



DEKALB COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER LEE MAY II

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Greetings,

The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year to unite, embrace and reflect on the joy and spirit of giving that surrounds us. As we take an opportunity to give thanks for a tremendous and exciting 2006, I am excited about the many possibilities that await DeKalb County in 2007.

Over the last six months, I have been excited to serve the district as its Commissioner. Through your support, we will continue to make DeKalb County the best

place to live, work and play.

During this time, I would like to encourage you, your family and loved ones to share in the essence of the holiday season and remember those less fortunate and those individuals in need.

This holiday season, I am reflecting on the privilege and opportunity you have given me to represent the best district in the county. My wife Robin and I are truly appreciative of your continued support and prayers.

On behalf of DeKalb County Government, I would like to personally wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Lee N. May, II

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DeKalb County Commissioner  
District 5

## Commissioner May Launches “Good Neighbor” Initiative

On Saturday, November 18, Commissioner May launched his “Good Neighbor” Initiative during his first town hall meeting. More than 200 residents heard from key department leaders including Interim Police Chief Nick Marinelli.

The first meeting was held at 10:00AM at the Lou Walker Senior Center. The second meeting was held at 1:00PM at Cedar Grove Elementary School.

At the town hall meeting the commissioner unveiled his good neighbor initiative. This initiative is a comprehensive approach to bridging the gap between county government and the people they serve. By taking personal responsibility, identifying needs in the communities and contacting the proper entities for assistance, the community can work together as good neighbors to create a better community. This initiative includes having a safe, clean and thriving community to call home.

DeKalb County Police, Keep DeKalb Beautiful, Code Enforcement, and DeKalb 311 Call Center representatives were all in attendance at the town hall meeting.

## DEKALB SETS BUDGET HEARINGS CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

DeKalb County government is looking for residents to participate as DeKalb officials consider the proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

“This is transparent government at work,” says commissioner May. “These hearings will give citizens input on the proposed budget before it is approved. I look forward to hearing the thoughts and concerns of the community at the upcoming meetings.”

The budget hearings will be held the following dates:

**Decatur Branch Library**  
215 Sycamore Street, Decatur  
Monday, December 4, 2006, at 7 p.m.

**Lou Walker Senior Center**  
2538 Panola Road, Lithonia  
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 7 p.m.

**Chamblee Branch Library**  
4115 Clairmont Road, Chamblee  
Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be conducted by CEO Vernon Jones, Finance Director Mike Bell and other DeKalb budget officials. All DeKalb County citizens are encouraged to come out and participate.

## Commissioner May Partnered With Linecrest Community to Provide At Risk Youth Thanksgiving dinner

For millions of Americans, Thanksgiving represents a time to give thanks and give back to people in need.

As part of the of his first Thanksgiving initiative, Commissioner May partnered with the Linecrest Community to assist them in providing Thanksgiving dinners to at risk youth at the Project Destiny school on Linecrest Road. As you may know, Project Destiny provides at risk students with a second chance at life and education.

The Commissioner would like to thank those who made this event a success, they are: Honey Baked Ham on Covington Hwy, Kroger 101 Fairview Rd Ellenwood, Publix at 3045 Panola Rd, Lithonia for their donations to this cause. Because of these donations, District 5 Commission Office was able to donate three hams and turkeys for the dinner. And lastly, the Commissioner would like to thank Michelle Clark, President of County Line Civic Association for all her assistance with the event.



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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](mailto:erichard@co.dekalb.ga.us).

## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS!

The District 5 Commission Office is interested in highlighting neighborhood and community leaders in future issues of the District 5 Newsletter. Tell us why you as a leader or why the leader of your neighborhood association should receive this recognition (a photo should be included). Please email you nominations to: [erichard@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:erichard@co.dekalb.ga.us).

## TIPS TO HELP ENSURE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON:

The same thing happens every year, the holidays are rapidly approaching and your mind is on holiday parties, family reunion dinners, and putting up those decorations. The farthest item from your thoughts is fire safety. What you may not realize is that the winter months (December, January, and February) are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than one-third of U.S. home fire deaths occur during the winter months. Below you will find tips to help ensure that you have a happy and Safe Holiday Season.

- Choose a freshly cut tree. LIVE TREES NEED WATER! Check and refill often.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk before placing in water.
- When your tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- Keep your tree away from heat sources, sparks or flames.
- Do not leave Christmas tree lights on while unattended.
- Avoid accidents by using wire or cord to secure your tree to the wall or ceiling (this will prevent it from toppling over by small children or pets).
- Check all light sets prior to use. Do not use damaged light sets or extension cords.
- Avoid overloading the connections.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lights on your tree, and **NO CANDLES**.
- Promptly remove all discarded packages and wrappings from the home.
- Never burn wrappings in the fireplace or wood stove.
- Use only non-combustible decorations
- If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders on a flat stable surface and create a 1-foot circle of safety surrounding them.
- **NEVER** leave the house with candles burning
- **NEVER** leave children or pets unattended with a lit candle (the candle can easily be knocked over)
- **NEVER** use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding and or cabinets.

Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year