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How Federal Government Affects Your Life

Recently DeKalb County has been receiving money in the form of various grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Legislation. Below is a brief summary of what funding DeKalb has already received, and what it is intended to be used for:

Federal Agency	County Department	Funding Received	Program Name/ Possible Use for funds
HUD	Community Development	2,359,998	Homelessness Prevention (Rental Assistance, Relocation, Shelter)
HUD	Community Development	1,543,400	Community Development Block Grant (Housing, Social services per CAP)
HUD	Community Development	TBD	Neighborhood Stabilization Program; Phase 2 (Mitigation of foreclosure impact)
Energy	Facility Management	6,511,600	Energy Efficiency/ Conservation Block Grant (Energy efficient retrofits to County buildings)
Energy	Public Works/ Sanitation	11M	Energy Efficiency/ Conservation Competitive Grant (CNG from landfill gas project, Solar panels at Central Transformer Station Project)
Justice	Public Safety	2,407,651	Justice Assistance Grants (Equipment, Vehicles, Consultants for DA, Solicitor, Drug Court, Schools and Parks Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Crime Prevention)
Justice	Police	3,112,845	COPS Hiring Recovery Program (Personnel, Overtime, Equipment)

Healthcare Legislation: What It Will Mean to DeKalb

America is facing a health care crisis. As of 2009, 50 million U.S. citizens have no health insurance, with an additional 25 million whose healthcare coverage is insufficient for their needs. These numbers are steadily increasing. The high cost of medical care in our country bankrupts a family every 30 seconds. In the last eight years, premiums have grown four times faster than wages. And in each of these years, one million more Americans have lost their health insurance. By the end of this year, 1.5 million American families could potentially lose their homes

because of overwhelming healthcare expenses. For the sake of our communities, we can no longer afford to put the issue of health care reform on hold. Locally, in DeKalb County, we paid 30 million dollars to Grady Hospital to support the treatment of uninsured patients. This is money could have been used for other purposes like fixing roads and hiring more police officers. In the long run, our greatest fiscal threat is to simply ignore the growing cost of health care.

Experts have yet to determine how to restrain cost increases without sacrificing the quality of care that Americans demand. Yet cost control would be easier in an environment where everyone has health insurance regardless of their ability to pay. Other nations have implemented successful universal health care programs and experience little of the financial and health crises that we do in our country. It's time we make the change to universal health coverage. This information was obtained from www.barackobama.com.



Strengthening Our Community

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners have worked towards supporting initiatives to provide leadership in the conservation of Water, Energy, and Natural Resources within the county.

Now, its you're turn to get involved by getting your family and neighbors to start recycling, start using services like those which Cartridge World provides and being more conscious of the decisions you're making and how they're affecting our environment. With these steps towards becoming more environmentally friendly, we will make, not just DeKalb County, but the world a better place, to live, work and play.

Cartridge World is providing consumers and businesses with an alternative to reduce the impact of millions of cartridges that are thrown away and that end up in landfills each year. By making this choice, you are helping to protect the future of our environment.

Cartridge World USA: Lithonia

Phone: 770-484-4651

Fax: 770-484-9445

Address: 8075 Mall Pkwy, #109

Lithonia, GA 30038

Website: www.cartidgeworldusa.com/store635/

The Sanitation Division provides collection of household garbage twice per week in the unincorporated areas of the county and the City of Lithonia. Currently, this collection service is provided to an estimated 165,000 residential households, a few home based and small businesses. Residents are allowed an unlimited amount of household solid waste curbside in approved receptacles: 20-32 gallon metal or plastic cans or bags and paper boxes.

Curbside Recycling Program

Phone: 404-294-2900

Website: www.co.dekalb.ga.us, Click Helpful links

Cost: \$30 one time fee

To Download a Curbside Recycling Program Application [Click here](#).

The People's Voice



Commissioner May truly values your questions, comments and concerns. Therefore in an effort to make sure 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 be heard, The People's Voice. Please e-mail any questions, comments, or concerns to jkhockett@co.dekalb.ga.us

Question 1: "How does DeKalb County determine which roadways and streets are repaved?"

Question 2: "How do I find my elected officials?"

Question 1 Response

Each year a DeKalb County road rating engineering technician inspects approximately 2,115 miles of county roadways (over 8,000 total streets) using elements of the Georgia Department of Transportation's (DOT) pavement condition rating system to evaluate the structural condition of these specific roadways. There are 12 different kinds of pavement distress patterns evaluated and each road is issued a score between zero and sixty based on that specific rating. Those streets with ratings higher than thirty are eligible for submission to the Georgia DOT for resurfacing under their area specific LARP (Local Assistance Resurfacing Program).

