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Where Has Your Stimulus Money Gone?

Where Have All The Dollars Gone? This is the title of a cover story article in the latest edition of October's issue of Governing Magazine. Many people may have not seen much improvement on main-street since the federal stimulus, however, there has to be something said for the stimulus' effectiveness in pumping the brakes on a growing recession.

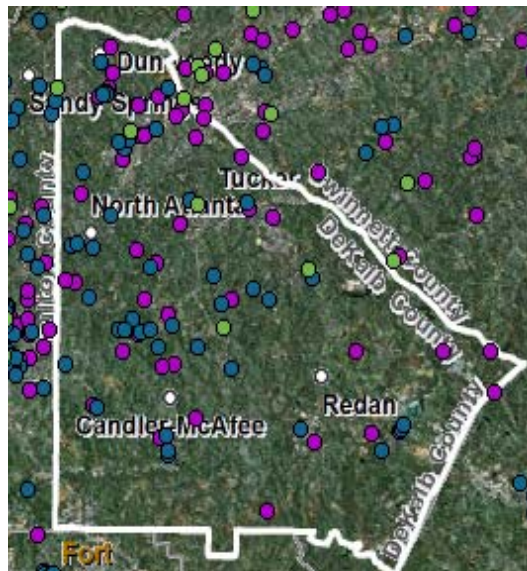
Throughout 2007, 2008 & 2009 our country has been faced

with adversity in its financial markets. This has had a cyclical affect on government and the money available in state and local budgets. Although controversial, stimulus money has played a role in sustainability for many governments throughout our nation. There have been cynics to question the implementation and the overall benefit of a \$780 Billion Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, however, the optimistic response is

"How would the situation be different had there been no stimulus at all?"

So the more important question on many people's minds is, "Where have all the Dollars Gone?" Well, on the state side, 63% has gone towards Medicaid, 18% to Various State Funded Projects, 13% to State Fiscal Stabilization and 6% to State Highways. In DeKalb, this breakdown is slightly different, and is shown in the graphs below.

Stimulus Distribution Throughout DeKalb County



Type	# of Awards	Amount of Award
Contracts	7	\$9,541,916
Grants	242	\$210,419,204
Loans	57	\$20,809,433
Total	306	\$240,770,553

The Map shown to the left highlights where your stimulus dollars have reached thus far within specific areas of DeKalb County. The green dots represent contracts awarded to local businesses, the blue dots represent grants issued for various improvement projects and the purple dots represent development loans that have been issued by the Federal Government.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



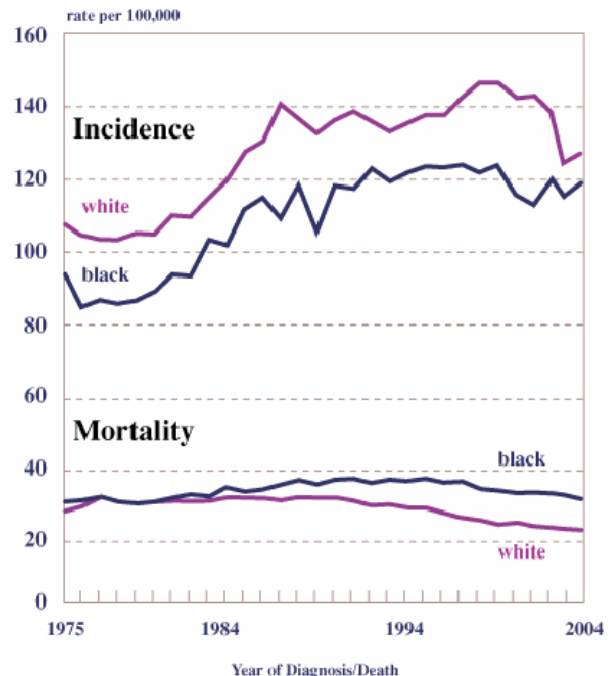
Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women. Screening methods include mammograms and breast self-examination. It is important to have these procedures performed annually, especially after the age of 40. African American women have been showed to be less prone to contract breast cancer however are nearly 40% more likely to die from breast cancer due to late detection and improper follow up.

Breast cancer may involve reproduction issues because it can strike during the childbearing years. If this disease is properly screened for and found early, it is often successfully treated. Treatment options include lumpectomy or mastectomy, which remove the cancer tumor from the breast, these procedures are followed with breast reconstruction.

This year's 25th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness month serves as a reminder of the ongoing fight against this disease. I urge each of you in the District, especially the women, to do your part in the fight. For more information about breast cancer, consult your physician and visit www.cancer.gov. It is up to each of us to do our part in strengthening our community.



Breast Cancer Incidence and Mortality,
White Females vs. Black Females



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

“Where do I go to obtain the proper licensing for my small business?”

Commissioner May's Response

DeKalb County encourages small business development and there are various resources available to small businesses throughout the county.

