



DEKALB COUNTY DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

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COMMISSIONER

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2011 DeKalb County Budget: Working Towards Mid-Year Adjustment

Check Out Commissioner Lee May's Latest Budget Video on YouTube

[CLICK HERE](#)

(www.youtube.com/commissionerleemay)

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved the 2011 County Budget on February 22, 2011.

As the chairman of the Board of Commissioners' Budget and Finance Committee, Commissioner May is committed to tackling this year's budget concerns, while also keeping constituents informed.

This year's budget was faced with unprecedented challenges. Below are some of the issues that must be addressed in order for the County to survive with in a

reduced fiscal budget . There will need to be continued work until the mid-year adjustment in June.

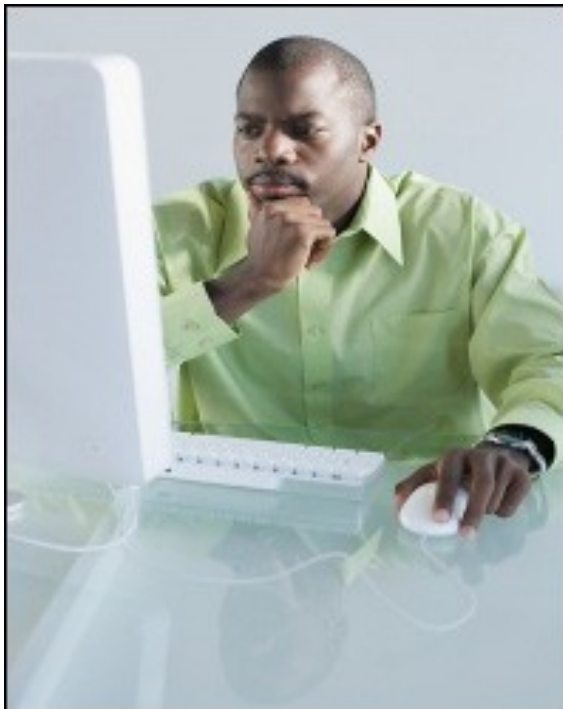
2011 Budget—Top Issues:

- **Performance Measures** - We must have strong performance measurement guidelines to direct current & future budget decisions.
- **Restructuring** - We Must Reorganize/ Redesign County Government . We must fully prepare for this new economy through restructuring and becoming more efficient.
- **Desk Audits** - We must begin desk audits to understand how efficiently county employees are working. This will translate into saved tax dollars.
- **Pension Reform** - We must reform our pension obligations. Pension obligations are the single biggest liability we face moving forward in DeKalb County.
- **Forecasting** - Beginning a 5-year economic forecast will allow for better funds coordination for county services.
- **Position Listings** - A listing of each position type will allow for both transparency and for best use of scarce tax dollars.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH



Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States. Knowing your risk of stroke can significantly reduce being affected.

While most strokes occur in people aged 65 years or older, strokes can occur at any age.

Knowing the symptoms of stroke and calling 9-1-1 immediately if someone appears to be having a stroke can save a life.

Know the Signs and Symptoms

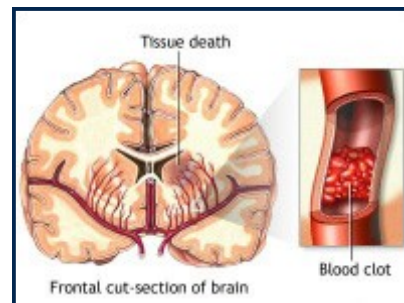
The American Stroke Association notes these five major signs of stroke:

- Sudden numbness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance and coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache.

5 Tips to Lower Your Risk for Stroke

1. Prevent and Control High Blood Pressure
2. Prevent and Control Diabetes
3. Abstain from Tobacco Use
4. Maintain Healthy Weight & Exercise
5. Visit your Doctor Regularly

Know Your Risk! Visit www.cdc.gov/stroke



A stroke happens when a blood vessel in the brain clots and bursts, causing tissue death in the brain.

