pioneer still using the Tugaloo Heights location for its plant, if it chose that option.

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