

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

*No man is an island entire of itself; every man
is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. - John Donne*

Teamwork makes the dream work is more than flowery rhetoric, it is a true statement. Fulton County now consists of 15 cities and a sliver of an unincorporated area. We are proud to welcome the city of South Fulton in our family of cities. Within the next two years, Fulton County will no longer offer municipal services, which include police, code enforcement, zoning, parks & recreation, planning, and fire. What Fulton County will continue to provide to its 900,000+ residents are the following: courts, jails, behavioral health, arts & culture, senior services, and community development. With a narrowed focus, the County will strive to become best in class in all of these service areas.

In a spirit of collaboration, we will continue working with federal, state, and municipal governments to improve the quality of life for all Fulton County's residents. With five commissioners until November's election, we will reach beyond differences and truly embrace bipartisanship for the greater good. We want businesses, residents, and visitors to #SelectFulton as Georgia's premier county to live, work, play, and stay.

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Warm Regards,

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Fulton County Commissioner, District 5



Carver Cluster Backpack Giveaway

Collaborative Efforts

Over the past couple of months, my office has participated in collaborative efforts that have augmented resources for District 5 communities. Two years ago, Welcome All became the first public park to receive a new basketball court, courtesy of the Atlanta Hawks Foundation's Court Renovation Program. In July of 2016 and June of 2017, the Atlanta Hawks hosted two basketball camps which served over 200 boys and girls ages 7-15. This July, on behalf of the Atlanta Hawks Foundation, [Dominique Wilkins](#) presented 500 backpacks filled with supplies for youth returning to school. Each backpack contained composition notebooks, a Hawks-branded folder and bracelet, crayons, index cards, glue sticks, markers, pencils, and a pencil sharpener. In late August, the [Hawks donated 200 more backpacks](#) to my office and the Hawks Cheerleaders participated as we presented the bags to the Carver Cluster School students.

Also, my office joined Fulton County Government's Certified Public Manager Program inaugural class and [Vision To Learn in](#) free eye screenings that culminated with 100+ youth receiving free eye glasses. The Chick-fil-A Foundation provided free lunches to all the youth. We are thankful for socially responsible corporate and nonprofit partners. Through these collaborative efforts, we can supplement what we can do and who we can reach.



Vision To Learn Eyeglasses Giveaway



Black Atlanta Hawks School Supply Giveaway



2017 Accelerated Youth Employment Initiative

Increasing Opportunities

To kick off the summer, my office in collaboration with WorkSource Fulton hosted the [2017 Accelerated Youth Employment Initiative](#) to help rising freshmen through seniors obtain summer employment. Some of the employers included Waffle House, Wendy's, ABM, Cracker Barrel, and Murray Security. In concert with this initiative, I worked with the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution that secured \$500,000 for nearly 250 youth to gain summer employment. Fulton County offered paid summer internships in its various departments. Corporate partners teamed up with us to provide meaningful opportunities for these youth ages 16-24 that live in areas affected by high unemployment and crime rates. We are working to provide sustainable solutions to curb juvenile delinquency through opportunities that enrich the lives of our youth.

Also, this summer, Fulton County graduated another class of [Fulton County Youth Commissioners](#) at Zoo Atlanta, located in District 5, where I served as emcee. To be youth commissioners, students must show not only scholastic excellence, but also a commitment to service. Youth Commissioners represent all districts in Fulton County. Please stay connected with my office via email or social media to keep abreast of upcoming opportunities and initiatives.



Fulton Youth Commissioners Graduation

D5 Summer Socials

3rd Annual It Takes A Village



Our office partnered with the Friends of Wolf Creek and was proud to host the 3rd Annual It Takes A Village Back-to-School Giveaway. Thanks to community partners Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, WellCare, Amerigroup, Waste Industries, and WellStar, we provided 1,000 backpacks with supplies to families. We owe special thanks to GreyStone Power for enabling us to award \$500 book scholarships to our participating college students and \$500 awards to the winners of our first Write To Rise competition.

We would also like to say thank you to our volunteers from Marsy's Law for Georgia, 100 Black Women of Georgia, and the Eastern Stars who helped us serve the community. It truly *takes a village*, and we are grateful for the continued support we receive from our community partners and you.

District 5 2017 Upcoming Events

Joan P. Garner Walk & Health Fair

October 7th
Oak Hill Family Center

D5 Annual Job Fair

October 11th
Georgia International Convention Center

2017 Georgia HOA Boot Camp

November 18th
Georgia International Convention Center



Blanket Atlanta With Love

Clothing Drive November 6th-17th, Dinner & Distribution November 21st
Fulton County Government Center

District Dialogues Town Halls

December 5th, 7th, 12th
Rosel Fann, Wolf Creek Library, Bowden Center

Dads, Daughters, & Dolls

Toy Drive December 4th-15th
Gift Wrapping & Distribution December 18th