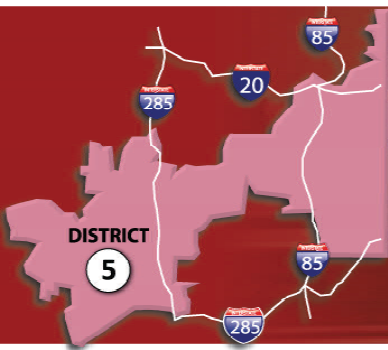




MARVIN S. ARRINGTON, JR.



FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER

Greetings Neighbors and Friends:

As the first quarter of 2016 comes to an end, I want to share some updates with you. In January, the Board of Commissioners (BOC) adopted the [final budget for 2016](#) and [new strategic plan for Fulton County](#). Fulton County made budgetary cuts across Fulton County departments. The BOC is monitoring the impact of this decision and mitigating risks as they may relate to services. Rest assured, as your commissioner, providing quality services to you is paramount to me, and I will do all in my power to work on your behalf.



Another very important decision on the horizon is the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). My colleagues and I have been meeting with Fulton County mayors since last year and discussing the possibility of bringing TSPLOST before residents to vote later this year. We are continuing to meet and nearing a decision. The proposed TSPLOST referendum would seek to improve the transportation infrastructure and possibly transit countywide by cities, including Unincorporated Fulton County. Stay tuned for more information on this very important issue.

Recently, I traveled to Washington, DC for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference. During this conference, I met county commissioners from across the country and attended workshops and meetings, learning about programs and initiatives that may be beneficial to Fulton County. As a Fulton County Executive Sponsor for both Safety and Arts & Culture, I will continue seeking knowledge and best practices that will enhance our county's service offerings and the lives of all of our citizens.

May God Bless You,
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.
Commissioner, District 5

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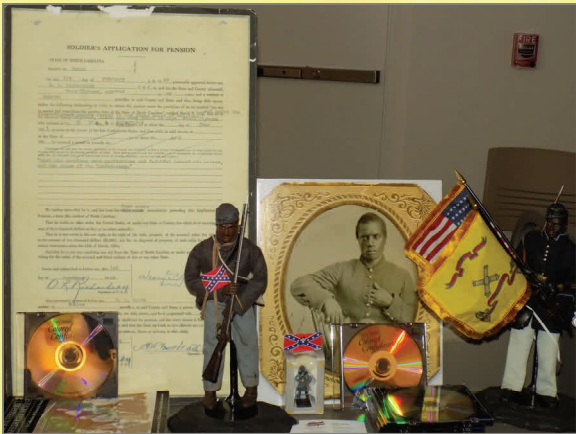
SPECIAL DATES

- Daylight Savings, March 16th
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17th
- Easter, March 27th
- Spring Break, April 4th - 8th
- Mother's Day, May 8th

2016 Black History Film Festival



My office was proud to host our 2nd Annual Black History Film Festival (BHFF), February 26-27, 2016. This year, we incorporated an essay and film competition, *My Unsung Black History Hero*, which was open to all high schools students in Fulton County. The winner of the essay competition was Monique Epps of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, and the winner of the film competition was Devin Pittman of Therrell High School. The winners were announced and awarded \$500 at the BHFF Opening Reception. Click [here](#) to view the winning film.



The BHFF Opening Reception occurred the night before the film festival. During this well-attended opening night, we screened the *Making of Modern Atlanta* by former Mayor of Atlanta, Ambassador Andrew Young. After the screening, Andrea Young, the daughter of Ambassador Young, engaged the audience with an extensive Q&A session. Throughout the evening, we had a book signing for author Lt. Commander Bashon Mann's book, *Daddy's Love Notes*, which coincided with the Friends of Wolf Creek Library book sale. The Friends of Wolf Creek Library will sell slightly used books, DVDs, and CDs at Wolf Creek's book store.



This year the BHFF expanded and took place at both Wolf Creek and Metropolitan Libraries. We had the privilege of having filmmakers present to conduct Q&A after their films at both libraries. At Metropolitan Library, *Black Friday* was screened and filmmaker Ric Mathis conducted the Q&A. At Wolf Creek Library, *Colored Confederates* was screened and filmmaker and curator, Earl Ijames, conducted the Q&A and presented an exhibit.

