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**Board of Commission
Meet
The 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Of
Each Month
9:00 a.m.
Maloof Auditorium
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030**



Greetings,

I am extremely excited about this year and the many new improvements planned for our district. During a recent town hall meeting, hundreds took part in an informative session that touched every facet of gov-

ernment from the federal level to the local level. At this meeting, we also heard from our newly appointed police Chief Terrell Bolton who outlined a community policing initiative and gang task force to better address public safety concerns in our area.

I will remain committed to helping make our district and county an even safer place to live, work, pray and play. I encourage you to contact my office with any questions you may have or areas of concerns that need to be addressed. Our duty as elected officials is to echo the voice of the community and our constituents.

Yours for a Better Community,

Lee N. May, II
DeKalb County Commissioner

SPLOST III Election Exercise Your Right To Vote On Tuesday March 20, 2007

On Tuesday March 20th, there will be a referendum asking the citizens of DeKalb County to extend the current education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

What is SPLOST?

SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. It authorizes the collection of a one-cent-on-the-dollar sales and use tax on any purchases that are taxed in DeKalb County for use on school improvements. Proceeds are distributed to both county and independent school districts based on student enrollment.

How long does a SPLOST last?

The collection of the SPLOST last for 5 years. The first 5-year education SPLOST was approved in 1997 (SPLOST I) and it was renewed in 2002 (SPLOST II). Citizens will be asked to vote on the renewal of the education SPLOST (SPLOST III) on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

How much money is the 2007 SPLOST expected to generate for DeKalb County Schools?

It is estimated SPLOST III could generate as much as approximately \$645 million over the five-year period. These funds could be used to address infrastructure needs. Make improvements to the school system aging infrastructure, and creating a safer and better learning environment our children deserve.

DEKALB CRC TO HOST "SHOP DEKALB SAFELY"

COMMUNITY LEADERS COME TOGETHER TO HELP MAKE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

The DeKalb County Community Relations Commission (CRC) and the Gallery at South DeKalb will host a community feedback forum on **Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., in the center court of the Gallery at South DeKalb, 2801 Candler Road, Decatur 30034.**

This forum will allow neighborhood members, business owners, the DeKalb County Police Department and the faith-based community to come together and offer solutions on how everyone can work together to keep the area around the mall a safer place.

"The charge of the CRC is to bridge the gap between the government and the community," said Alfred Fowler, Chairman of the DeKalb Community Relations Commission. "This forum will take a proactive approach to address the concerns around the mall community."

The CRC, created in 1970 by the Georgia General Assembly, is composed of twenty-one DeKalb citizens who serve on a volunteer basis. CRC members are appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners. The CRC represents various religious, economic, cultural, racial, and occupational groups of the county. The principle of the CRC is to promote, encourage, and develop equal treatment and opportunities for all residents of the county.

For more information on the forum or the Community Relations Commission, please contact Jason Warner, Director of Community Relations for DeKalb County Government at 404-371-2448.



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HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ROUNDUP

As your new DeKalb County District 5 Commissioner, I want to keep you informed of what's going on in the district and also meet with your organization. Please provide our office with your association name, address, contact person and email address. Please encourage all District 5 association presidents to contact our office at erichard@co.dekalb.ga.us.

Proposed City of Dunwoody is the Wrong Choice *Get The Facts. Take Action.*

State legislators will soon decide if 6% of DeKalb County residents in Dunwoody can vote to become a new city, forcing 94% of the county's residents and 100% of the County's businesses to pay more in property taxes.

Incorporation of new cities and unchecked annexation of unincorporated areas ignores the interests of county residents and businesses as a whole.

Here are 2 easy ways you can help

1. Log on to www.MoveDeKalbForward.org and sign up to stay connected.
2. Sign the petition to ensure that all DeKalb County citizens have a voice and a vote on issues that impact the future of the county.

Recycle! It's the Right Thing to Do

You've heard or seen the slogan "Recycle! It's the Right Thing to Do!" How many of you really do recycle? Now is the time to start recycling if you don't already. This year my home became a member of the DeKalb County recycling program. If you are recycling, think of one more item that you can recycle. The goal of the DeKalb County recycling program is to increase the awareness and the importance of recycling and saving the environment.

Recycling is more than just taking things to a drop-off site or having them picked up at the curb. It is also purchasing recycled content products and shopping smart. These habits will save you money and reduce trash. Start by taking a look at your trash. What is there that can be recycled? Yes, it will take a little time and space to recycle but once you get started it

will become part of your daily routine. Are there *tin or aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, paper, plastic bottles, milk jugs, glass bottles or jars and cardboard in your daily trash?* All of these items can be recycled. Recycled items come back as new products, such as, clothing, carpet, picnic table and benches, shingles, cardboard boxes, pencils and many more items. Production costs and energy are saved by recycling. Some interesting recycling facts include:

- 4,100 kilowatts of electricity are saved for every tone of paper recycled.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for three hours.
- Half of all polyester carpet made in the United States is made from recycled plastic (PET).
- Recycling one ton of old paper saves 7,000 gallon of water.

Americans generate 30 percent of the world's garbage.

How can you get started recycling?

All DeKalb County single family residents who presently receive solid waste collection services from DeKalb's Sanitation Division are eligible to participate in this recycling program. This includes residents of unincorporated DeKalb County and the City of Lithonia. The initial subscription cost is \$30 which includes \$15 for the blue plastic bin, and \$15 fee for commingled blue plastic bags (box of 100). For more information about DeKalb's new residential curbside recycling program visit, www.co.dekalb.ga.us/publicwrks/sanitation.htm or call: 404-294-2900