



LEE MAY
COMMISSIONER

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Budget Allocations Made for DeKalb County Youth Commission

Within the 2010 DeKalb County Budget, there has been money allocated towards supporting the programming related to the DeKalb County Youth Commission. This is an excellent program that will provide the youth of our county with an invaluable experience.

The DeKalb County Youth Commission is years in the making and is an organization that was initiated by District 5 Commissioner Lee May. Commissioner May understands the importance of our young people and is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of our youth. The mission of the DeKalb County Youth Commission is to prepare the youth of DeKalb County for future leadership positions by providing them with a tangible knowledge base related to various local, national and global issues, and by involving them in civic

activities that will enrich both their lives and the lives of those whom they interact with. The Youth Commission will provide an environment in which the youth in our communities can learn something new, be of service to the community, and be a leader both in their current roles as students and in their future careers.

The program will cater to DeKalb County 10th and 11th graders. Each selected student be assigned to either the CEO of DeKalb, or to a Com-

missioner within one of our seven DeKalb Commission Districts. The application process will require submittal of letters of recommendation and transcripts; additionally, students will submit an essay detailing a challenging life circumstance and how they have been able to overcome that obstacle. The deadline for all submissions is March 12, 2010.

For more information on how to receive an application packet, please contact Carolyn Frisby at 404-370-8178.



STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



Bike 4 Life Event A Success

The Chauncey Davis Foundation in partnership with Commissioner Lee May and EPeriod LLC successfully held the 1st Annual Bike 4 Life Event on Tuesday December 22, 2009. The goal of the Chauncey Davis Foundation is to serve as a vehicle for information and resources on general health and wellness with a focus on diabetes prevention and detection among youth and young adults. The Chauncey Davis Foundation is one great organization within DeKalb County that is changing the lives of citizens in the region. This new year, ask yourself, What are you doing to make a difference in the life of another? To donate to the Chauncey Davis Foundation call Below are pictures from the event:



Over 100 bikes were donated for the Bike4Life event



Each Child received a bicycle and safety gear



Falcons Star Chauncey Davis & teammates sign autographs



Commissioner May helped sponsor the event

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

"What can I do to become more involved in my community?"

Commissioner May's Response

Dear District 5 Residents,

This question has been coming up a lot lately. I truly thank all of you for your ambition and desire to become more directly involved in the happenings within our community.

Well, there are several ways you can get plugged into what's happening in our DeKalb County District 5 Community. First of all, the weekly board meetings are a great way to learn the latest happenings in DeKalb County Government. Meetings are held at the Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am, visit www.yourdekalb.com/boc for more updates.

Secondly, make sure you are visiting my website at www.leemaydistrict5.com in order to receive the latest updates; i.e. town hall meeting dates, newsletter updates and various other important information. Next, participating in events with Keep DeKalb Beautiful is a great way to beautify our community, call 404-371-2654 or visit www.yourdekalb.com/beautiful for specific details.

Lastly, your input is needed within various community action groups throughout the county. You can check with residents in your community about how to become involved in your Home Owner's Associations & Neighborhood Watch Programs. Also contact your local Police Precinct Public Education Specialist for action groups information; Sheila O'Rear, South DeKalb, 404- 286-7945; or Phyllis Allen, East DeKalb, 770-482-0328, or visit www.dekalbpolice.com.

Thank you very much for your question and I look forward to continuing to address all of your concerns, and thank you for your commitment towards making DeKalb County District 5 the best place to live, work and play.

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.

Edible Arrangements

Manager	Serenity Cole
Address	8200 Mall Parkway, Lithonia, GA 30038
Phone	770-484-8901
Website	www.ediblearrangements.com
Services Offered	Gifts

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DaVido's \$3.75 Pizza

Address	6118 Covington Highway, Lithonia, GA 30058
Phone	770-808-5855
Website	www.davidos375pizza.com
Services Offered	Food

daVIDO'S \$3.75 Pizza metro-Atlanta Restaurants feature pizza, hot wings, Philly cheese steak sandwiches, salads and soft drinks. The pizza dough is made fresh daily, the wings are fresh, not frozen and the cheese steak is real steak, not steak-um. Our quality is high but our prices are low. The quality and price will bring you in, but the great customer service will bring you back. Each of our daVIDO'S restaurants provides the best pizza and wing value in its community and daVIDO'S has a menu that any family can enjoy and afford.

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.

DeKalb Police Warn of Increased Auto Theft

Where can you find a place where people leave their wallets, purses, cell phones, navigation systems, or cars unattended and ripe for theft? The answer won't surprise you; it happens every time they pull off the road to get gas or grab their favorite drink from a convenience store and leave their keys in the ignition or their doors unlocked. More and more over the last year, gas station safety has moved to the forefront of crime prevention. There has been a dramatic rise in gas station theft over the past year. Entering auto's and auto theft for the East Precinct year to date from 2008 are both down -25%, however; we have noticed a significant increase in the last couple of weeks! PLEASE ensure you are mindful of auto safety tips even if your car is parked in your driveway.