In order to get your small business started, you will need the proper licensing. You can obtain this licensing by contacting the DeKalb County Business Licensing Office at 404-371-2461 or 404-371-9274, or on the web at www.co.dekalb.ga.us/finance/business_alcohol. Once you have obtained your proper licensing to do business within the county you are eligible to receive various small business support options. The DeKalb Office of Economic Development provides various business incentives as well as small business support. You can visit them on the web at : <http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/decidedekalb/site/home/homeLanding.html>. You can also reach the office by calling 404-687-2730 between 9am-5pm.

Good luck to all of you entrepreneurs with all of your current and future business endeavors and remember you are a very important part of our DeKalb County infrastructure and we are committed to ensuring your success. To have your small business featured in our newsletter in the *Small Business Forum* section, please e-mail at jkhockett@co.dekalb.ga.us

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.



Owner	Corey Brackins
Address	8075 Mall Pkwy, Lithonia, GA, 30038 (Near The Mall at Stonecrest)
Phone	678-526-1610
E-mail	Cbrackins@firehousesubs.com
Website	www.firehousesubs.com
Services Offered	Subs, Salads, Chili, Catering, Kids Options

Firehouse Subs was created in 1996 by two firefighters from the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department. Since its inception this restaurant chain has grown to 350 restaurants in 19 states. The restaurant located in Lithonia (Near the Stonecrest Mall) and is independently operated by Mr. Brackins as a franchisee. Firehouse subs is committed to serving hearty subs with high quality meats and cheeses.

Don Janelle Unisex Hair Salon/ Pro Don Barbershop

Owner	Donna London, Stephanie Elliott, Kendra Spellen
Address	4457 Covington HWY, Decatur, GA, 30035
Phone	404-534-9818
Website	www.donjanelle.com
Services Offered	Relaxer, Shampoo, Color, Cut, Trim, Styles, Makeup Application, Barbershop services

Opened in February 1997, this spectacular salon was created to accommodate the needs of the growing DeKalb County area. The salon places a strong emphasis on building client relationships and each representative does their part to make the client's experience first rate. Don Janelle is owned and managed by master stylists Donna London and her two daughters Stephanie Janelle Bryant and Kendra Spellen. Named for the mother-daughter tandem, DON JANELLE is an upscale salon that features state-of-the-art contemporary décor. The wall color is lively, bright orange with a terra cotta finish. The split level gallery has Spanish tiles and shiny hardwood floors. Televisions and soft music are located throughout the salon for the client's enjoyment. This fabulous salon is located right within District 5, so stop by today.

DEKALB AT A GLANCE

VOTING

As citizens of the United States of America, we are guaranteed certain fundamental rights. One of our most significant and important rights as citizens is the right to vote. The decisions that each of us make at the polls determine who will be the leaders of our communities and how resources will be implemented to best serve the interests of each hard working, tax paying citizen.

This November each DeKalb County

resident of voting age has the opportunity to let their voice be heard when electing a city mayor, appointing school board members, and in electing various other community leaders. I urge each of you in my district to learn more about the candidates, register to vote and exercise your right to vote.

The early voting window begins on October 26, 2009 and ends on October 30, 2009.

General Elections for local officials is on November 3, 2009.

To register to vote visit the DeKalb County Voter Registration and Election Office located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30032. Visit the website at <https://dklbweb.dekalbga.org/vote>. You can also visit the Secretary of State at www.sos.state.ga.us or call 404-298-4020.



DEKALB AT A GLANCE

DeKalb Police Warn of Increased Auto Theft

Where can you find a place where people leave their wallets, purses, cell phones, navigation systems, or cars unattended and ripe for theft? The answer won't surprise you; it happens every time they pull off the road to get gas or grab their favorite drink from a convenience store and leave their keys in the ignition or their doors unlocked. More and more over the last year, gas station safety has moved to the forefront of crime prevention. There has been a dramatic rise in gas station theft over the past year. Entering auto's and auto theft for the East Precinct year to date from 2008 are both down -25%, however; we have noticed a significant increase in the last couple of weeks! PLEASE ensure you are mindful of auto safety tips even if your car is parked in your driveway.

Most of the time, gas station customers leave their car doors unlocked. This enables a thief to drive up next to the victim's car, open an unlocked door, and grab any valuables within reach. Then, the thief quickly drives off. It's a crime of opportunity that takes only a few seconds to commit. Gas station thefts can be easily prevented. You can keep from becoming a victim of gas station theft by keeping the following tips in mind.

- Pick gas stations that are well-lit and have video surveillance.
- Always remove your keys, close the windows, and lock the doors while you are pumping gas.
- Keep valuables out of car plain view in your vehicle and lock the doors even if you are going inside for just a moment.

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Don't let your cell phone distract you.

