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Commissioner May Works with FEMA to Bring Disaster Relief to DeKalb Citizens

The recent floods in Georgia have affected numerous counties throughout the state, including DeKalb County. Commissioner May has responded to assist DeKalb County residents by hosting meetings to inform constituents of the relief options available to them. Commissioner May asks that every resident please take advantage of the resources available to you.

Resources include:

» The Federal Emergency Management Agency will give grants of as much as \$30,300 to owners of uninsured, or underinsured, houses that were damaged in the floods (though the average grant is more like \$5,000). Register your home by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by going online to disasterassistance.gov.

» The U.S. Small Business Administration will be giving out home loans of as much as \$200,000 to

cover repairs, plus \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. The loans are at about half the commercial lending rate. Businesses can get up to \$2 million. And an application with the SBA is mandatory to receive some types of FEMA funding. To apply, contact the SBA's disaster center at 1-800-659-2955 or at www.sba.gov.

Please see the next page for additional information.

Important Emergency Contact Information

Organization	Phone	Website/Email
FEMA	800-621-3362	www.disasterassistance.gov
American Red Cross	404-870-4440	www.redcross.org
United Way	211	www.unitedwayatlanta.org
Sanitation Dept: Debris Pickup	404-294-2000	Sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us
DeKalb County Board of Health	404-294-3700	www.dekalbhealth.net
DeKalb Environmental Division	404-508 7900	www.dekalbhealth.net
DeKalb Public Safety Emergency	678-406-7850 or 7853	www.dekalbpolice.com
DeKalb Road & Drainage for Street or Yard Flooding	404-297-3840	www.co.dekalb.ga.us/roadsanddrainage/default.html
DeKalb Watershed Mgmt for Sewers or Water Lines Damage	770-270-6243	www.dekalbwatershed.com
State Office Insurance Commissioner	404-657-9692 or 800-656-2298	www.gainsurance.org
National Flood Insurance Program	678-808-8983	www.fema.gov/business/nfip
Governor Perdue's Office	404-656-1776	www.gov.state.ga.us
Atlanta Community Tool Bank	404-880-0054	www.atlantatoolbank.org
Code Red	866-419-5000	www.yourdekalb.com
The Centers for Disease Control	800-232-4636	www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/

Additional FEMA Documents

Please follow the steps outlined below to become eligible to receive financial assistance from FEMA for the damage you incurred in the wake of the recent flooding in DeKalb County.



GEMA



FEMA

DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE NOW

If you sustained losses or damage in one of the counties declared a federal disaster area following the September 18 storms and flooding, you may be eligible for federal and state disaster aid.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO APPLY BY PHONE OR TO CHECK ON YOUR CLAIM, CALL:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

TTY 1-800-462-7585 (For the speech-or-hearing impaired)

APPLY ON-LINE:

www.disasterassistance.gov

Please have the following information available when you call:

- A phone number in case we need to call you back
- Social Security number
- Current mailing address
- Address of the damaged property
- Brief description of damages
- Insurance information (if you have insurance)

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE, BUT YOU MUST APPLY

Government disaster assistance covers basic needs only and will not normally compensate you for your entire loss. If you have insurance, the government may help pay for basic needs not covered by an insurance policy. Some disaster aid does not have to be paid back, while other forms of help may come in the form of loans.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



Maintaining proper fitness and nutrition is critical to ensuring that we keep our communities strong both in mind and body. One key to living a healthier life is staying active. People who exercise regularly are more likely to be healthy, and productive at work. Exercising lowers the risk of premature death, coronary artery disease, stroke, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome and some forms of cancer. An active life encourages better lifestyle habits, and helps you to reach and maintain a better body weight. Even something as simple as regularly going for a brisk walk at lunchtime can pay real dividends. As part of President Obama's revamp of healthcare, he insists that Americans who take care of their bodies will provide critical assistance to fixing the healthcare problem in America.

So – how are we doing?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) sets annual exercise guidelines. The 2008 guidelines call for 150 minutes a week of moderate activity, or 75 minutes of vigorous activity. CDC researchers found that fewer than 65% of Americans met that goal.



Fitness Tip

Get Started, and Keep Going

A workout partner can improve your motivation just by expecting you to show up. Your buddy can also motivate you by watching your progress, discussing your training schedule with you, or socializing after a workout. It's best to pick someone who is at about the same level of fitness as you. Changing or adding workout partners can sometimes renew your motivation as well.

If you are just looking for some quiet time to yourself, a quiet walk or other activity alone allows you time to plan your day or solve a problem.

Source: Healthwise®

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

"How do I submit a request to have sidewalks and streetlights installed in my area?"

Commissioner May's Response

In DeKalb we try to make sure that each of our residents feels at home and is happy with the services that are provided. I know that many of our communities are not equipped with sidewalks, or streetlights. This can pose a dangerous problem when pedestrians need to access a busy street, or when safety is an issue on a very dark street.

To request a sidewalk, please contact (770) 492-5204. A staff member of the Transportation Division will conduct a site visit of the area, develop a cost estimate and determine the priority of the request. Sidewalk requests that are near schools, transit and parks will be given priority over other requests. Priority will also be given to those roads that are classified as collector, minor thoroughfare or major thoroughfare. Once a priority is established, funding sources will be sought for project construction.

To request streetlights, please contact (770) 492-5296. Most residential streetlights are installed under a neighborhood petition program. The residents are required to pay the initial installation costs and a special tax district will be created for power and maintenance fees charged to DeKalb County by the power companies. Some areas cannot be lighted under the residential petition program. In such a case, a staff member of the Transportation Division will address these sections of roads on a case-by-case basis.