Most of the time, gas station customers leave their car doors unlocked. This enables a thief to drive up next to the victim's car, open an unlocked door, and grab any valuables within reach. Then, the thief quickly drives off. It's a crime of opportunity that takes only a few seconds to commit. Gas station thefts can be easily prevented. You can keep from becoming a victim of gas station theft by keeping the following tips in mind.

- Pick gas stations that are well-lit and have video surveillance.
- Always remove your keys, close the windows, and lock the doors while you are pumping gas.
- Keep valuables out of plain view in your vehicle and lock the doors even if you are going inside for just a moment.

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Don't let your cell phone distract you.

"Too often residents become the victims of crimes of opportunity. We hope that through this educational effort, customers pumping gas or running to the convenience store will think twice before leaving their keys in the car or their windows down."

Please learn how you can keep these crimes of opportunity from happening to you! Visit the DeKalb Police East Precinct at 2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia, 30058; or call 770-482-0300. Visit the DeKalb Police South Precinct at 1816 Candler Road, Decatur, 30032; or call 404-286-7900.

The previous information is from a recent DeKalb County Police press release.

DEKALB AT A GLANCE



District 5 Libraries

Covington Library

3500 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032
404-508-7180

HOURS:

10 AM- 8 PM Mon.-Wed.
10 AM - 5 PM Thurs. - Sat.

Lithonia-Davidson Library

6821 Church Street
Lithonia, GA 30058
770-482-3820

HOURS:

11 AM- 8 PM Mon.-Tues.
11 AM - 5 PM Wed. - Sat.

Scott Candler Library

2644 McAfee Road
Decatur, GA 30032
404-286-6986

HOURS:

11 AM- 8 PM Mon.-Tues.
11 AM - 5 PM Wed. - Sat.

Hairston Crossing Library

4911 Redan Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
404-508-7170

HOURS:

2 PM - 8 PM Mon.-Tues.
2 PM - 6 PM Wed. - Thurs.

Redan-Trotti Library

1569 Wellborn Road
Lithonia, GA 30058
770-482-3821

HOURS:

10 AM- 8 PM Mon.- Wed.
10 AM - 5 PM Thurs. - Sat.

Wesley Chapel Library

2861 Wesley Chapel Road
Decatur, GA 30034
404-286-6980

HOURS:

10 AM- 8 PM Mon.-Thurs.
10 AM - 5 PM Fri. - Sat.

<http://www.dekalb.public.lib.ga.us/>

Note:

The Salem-Panola Library branch is currently undergoing renovations and will re-open soon.



JAN 1st-MAR 7th

Snow Mountain Winter-land

Time: Weekends

Where: Stone Mountain Park

1000 Robert E. Lee BLVD
Stone Mountain, GA

Come play in the snow as Stone Mountain Park is transformed into a winter wonderland. A Snow-Zone filled of activities will make your snow-filled experience complete.

Jan18th

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

All County Offices will be closed

NAACP MLK Day Parade and Rally

Time: 12:30 PM

Where: Downtown Stone Mountain

The DeKalb NAACP will be hosting its 8th Annual MLK event to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

JAN 19th

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM

JAN 26th

Regular BOC Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Maloof Center Auditorium

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30033

JAN 21st

Community Meeting w/ DeKalb Parks & Recreation Department

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Cedar Grove High School

2360 River Road
Ellenwood, GA

At this meeting will be discussed the plans for Fork Creek Mountain Park, and input will be taken from the public.

JAN 21st

Tucker Reid Library Grand Opening

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: New location at the intersection of LaVista Road and Lawrenceville Highway.

Visit www.dekalb.public.lib.ga.us

Jan 29th

Kaiser Permanente Ribbon Cutting

Time: 8:30 AM

Where: Downtown Decatur

315 West Ponce de Leon
Decatur, GA 30030

Decatur's new Kaiser Clinic will feature exam and procedure rooms, physicians offices, a laboratory and a pharmacy.

Featured Event

In the KNOW DeKalb

Time	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Date	Saturday, January 16, 2010
Location	DeKalb Fire Rescue Building 1950 W. Exchange Place 2nd Floor - Peer Auditorium Tucker, GA 30084

This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to improve public safety in your community. The topics of discussion at this event are: crime awareness, criminal investigations and crime scene

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE MAY FAMILY



Happy New Year! I am excited to embark on another prosperous year in DeKalb County.

Attention all Home Owner's Association members, I would like to attend your next HOA meeting. Please e-mail my office coordinator, Latrese Young, at ldnyoung@co.dekalb.ga.us with the details.

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 May, District 5

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