The specific level of funding that is allocated to a LARP organization determines the actual number of streets that will be resurfaced during a given fiscal period and this amount varies from year to year. Recently, contractors estimated costs to resurface a square mile of asphalt between \$300,000 - \$400,000. In DeKalb County we are aggressively planning resurfacing projects to ensure that we are able to provide the residents of DeKalb with the best roadways possible, however, with budget constraints, it is important to ensure sound fiscal policy management as well.

Question 2 Response

Visit website www.yourdekalb.com click on Elected Official Search, then click icons to indicate your address and zip code. The listing will indicate your Commissioner, Congressman, State and School Representative.

Thank you for your comments, questions and concerns.

Sincerely, Lee N. May

DeKalb At A Glance

LUCC Conference Discusses Energy

Commissioner Lee May was one of many political figures present during NACO's recent Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) bipartisan Rally on Capitol Hill. NACO, which stands for the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. During this recent event, the various members of NACO met with key White House officials and members of Congress in a rally effort urging members of Congress to support full funding of the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.



The EECBG program is administered through the Department of Energy (DOE), and is authorized \$2 billion annually, over a five year time-span, to help large cities and counties address energy efficiency and emissions concerns. The program was created in late 2007, but was not funded until this year's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (\$3.2 billion). The program's future is questionable because President Obama's

FY10 budget proposal did not request any additional EECBG funding.

More than 450 counties in the country are eligible for direct formula grants through EECBG — a dollar amount equal to well over \$700 million.

Across the country, counties are planning major energy retrofits of older county buildings such as historical courthouses. Counties will undertake projects such as the installation of new energy-efficient chillers, geothermal heating and air cooling, solar water heaters, solar panels, green roofs and ENERGY STAR appliances.

Get Involved With Keep DeKalb Beautiful

Keep DeKalb Beautiful is a local organization committed to improve the quality of life for DeKalb County citizens by educating residents, businesses and students on anti-litter, beautification, recycling, and water quality protection, they accomplish this by implementing educational programs, county services and community-oriented improvement projects.

Recently KDB held its 9th annual *Great American Cleanup* event with a series of environmental programming, including electronics recycling event, rain barrel workshops, and a

compost demonstration event. More than 70 community groups and approximately 1,200 volunteers participated in beautifying local neighborhoods throughout DeKalb County by removing approximately 30,000 pounds of litter in the form of tires, furniture, trash, and other debris from over 111 miles of DeKalb County roadways.

In addition to the Great American Cleanup, KDB's "Dump It Right Day for EARTH DAY" was helpful in preventing 3,700 pounds of scrap metal, 2,375 pounds of tires, 1,500 pounds of junk and 65,175 pounds of elec-

tronics from being dumped illegally or littered along DeKalb roadways.

DeKalb County would like to thank several businesses who support Keep DeKalb Beautiful in its efforts to properly recycle or dispose of various waste items. They include Atlanta Recycling Solutions, Blue Rhino, Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities (AADD), and Cartridge World of Decatur.

For more information about Keep DeKalb Beautiful Events call 404-371-2654, or visit www.yourdekalb.com/beautiful

DeKalb At A Glance



Pool Season

Pools Open May 23rd and Close August 8th

Regular Pool Hours

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mon - Sat

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Sun

Daily Swim Fee

\$3: 18 yrs & older

\$2: 3-17 yrs old

Under 3: Free

That's right DeKalb, its summer time again. I know you are all ready to enjoy summer vacations, warm weather, festivals, parks, recreation sites, and of course local pools. This time of year provides great opportunity for you parents to spend some quality time with your children. The strength of our communities depends on strong families, like yours. Let's make this year's summer festivities more fun and safer than ever.

Find A Pool Near You

POOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Briarwood	2235 Briarwood Way Atlanta, GA 30319	404-679-5924
Cofer	4259 N. Park Drive Tucker, GA 30084	770-270-6253
Gresham	3113 Gresham Road Atlanta, GA 30316	404-244-4937
Kittredge	2535 N. Druid Hills Road Atlanta, GA 30329	404-679-5925
Lithonia	2501 Park Drive Lithonia, GA 30058	770-484-3051
Lynwood	3360 Osborne Road Atlanta, GA 30319	404-303-2105
N.H. Scott	2330 Tilson Road Decatur, GA 30032	404-244-4938
Medlock	874 Gaylemont Circle Decatur, GA 30033	404-486-5904
Midway	3181 Midway Road Decatur, GA 30032	404-286-3313
Murphey Candler	1526 W. Nancy Creek Drive Atlanta, GA 30319	770-216-4917
Tobie Grant	644 Parkdale Road Scottsdale, GA 30079	404-508-7616
Wade Walker	5584 Rockbridge Road Stone Mountain, GA 30088	770-879-3462
Browns Mill Family Aquatic Center	4929 Browns Mill Road Lithonia, GA 30038	770-323-4179