For More information about sidewalks and streetlights visit <http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/transportation/default.html>

Thank you for bringing up this very important issue, and please continue to send me your questions and concerns.

Commissioner Lee May

SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

The Small 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 Small Business Forum is to help keep the DeKalb County small business environment flourishing.



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Cartridge World Lithonia makes it their mission to provide their customers with a cost effective solution to printer ink needs. Millions of printer cartridges are thrown away each year in landfills, Cartridge World provides an environmentally friendly alternative to buying new printer consumables. Cartridge World Lithonia is committed to delivering products of the highest quality that meet the needs of their customers, while also providing top notch customer service.



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Services Offered	Lunch delivery, Weddings, Corporate Events, Dinner Services, Private Chef, Home Delivery, Cooking Lessons

As a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef Adam Elliott has been classically trained in the art of food preparation. With over 20 years of experience under his belt, Chef Adam has worked with some of the country's finest culinary establishments, including upscale Manhattan bistros, elite private country clubs, and many other fine culinary establishments. In addition Chef Adam has worked alongside some of the finest culinary minds in the world. Chef Adam started Allied Visions Catering & Events company in 2007, and has been a hit ever since. Let Chef Adam and his staff make your next event one to remember.

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

Family Fun Day A Success

My hope for our community is that we will be able to come together in all aspects of our lives and overcome the obstacles that face us as a community.

Each of you in District 5 is a part of my extended family and it is the times that I spend with you that make me glad that I am able to serve you all on the Board of Commissioners.

Events like family fun days allow me to get to know you all better and gives me an opportunity to say thank you for being such a great district.

The 2nd Annual Family Fun Day was truly a success. I had a lot of time with you all and I want to say thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed all of the activities.

This year the celebration was held at the Bransby Outdoor YMCA on Sunday

September 13, 2009. It was great to see familiar faces and meet some of you for the first time. This year we had over 2,000 children, parents and community members in attendance.

Also, thanks to each of you that brought school supplies, we were able to acquire lots of school supplies for children in need.

Thank you again district 5 , and I can hardly wait for next year.



Commissioner May Dances with District 5 Residents

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

The DeKalb County Police Department has launched a new program to help deter crime within our DeKalb communities. The **Volunteers In Patrol (VIP)** program, as it is called, is a non-confrontational neighborhood patrol program that DeKalb County Police are implementing as part of the Department's Interactive Community Policing strategy.

This program is designed to deter


crime, change the infrastructure of our communities by having citizens patrol their own neighborhoods, allow volunteers to report suspicious or criminal activity to Interactive Community Policing Officers (ICP) or 911 (if an emergency), improve the quality of life, and overall change the environments of our neighborhoods by making them safer.

Interested Persons must:

- Be at least 21 years or older
- Be a DeKalb County resident
- Possess a valid GA driver's license
- Complete a background check and have no criminal history
- Successfully Complete Training
- Show Proof of Auto Insurance

For more details and an application visit www.dekalbpolicy.com/vip

DeKalb Police Cracking Down on Crime



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.dekalbpolicy.com

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.dekalbpolicy.com

SAVE THE DATE

BOC Meetings

When: 2nd & 4th Tues.
October 13th & 27th
Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Manuel J. Maloof Center Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30033

BOC Work Sessions

When: 1st and 3rd Tues. October 6th & 20th
Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Manuel J. Maloof Center Auditorium
For updates visit: www.co.dekalb.ga.us/boc/

8th Annual Pumpkin Festival at

Stone Mountain Park

When: The Month of October
Where: Stone Mountain Park
Fall comes to life at Stone Mountain Park's Pumpkin Festival. In addition to the fall décor, enjoy attractions such as the Backyard Circus, Pie Eating Contest, Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt, Pumpkin Parade, crafts in the pumpkin patch, kids costume contest and much more. For more information please call 1-866-633-5252 ext. 3370

Wealth Seminar

When: October 17-18, 2009
Time: 17th: 10:30AM-12:00PM
18th: 7:00AM & 10:30AM

Where: New Birth MBC
6400 Woodrow Drive
Lithonia, GA 30038

The youngest African-American CEO of a publicly-traded U.S. company and best-selling author of *Creating Success From The Inside Out* speaks to the youth.

Lithonia Middle School Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 24, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Lithonia Middle School
2451 Randall Avenue
Lithonia, GA 30058

The LMS Parent and Community Committee of Lithonia Middle School is hosting this festival. The purpose of this event is to promote community involvement in our DeKalb County School system in an effort to provide our youth in DeKalb County with top quality schools.

Halloween Fun

When: October 30, 2009 Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Any DeKalb Recreation Center

Parks & Recreation is providing a fun, safe Halloween environment for the youth of the county ages 12 and under.

Recreation Center Locations in District 5:

Browns Mill Recreation Center: (770) 593-5874

5101 Browns Mill Rd, Lithonia 30038

Lucious Sanders Recreation Location: (770) 482-0408

2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia 30058

Featured Date - DeKalb Delegation Public Hearing

WHAT: State House and Senate members
of the DeKalb County Delegation

WHEN: Thursday, October 22, 2009
7:00 PM

WHERE: Porter Sanford Center
3181 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

During this meeting residents of DeKalb County will have an opportunity to address any concerns they may have about state issues with their General Assembly representatives.

A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER MAY



Special congratulations to our District 5 Chief of Staff, Edmond J. Richardson on the birth of his new baby boy Edmond Richardson, II (EJ). EJ was born on Monday, September 14, 2009.

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

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