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The 2010 U.S. Census...

IT'S IN OUR HANDS



Have you ever complained about the lack of resources in our community? Do you wish we had more money to build better schools, better libraries, install more street lights and revamp the infrastructure of our community? Well, the 2010 Census could help provide the financial assistance to provide the resources we need in our communities, but first you have to do your part and complete your Census form and mail it back in. Currently only 57 percent of Georgians had turned in their forms, according to an online accounting by the census bureau.

By now you should have received a U.S. Census Form. These forms are very simple to fill out and will only take ten minutes of your time to complete. There is no postage required to return the form, so send yours back today. The U.S. Census Bureau plans to mail surveys to people with post office boxes if they still haven't received or sought a form after Monday, April 12, 2010. So if you haven't received yours yet, don't worry its on its way. Remember, the U.S. Census' slogan is "We Can't Move Forward, Until You Mail it Back."

Fun Census Facts

1. The U.S. Census process is designed to gain an accurate assessment of the populous from a numeric standpoint in order to predict the needs that the various segments of our nation will require.
2. Did you know that the U.S. Census determines where over 400 Billion Dollars in federal money is allocated? This money is used to build Hospitals, Schools, Senior Centers, Bridges, and Job Training Centers.
3. It is illegal for the data that you provide to Census workers or on your Census form to be shared with any law enforcement agency, immigration, IRS, or any other third party. The penalty for doing so is 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.
4. Did you know it is required by law for you to participate in the Census? If you're not counted, then your community will lose out on valuable funding that could make significant infrastructure improvements.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



MARCH IS COLORECTAL (COLON) CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Colorectal cancer is the #2 most deadly cancer type. It is estimated that as many as 60% of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if all men and women aged 50 years or older were screened routinely. In most cases, colorectal cancer develops from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find precancerous polyps, so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening tests also can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

Being a healthier you in 2010 is a great start towards “Strengthening Our Community”.



When Should I Get Screened?

You should begin screening for colorectal cancer soon after turning 50, then continue getting screened at regular intervals. However, you may need to be tested earlier or more often than other people if:

1) You or a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer; or 2) you have inflammatory bowel disease. If you are aged 50 or older, or think you may be at increased risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about getting screened.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for colorectal cancer for all people until they reach 75 years old and for some people when they are older than 75. If you are in this age group, ask your doctor if you should be screened.

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE



Commissioner May truly values your questions, comments and concerns. In an effort to ensure that he is better meeting the needs of District 5 constituents, Commissioner May will address a specific question or comment. This is your forum to let your voice be heard, The People's Voice. Please e-mail any questions, comments, or concerns to jkhockett@co.dekalb.ga.us

November's Question

“How can I obtain the license I need to start a business?”

Commissioner May's Response

Thank you very much for your question,

DeKalb County encourages small business development and there are various resources available to small businesses throughout the county.

In order to get your small business started, you will need the proper licensing. You can obtain this licensing by contacting the DeKalb County Business Licensing Office at 404-371-2461 or 404-371-9274, or on the web at www.co.dekalb.ga.us/finance/business_alcohol. Once you have obtained your proper licensing to do business within the county you are eligible to receive various small business support options.

The DeKalb Office of Economic Development provides various business incentives as well as small business support. You can visit them on the web at : <http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/decidedekalb/site/home/homeLanding.html>. You can also reach the office by calling 404-687-2730 between 9am-5pm. Good luck to all of you entrepreneurs with all of your current and future business endeavors and remember you are a very important part of our DeKalb County infrastructure and we are committed to ensuring your success.

To have your small business featured in our newsletter in the Small Business Forum section, please e-mail to jkhockett@co.dekalb.ga.us. Thank you for bringing up this very important issue, and please continue to send me your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Lee May

DEKALB BUSINESS FORUM

The DeKalb Business Forum provides local business a chance to gain exposure and possibly new customers. It is also a great opportunity for the residents of DeKalb to learn about what offerings are available in the county, which will hopefully encourage residents to support businesses within our communities. The goal of the DeKalb Business Forum is to help keep the DeKalb's large and small business environment flourishing.

Fire and Security Solutions, LLC

Address	Ellenwood, GA 30294
Phone	404-304-7376
E-mail	lendo@fireandsecuritysolutions.net
Services Offered	Fire and Security Solutions

Arizona's at Stonecrest

Address	2940 Stonecrest Circle, Lithonia, GA 30038
Phone	678-526-7775
Website	http://www.thearizonasteakhouse.com/main1.htm
Services Offered	Steakhouse

Enjoy great food and live music at Arizona's at Stonecrest.

Snapfinger Auto Service

Address	3265 Snapfinger Road, Lithonia, GA 30038
Phone	770-981-4449
Services Offered	General Car Servicing

Snapfinger Automotive Service is your friendly neighborhood auto service provider. They have been in business since 1967 and provide friendly, fast service in the areas of Diagnostic Analysis, Drop-Off Service, Emergency Services, General Auto Repair, Inspections,...

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

DeKalb County Police Department Awarded Grant

For each and every DeKalb County resident, public safety is a top priority. As your District 5 leader, Commissioner Lee May is committed to making you aware of all of the various happenings related to this issue, and he is happy to report that, the DeKalb County Police Department has been awarded a major public safety partnership H.E.A.T. grant totaling \$63,620.00 from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) in Atlanta. H.E.A.T. stands for *Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic*. The primary goals of the H.E.A.T project are to: (1) reduce impaired driving crashes; (2) reduce excessive speeding; (3) in-

crease the safety belt usage rate; and (4) educate the public about traffic safety.