Quick Reference Information

DeKalb County District 5 Office

www.leemaydistrict5.com

Direct Line: 404-371-4745

DeKalb County

www.yourdekalb.com

DeKalb County Board of Education

www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/board

Information Line: 678-676-0027

DeKalb County CEO's Office

Direct Line: (404) 371-3696

DeKalb County Family Services

www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov

Information Line: 404-651-6316

DeKalb County Libraries

www.dekalblibrary.org

Reference Desk: 404-370-8450

DeKalb County Magistrate Court

www.dekalbstatecourt.net

Information Line: 404-371-2261

DeKalb County Planning Department

www.yourdekalb.com/planning

Information Line: 404-371-2155

DeKalb County Police Department

www.dekalbpolice.com

Information Line: 404-294-2000

For Emergencies Dial 911

DeKalb Recorder's (Traffic) Court

dklbweb.dekalbga.org/courts/recorders

Information Line: 404-508-0368

DeKalb County Tax Commissioner

www.yourdekalb.com/taxcommissioner

Information Line: 404-298-4000

DeKalb County Visitor's Bureau

www.dcvb.org

General Information: 770-492-5000

DeKalb Watershed Management

www.dekalbwatershed.com

Information Line: 404-378-4475

DeKalb At A Glance

The DeKalb County Police Department will continue to work with the community in 2009 to aggressively fight crime by instituting programs such as CrimeTrac (Shown Below) in order to make DeKalb County a safer place to live, work and play.”

Commissioner May is committed to working alongside DeKalb Police to improve Public Safety.

There has been a decrease in automotive thefts from the previous year, however, automotive break-ins are rising. Experts suggest that break-ins are growing more popular amongst thieves due to the low-risk and high reward of these thefts.

The DeKalb Police Department recommends that you use good judgment when leaving your vehicle unattended.

Make sure that all valuables are out of the car. Items such as GPS units, mobile phones, laptops and iPods are considered big ticket items for thieves looking to make a quick buck.

And always remember to report any suspicious activity or any break-ins to your DeKalb Police Department at 404-294-2911, or in an emergency dial 911.


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.
- Future residents can now make an informed decision about the community in which they are moving into.

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

DeKalb At A Glance

Golf Management Business Shapes Community

Featured Article From: The Champion Free Press

Marie Jackson started playing golf when she was 12. Like many kids who picked up the game, she didn't know what would eventually become of the hobby. Now the 42-year-old business woman has turned the hobby into a career. Jackson is the president and CEO of SydMar Golf Management, the company that manages Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis facility for DeKalb County.

SydMar staff say that Jackson is the only African-American female owner of a course management company in the United States. Prior to starting SydMar, Jackson worked as a financial analyst for IBM. She's also worked in the healthcare industry in Texas. During her tenure in corporate America, Jackson honed her skills in conflict resolution, staff recruitment, team building and project management. In addition she also developed operating and capital plans that were helpful when it came to revitalizing a golf course.

In 2002, DeKalb County put the course management contract out for bid. The course had gained a reputation of bad fairways, but good putting greens, according to Jackson. County officials, friends and family persuaded Jackson to go after the contract that she eventually won. Today the course does more than 40,000 rounds each year and is host to several outings and tournaments. Running the course was an opportunity for Jackson to promote the game to women and children, she said.

The path to a successful golf course management company has not been an easy one. Jackson said as one of the few African-American women in the golf course management industry, her abilities were often doubted. "Every time I'm in a new environment, I have to prove to people that I know what I'm doing,"

said Jackson. "And once they see it, they get it. But it's a continual process of having to prove myself."

By building solid relationships with the country's top portfolio golf lenders, SydMar has gained respect in the industry. Jackson also has emphasized partnering with golf course owner/operators, PGA and LPGA professionals. Sugar Creek often partners with East Lake Golf Club in Decatur, Atlanta's oldest golf course, to help expose juniors to golf.

Sugar Creek's junior golf academy hosted a visit by former PGA Tour professional Calvin Peete. A two-time Ryder Cup team member and winner of 12 PGA Tour events, Peete visited the clinic to discuss golf and overcoming personal adversities en route to his induction into the National Black Golf Hall of Fame. Jackson has fostered an environment for youth and family who are interested in golf careers. Joshua and Jamil Martin, brothers and Cedar Grove High graduates, worked part time at Sugar Creek during their summer breaks and played golf on days off. Both brothers received golf scholarships. Joshua is entering his senior year at Southern University, and Jamil just completed his freshman year at Talladega College. Their father, Daryl, works in the pro shop. "Sugar Creek was a great place for me," said Joshua. "It gave me a place to practice, work and take the first steps of what would eventually become my career in golf."

