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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT 5

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Commissioner's Corner



Rally To Reduce Health Disparities

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Why are some populations in Fulton County sicker than everybody else and die earlier than everybody else (even after they stop smoking, diet, and exercise)? Public Health Officials say the answer requires a look at both natural and “unnatural” causes of illness in Fulton County.

The “Health Disparities Initiative” adopted by the BOC on January 21 kicks off on May 14, at 10:00am at the Harriett G. Darnell Senior Facility. We have talked the talk—Now it is time to walk the walk! Be there!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Emma I. Darnell
Fulton County District 5,
Board of Commissioners



Fulton Awards Grady Hospital \$50 Million; Services to Eligible Fulton Residents Only

On January 21, by the adoption of the '09 Fulton County General Fund Budget, the Grady Hospital System received a \$50 million dollar grant to provide quality healthcare services to indigent Fulton County residents. The grant was subject to receipt of the following information by the 15th of each month: (1) Number of eligible Fulton residents (2) Income data and (3) Residency data. The system is also required to demonstrate it has met, at a minimum, the “'09 Patient Safety Goals” of the Joint Commission (accrediting agency). Prior to 2009, Fulton (and DeKalb) counties paid for the “Total Operating Deficit” of the system. In 2007, this amount included \$39 million dollars related to costs for the treatment of non-residents of Fulton and DeKalb Counties.



Legislature Targets Local Governments; Homeowner Grants Eliminated; Tax Cuts for Large Investors Adopted

When the Georgia Legislature adjourned on Friday, April 3, 2009, legislators sent a message to local governments—cut services or raise taxes. “Homeowners’ Relief grants were abolished; “caps on assessments” legislation will force counties to choose between tax increases or libraries. Tax cuts for large investors were approved.

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Four Fulton Senators Approve Health Benefits for (Retired) State Judges

In violation of the Fulton County Delegation Rules relating to the circulation of bills for signatures, this bill received four (4) signatures—three (3) Republican members and one Democratic member, Kasim Reed, for passage on the Senate Local Calendar. HB118 will allow retired Superior Court Judges to receive the same health benefits as retired Fulton County Employees.

Health benefits for retired persons or “post-employment benefits” have been restricted to Fulton County employees until now.



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Multipurpose Facility*
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Atlanta, GA 30331
(404) 699-8580

Dogwood Senior Center
1953 Donald Hollowell Pkwy., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30318
(404) 792-4964

Northside Shepherd Senior Center
1705 Commerce Dr., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30318
(404) 351-3889

New Horizons Senior Center
745 Orr St., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30314
(404) 730-7343

*Helene S. Mills (Northeast)
Senior Multipurpose Facility*
515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30312

ARTS CENTER

Southwest Arts Center
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Atlanta, GA 30331
(404) 505-3220

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Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30311
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1247 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., N.W.
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Stimulus Funds to Expand Fulton Services to Homeless, Unemployed, Frail Elderly

Fulton County will receive direct funding from U.S. Stimulus Funds grants to expand the Workforce Development (Jobs, Job Training and Placement) Program. Other existing human services programs receiving “Stimulus” funding include the “Meals on Wheels” (Frail Elderly Nutritional Program) and the CDBG Housing and Community Development Programs.

Board of Commissioners Re-defines “Technical Advisor”; Composition of (Purchasing) Selection Committee

To conform with board policy regarding the fair administration of purchasing policies and procedures, the Board of Commissioners has re-defined “Technical Advisor” and “Selection Committee.”

The “Technical Advisor” may not be an employee of Fulton County and shall submit written rather than numerical evaluations of proposals based upon the requirements of the RFP. The Selection Committee has been changed from two representatives from the user department and one from the Purchasing Department to two (2) representatives from the Purchasing Department, two (2) representatives from the user department and one voting representative from the Department of Finance who shall be a non-voting member where the Finance Department is the user department .

Board of Commissioners Calls for Review of Process for Making Text Amendments to the Zoning Resolution

Because certain provisions of the Amendment to Article 28 may cause confusion and uncertainty among residents as to how a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution is achieved, the County Manager has been directed to (1) prepare and process amendments to Article 28 that, at a minimum, clarify the meaning of the term “ recognized community group or organization” and (2) provide objective standards for the determination of which groups or organizations are “impacted” by proposed amendments to the text of the Zoning Resolution.

What's Happening

April 27– Fulton County Townhall Meeting.
District 5 Unincorporated South Fulton. Hosted
at the Southwest Arts Center @7:00pm

May 14– Health Disparities Rally! Hosted at the
Harriett G. Darnell Senior Facility @ 10:00am

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