The DeKalb County Police Department H.E.A.T. Unit will develop and implement strategies to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities from drugs and alcohol, speed and aggressive driving, and non-use of safety belts within their jurisdiction in the GOHS Ten Traffic Enforcement Network.

GOHS Director Bob Dallas said, "This H.E.A.T. grant expresses our thanks for joining the GOHS enforcement team and for the dedication and support of the DeKalb County Police Department for their efforts to protect Georgians from

speeders and impaired drivers. Impaired driving related crashes killed 416 persons in Georgia in 2008. The chance of a crash being fatal here was almost six times higher for crashes related to alcohol or drugs than crashes not related to driver impairment."

"The H.E.A.T. project aims to increase the impaired driver apprehension rate, reduce speeders, educate the public about DUI laws and provide a higher traffic enforcement profile in the community," said GOHS Director Dallas.

For more information about HEAT, visit the DeKalb Police website at: www.dekalbpolice.com.


Keep "Trac" of your Neighborhood With CRIMETRAC

The CrimeTrac system is a newly adopted program by DeKalb County, which provides users with information regarding crimes that have occurred within a given area of DeKalb. This software is very useful for a variety of purposes including:

- Current residents who want to know what's happening in their communities.
- Residents who need information in order to form a neighborhood watch organization. CrimeTrac gives the time and dates in which crimes occurred, helping to establish trends in these activities.

Overall this new software will do a lot of good for all those people who have interests within DeKalb. With this added tool, hopefully crime rates in DeKalb will continue to fall.

To utilize the CrimeTrac system, visit the DeKalb Police Department website at www.dekalbpolice.com



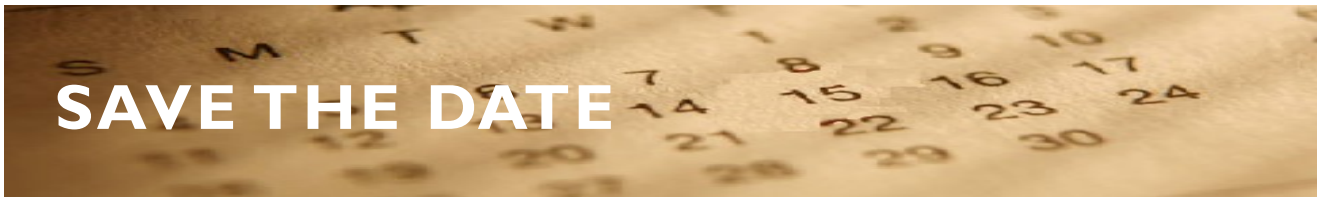
DeKalb County Police Department

KEEPING "TRAC" OF DEKALB COUNTY WITH CRIMETRAC

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- ▶ **1. Search**
 - By Address
 - By Crime
- ▶ **2. Focus**
 - Number of crimes within radius
 - Number of crimes near specific address
- ▶ **3. Obtain Report**
 - Date Range
 - Crime Type

- Innovative mapping system for citizens
- Provides accurate and timely crime data in the form of reports and maps
- Informs citizens of activities taking place in their own neighborhoods
- Citizen friendly and easy to use
- Easy as 1, 2, 3- just search, focus and obtain report on any area in unincorporated DeKalb County
- Log on to www.dekalbpolice.com



SAVE THE DATE

April 1st - May 16th

Artists in Georgia

Where: Michael C. Carlos Museum
571 Kilgo Circle
Atlanta, GA 30322

The Collection features a selection of 19 drawings, prints, and photographs created since 1970 by 15 artists who are either native to the state or who became Georgians by choice. For more information call 1-866-633-5252

APR 20th

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Manuel J. Maloof Building
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

APR 21st

Excel 2007 Workshop

Time: 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Where: Toco Hills Library
1282 McConnell Drive
Decatur, GA 30033

Learn to identify the basic parts of an excel document and work a sample spreadsheet. These are invaluable skills to build your resume.

APR 24th

County Line & Ellenwood
Community Day & Parade
(Annual Event)
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: County Line Park
4059 Old River Road,
Ellenwood

APR 25th

FERIA LATINA

Time: All Day
Where: Stone Mountain Park
1000 Robert E. Lee BLVD
Stone Mountain, GA

Attendees will have a chance to visit with a variety of vendors featuring traditional Latin American foods, crafts, art and cultural products. For more information call 1-866-633-5252

APR 27th

Regular BOC Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Maloof Center Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30033

Featured Event

DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Presents: "Fish DeKalb"

Time	9:00 AM -12:00 PM
Date	Saturday, April 24, 2010

DeKalb County Parks and Recreation is promoting Fish DeKalb, a FREE program for youth ages 6 - 15 that will provide quality fisheries countywide, including family-friendly fishing and recreation access points that will increase fishing participation in DeKalb County. Fish DeKalb's mission is to increase participation in recreational fishing and boating, thereby increasing public awareness and appreciation of the need to protect, conserve, and restore this county's aquatic natural resources.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM THE MAY FAMILY



Attention all Home Owner's Association members, I would like to attend your next HOA meeting.

Please complete the event request form on my website:

www.leemaydistrict5.com

Thank you once again for reading our newsletter, and I look forward to working with you to help make DeKalb County District 5 the best place to live, work and play.

Commissioner Lee N. May, District 5

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