Jackson said she's most proud of the junior, senior and programs for women at Sugar Creek. She's found a way to accommodate them all. "Seniors like to go off first and early," said Jackson. "My juniors can take the heat so they don't mind playing late in the morning or early afternoon."

Jackson's business philosophy toward customers is based on front porch wisdom. "I just treat people the way I want to be treated. Sugar Creek is like coming to play golf with old friends and family members."

In addition to the business success of the golf course, the junior program is starting to get noticed around Atlanta for its skill level. "Sugar Creek has never had a structured junior golf program," said Jackson. Now the juniors who represent Sugar Creek are starting to place in local golf tournaments, a feat that's caught the attention of other courses, colleges and PGA professionals.

Jackson said there's nothing like the mentorship of men helping boys in the game of golf. This was reinforced when a teenager was caught vandalizing the golf course. When the boy was apprehended, Jackson said, they didn't call the police. Instead the staff put a golf club in his hand and enrolled him in the junior golf program. "You can't run a business like this without being a part of the community," said Jackson. "It just won't work."

Golf has given Jackson a business and a connection to the community. On June 27, the game will give her a marriage when she marries Jeff Dunovant, a PGA professional who also lends an occasional hand to the Sugar Creek junior golf program. The couple will wed approximately 475 yards from a golf course, which for this couple is a driver, long iron, a wedge and two putts to seal the deal.

Visit Sugar Creek Golf Course by scheduling a tee time at www.sugarcreekgolf.net. Sugar Creek Golf Course is located at: 2706 Bouldercrest Road, Atlanta, GA 30054

Save the Date

Board Of Commissioners

(BOC) Meetings

When: 2nd & 4th Tues. each month
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Maloof Center Auditorium

BOC Work Sessions

When: 1st and 3rd Tues. each month
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Maloof Center Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30033.

Planning Study Workshop

When: Saturday, July 11, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Where: Cedar Grove UMC
3430 Bouldercrest Rd.
Conley, GA 30288

The workshop is open to everyone in the community and it will provide a vision for the future and will allow a forum for your input to be heard.

KNOW Training Workshop

When: Saturday, July 18, 2009
Time: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Where: DeKalb Training Center
4380 Memorial Drive
Decatur, GA 30032

DeKalb Police are raising awareness about Neighborhood Watch participation and maintenance and other safety information.

Howey Hudson Lowe Foundation

Inc. Essay Writing Contest

Essay Topic: Participants are asked to write a 500 word essay on "The Importance of Community Health Centers." Essays should be submitted no later than July 10, 2009. Winners will be notified the week of July 15, 2009, and prizes will be distributed on July 18, 2009. For more information call 770-808-0114 or email bj@bjaevents.com.

Unbossed and Unbought

The Reverend Hosea Williams Exhibit

When: June 2 - August 28, 2009
Exhibit Hours: Tues-Thurs. 10 AM - 4 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM
Where: Old Courthouse, Decatur Square
101 East Court Square
Decatur, GA 30030

Join us as we celebrate in this special exhibit that explores the legendary leadership/service work of The Honorable Reverend Hosea Williams.

1st Annual SEED Student Career Fair

When: August 1, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Where: Clark Atlanta University
Thomas W. Cole Jr. Research Center
223 James P. Brawley
Atlanta, GA 30314

Why: Students will be able to interact with professionals in various fields. Also, students will receive book bags, scientific calculators, engineer-scale rulers and other items. Visit <http://sites.google.com/site/seedcareerfair> for more info.

Goodwill of Greater Atlanta: July Events

Job Club Meetings

When: Every Tuesday in July
Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
For more information Call 404-728-8600.

World Financial Group Workshop

When: 7/6, 7/16, 7/20, 7/30
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
For more information Call 404-728-8600

Resume Writing Workshop

When: July 18, 2009 from 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
For more information call 404-728-8600

Featured Date - Family Fun Day

Commissioner May & EPeriod LLC to host
Family Fun Day Celebration...
More Details Coming Soon!!!

WHAT: Family Fun Day
WHEN: Sunday, August 9, 2009
WHERE: YMCA Bransby
TIME: 1 PM - 7 PM

A Message From Commissioner May



We Hope You Enjoy Your Summer

From Commissioner Lee May and all the District 5 Staff



To My District 5 Constituents,

It is a privilege to represent you as your District 5 Commissioner. I am honored to be your active voice on the DeKalb County Commission, but in order to represent you effectively first I need to hear directly from you. From your email messages to hand written notes, your feedback is invaluable.

I hope that you will use this newsletter as another link to me and that you find it to be a very useful tool in helping me better serve you.

Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can press forward to redefine policies that elevate the quality of life in District 5 and DeKalb County.

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

Sincerely,

Lee N. May
Commissioner, District 5

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