DeKalb Residents Encouraged to Take Advantage of Local Summer Camps



Take advantage of the great summer programs available in DeKalb County, in order to keep your kids active this summer.

CAMP JEWELL HOUSE

At the beginning of each school year teachers spend 2-3 weeks reteaching skills that were lost over the summer. Camp Jewell's day camp is staffed with Certified Highly Qualified teachers, who will provide tools to aid your child in retaining those skills and give them a head start for the next school year. Camp Jewell House boasts a student teacher ratio of 5-1. In addition, your child will be introduced and given study aids to help with their success when taking the CRCT, GHSGWT, GHSGT, EOCT, PSAT, SAT and ACT.

For more information about Camp Jewell House, visit www.campjewellhouse.org. For questions call 770.733.1099, or e-mail help@campjewellhouse.org. Camp Jewell House is an accredited organization and is located at 1719 Redan East, Lithonia, GA 30058

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YMLA CAMPS

Thanks to a recent grant from national radio talk show host Michael Baisden, **DeKalb County's local YMLA organization** is providing summer camp at 6 locations throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area. ***Summer camp registration fee is free for all students ages 6-16.***

The YMLA Summer Leadership Camp provides programming to elementary, middle, and high school students in DeKalb County. This program will respond in fulfilling community-wide needs by helping students to better resolve conflict, excel academically and by teaching the students to become outstanding leaders and role models in their communities. Their innovative, community-based approach to reaching young people will have significant impact, and I support their efforts as they proactively affect the lives of our children and youth in DeKalb County.

At the camps, students will enjoy breakfast, hot lunch, academics, arts/crafts, arcades, basketball, cheer, dance, sports, science & technology, multi-media, indoor/outdoor recreation, games, golf & tennis (at select sites), swimming, PS2 tournaments, and Xbox games.

Below are the locations where camp will be provided:

- **Cascade Skating Rink**.....(3335 MLK Dr., Atlanta, GA)
- **Golden Glide Skating Rink**.....(2750 Wesley Chapel Rd., Decatur, GA)
- **Mountain Oaks Club House**.....(785 Mountain Oaks Pkwy, Stone Mountain, GA)
- **Mainstreet Club House**.....(5001 Mainstreet Park Dr., Stone Mountain, GA)
- **Southland Country Club**.....(5726 Southland Dr., Stone Mountain, GA)
- **Wynbrooke Club House**.....(389 Wynbrooke Pkwy, Stone Mountain, GA)

To sign up your child, please e-mail YMLA at dhill@atlantaymla.org or call 770.465.3819.

DEKALB BUSINESS FORUM

The DeKalb Business Forum highlights local businesses providing the opportunity to gain exposure and possibly new customers. The forum provides the opportunity for the residents of DeKalb to DeKalb businesses, which will hopefully encourage residents to support business within our communities. The goal of the DeKalb Business Forum is to help keep the DeKalb's large and small business environment flourishing.

Burks Jewelers

Address	1188-A Glenwood Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30316
Phone	404-622-6090
Website	Website-dburks.com
Services Offered	Fine Jewelry Seller, Repair, Certified Gemologist, Appraiser, Buyer

Burks Jewelers, Atlanta's premier jewelry destination. Burk Jeweler's professional and courteous staff will make your next jewelry buying experience a great one. Services include jewelry repair, custom jewelry services, jewelry appraisal, buying and selling of gold. If you're in the market for a new watch, or looking to sell an old one, then Burks Jewelers is the place to go. Don't wait, visit today!

Sweet Blessings Inc.

Address	4808 Flat Shoals Road, Decatur, GA 30034
Phone	770-981-0136
Website	www.mssweetblessings.biz
Services Offered	Specializes in cakes, cupcakes and pies

Sweet Blessings continues to deliver delicious, sought after, mouth watering, homemade goodies to a diverse clientele. People come from all over to savor sweet blessings from Priscilla (owner and head baker) who is affectionately and "confectionately" known as Ms. Sweet Blessings! Visit Sweet Blessings today to taste their very special treats.

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

Arabia Mountain Park

Take a moment this summer to schedule a tour or walk at Arabia Mountain Park.