"Too often residents become the victims of crimes of opportunity. We hope that through this educational effort, customers pumping gas or running to the convenience store will think twice before leaving their keys in the car or their windows down."

Please learn how you can keep these crimes of opportunity from happening to you! Visit the DeKalb Police East Precinct at 2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia, 30058; or call 770-482-0300. Visit the DeKalb Police South Precinct at 1816 Candler Road, Decatur, 30032; or call 404-286-7900.


The previous information is from a recent DeKalb County Police press release.

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.

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

Safely Repairing Your Water Damaged Home

What are the Major Health Risks When Working on Water-Damaged Homes?

Structural Problems

If the building has been pushed off its foundation, DO NOT enter it yourself. Only trained construction professionals should work in these dangerous conditions. If you plan to enter a house that has been under water for a long time or has remained wet, be sure that the floor has not rotted through. Test for rotten areas by hitting the floorboards with the end of a 2"x4" piece of lumber

Mold

What are the health effects associated with exposure to mold?

People most often are exposed to mold by breathing in mold spores that float in the air. These mold spores are too small to be seen with the naked eye. When people with mold allergies breathe air that has high mold levels, they can have allergy symptoms such as a stuffy nose, sinus problems and shortness of breath. Even worse, they may have a life threatening asthma attack.

What are the symptoms?

- Get medical attention if you have the following symptoms:
- Breathing difficulties or shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Sore Throat
- Flu-like aches and pains
- Fatigue

Lead Dust

Many homes built before 1978 have paint that contains lead. As the building dries paint flakes and peels from the walls, lead dust can be a danger to people who do the clean-up. Demolition and renovation can make large amounts of dust that people in the home or workers can breathe in or get on their clothes, hands or food. By the time a person shows symptoms, the lead poisoning has already happened.

SAVE THE DATE

Committee of the Whole Meeting

When: Tuesday, Nov. 3 & Dec. 1, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Maloof Center Auditorium

Board of Commissioners Meeting

When: Tuesday, Nov. 10, 17 & Dec. 8, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM

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

Partnership for Community Action:

Clothing Drive for Flood Victims

When: October 26-28, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: 815 Park North Boulevard
Clarkston, GA 30021

To receive clothing individuals must provide their FEMA identification number and present a picture ID. For more information about this event or to donate clothing, please call Consuela Thompson at 404-929-2664.

South Lithonia Neighborhood Coalition Meeting

When: Thursday, October 29, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Browns Mill Recreation Center
5101 Browns Mill Road
Lithonia, GA 30038

State Rep. Dee Dawkins-Haigler, District 93, will give an update on legislative issues. The group also plans to discuss the potential development of a drugstore at Browns Mill Road and Panola Road.

Keep DeKalb Beautiful Halloween Electronics Recycling Event

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Wal-Mart Supercenter Parking Lot
3580 Memorial Drive
Decatur, GA 30032

The upcoming KDB Recycling Event is an excellent opportunity to properly dispose of all your unused electrical devices. It is critical that we properly dispose of these devices. Electronics that are placed in landfills can stay there for thousands of years.

Lithonia Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Where: Throughout Lithonia

It's time to celebrate being part of a great City. Come and enjoy a full day of fun with family and friends. Events: Kiwanis Club Fish & Grits Breakfast (8AM-12PM); Lithonia Middle Main Street Festival (9AM-6PM); Movie (7PM-8:30PM) Please call 770-482-8136 for more details.

New Covenant Christian Ministries Annual Hallelujah Fest

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: New Covenant Church
1760 Phillips Road
Lithonia, GA 30058

The congregation will decorate cars and fill the car's trunks with candy for kids in the community. There also will be music, free popcorn, cotton candy, games and a costume contest. The church will also have a concession to raise money for its ministries.

DC Blazers Youth Organization & Office of School Improvement Host Event

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: Stone Mountain High School
4555 Central Avenue
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

The workshop is designed to help parents and students become familiar with the financial assistance services that are offered by colleges and universities through the institution, as well as state and federal programs. Contact Delicia Lucky at 770-322-5273 for more details.

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church Kiss Diabetes Goodbye Special Event

When: Sunday, November 1, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: New Birth Missionary Baptist
6400 Woodrow Road
Lithonia, GA 30038

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church is committed to establishing a healthy community. Come by the Multi-Purpose Room for free health screenings and diabetes education.

DeKalb Neighborhood Summit

When: Saturday, November 14, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Join us for a gathering of DeKalb County community and neighborhood leaders working together to strengthen our neighborhoods! Attendance is free but due to limited space, registration is required. For more information please visit www.oneDeKalb.com. Deadline for registration is Friday, November 6, 2009.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAY FAMILY



As we draw nearer to the holiday season, I hope that each of you is able to spend quality time with your families and that you truly enjoy the times that you share this season. Thank you once again for reading our newsletter, and I look forward to working with you to help make DeKalb County District 5 the best place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

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