The nucleus of this heritage area is Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve; a DeKalb County Park comprised of 2,000 acres of granite outcrop, wetlands, pine and oak forests, streams, and a lake.

The park is located at 3787 Klondike Road, Lithonia, GA 30038. For more information call 770.484.3060, or visit www.arabiaalliance.org



Movies in the Park

May 21

W. D. Thompson
1760 Mason Mill Drive
Atlanta 30329

June 4

Redan Park
1745 Phillips Road
Lithonia 30058

June 25

Kelly Cofer Pool
4259 North Park Drive
Tucker 30084

July 9

Hairston Park
911 South Hairston Rd.
Stone Mountain 30088

July 30

Salem Park
5290 Salem Road
Lithonia 30038

August 6

Browns Mill Aquatic
4929 Browns Mill Rd.
Lithonia 30038

SHOWTIME: 8:30pm

Enjoy entertainment for the whole family under the stars! Bring your blankets, low back chairs, food and drinks and enjoy the movie.

**FREE GENERAL ADMISSION
ALL AGES WELCOME**

**For more information contact Jackie Swain at 404-371-2990
www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks**

DEKALB AT A GLANCE



Pool Season
Pools Open May 23rd, 2011 and
Close August 8, 2011

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 Scottdale, 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

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

DISTRICT 5 - LIBRARY HOURS

Visit a DeKalb County Library this summer. For more information about library programming, resources, classes, and events, visit www.dekalblibrary.org.

Covington

3500 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032
404.508.7180
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Flat Shoals

4022 Flat Shoals Parkway
Decatur, GA 30034
404.244.4370
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Hairston Crossing

4911 Redan Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
404.508.7170
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Lithonia-Davidson

6281 Church Street
Decatur, GA 30058
770.482.3820
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Redan-Trotti

1569 Wellborn Road
Lithonia, GA 30058
770.482.3821
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Scott-Candler

2644 McAfee Road
Decatur, GA 30032
404.286.6986
HOURS:
11AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
11AM-5PM Wed. & Thurs.
Closed Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

Stone-Mountain Kellogg

952 Leon Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
770.413.2020
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays

Stonecrest

3123 Klondike Road
Lithonia, GA 30038
770.482.3828
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon & Tues.
10AM-5PM Wed.-Sat.
Closed Sundays
Opening in May

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown

2861 Wesley Chapel Road
Decatur, GA 30034
404.286.6980
HOURS:
10AM-8PM Mon -Wed.
10AM-5PM Thurs. - Sat.
Closed Sundays

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 3rd

1st Annual CASA Golf Tournament

Time: 7:00 AM Registration

9:00AM Shotgun Start

Where: Mystery Valley GC
6094 Shadow Rock Drive
Lithonia, GA 30058

Enjoy some golf for a good cause.

JUNE 4th

Free Family Health & Wellness Day Services

Time: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Where: Ray of Hope Church
2788 Snapfinger Road
Decatur, GA 30034

Classes for both adults and youth that will promote a life of health, wellness, and fitness.

JUNE 6th

Dedication Ceremony: Salem-Panola Library

Time: 10:30PM

Where: Salem-Panola Library
5137 Panola Road
Lithonia, GA 30038

JUNE 7th

Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Manuel Maloof Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday

JUNE 14th

Board of Commissioners Regular BOC Meeting

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Manuel Maloof Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

JUNE 19th

Happy Father's Day

Time: All Day

Tell your father how much he means to you.

Memorial Day Weekend (5/28-5/30)

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, which commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in military service.

There will be lots of festivals to celebrate this national holiday, I suggest checking out Stone Mountain Park, (1000 Robert E. Lee Drive, Lithonia, 30083).

Memorial Day Weekend is a national time of reflection and relaxation. So this year, plan something fun with your family, and take some time to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy in this great country. Those freedoms which our men and women in uniform have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect.

A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER MAY



Thank you DeKalb for your vote as Best County Commissioner. Also, I want to send congratulations to all 2011 Graduates!

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

Lee N. May

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