We thank our partners, FGTV and ATL26, for airing some of the featured documentaries on their stations during Black History Month. Next year, it is our hope to expand BHFF county-wide to share the stories of unsung Black History heroes told through the lenses of urban filmmakers. Click [here](#) to see pictures.



In The Community

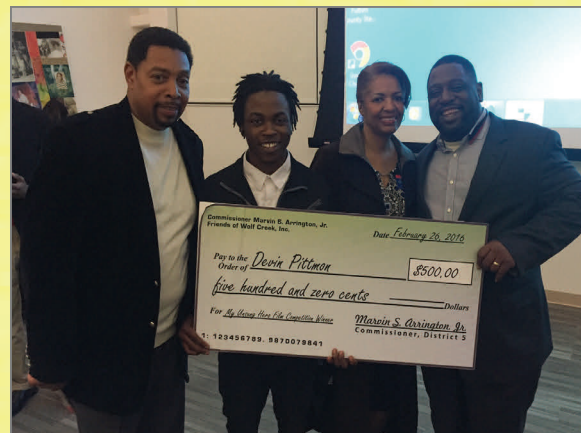
On February 5th, the day before Super Bowl, my office and our strategic partners (Outside Looking In, Hardnett Foundation, Chick Fil-A, and Suite Food Lounge) hosted our annual 4th & Hungry Super Bowl party for the homeless. During this annual event, we bring the Super Bowl festivities and food to the homeless. NFL alumni help us serve food and distribute clothing to our citizens in need.

In addition to presenting proclamations, I have been honored to serve as keynote speaker for events in District 5 and beyond. Here are a few:

- East Point's 10th Annual MLK Celebration
- AFSCME Screening: At the River I Stand
- Fulton County Retired Employees Luncheon
- Bethlehem AME Men's Day

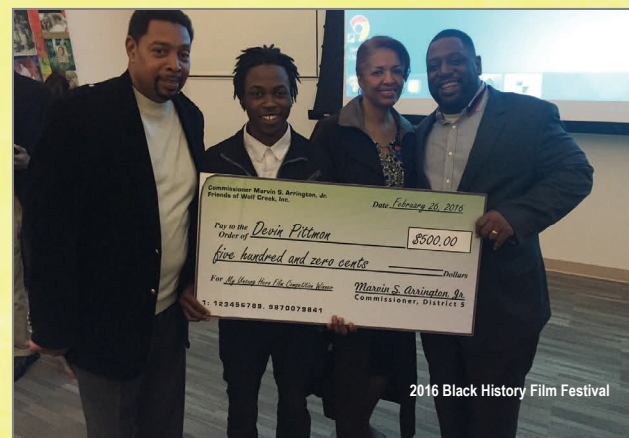


My office is partnering with the GA HOA Alliance to host a *Community Summit Education Series: Annexation, Deannexation, and Incorporation* on Saturday, April 16th at Westlake High School from 10am to 1pm. The Community Summit Educational Series is a series of special called forums for citizens and business owners to learn about pressing policies in a non-biased and non-political manner. Our communities are plagued with many things, but misinformation shouldn't be one of them. Click [here](#) to RSVP.



2016 Calendar of Events

Month	District 5 Sponsored Events & Co-Sponsored Events
January	BHFF Essay & Film Competition: all month
February	4th & Hungry Super Bowl Party: 6th BHFF Opening Reception: 26th Black History Film Festival: 27th
March	Constituent Services Task Force: 26th
April	District Dialogues: 12th, 19th, 21st Greater South Fulton County Fair: 1st –10th GA HOA Community Forum: Annexation: 16th Supreme Dream Foundation Vegas in Atlanta Kid Fundraiser: 23rd South Fulton Road Race: 30th
May	2nd Annual Family Fun Day: 14th Wolf Creek Concert Series kickoff: 7th
June	Dames, Divas, & Dolls: 11th
July	SW Family Music Festival: 30th
August	District Dialogues: 9th, 16th, 23rd Back to School Drive & Book Scholarship (TBA)
September	Taste of South Fulton: 12th
October	Tent Cities Fall Festival: 1st
November	HOA Boot Camp: 5th Blanket Atlanta With Love Drive: 7th-18th Blanket Atlanta With Love Dinner: 22nd
December	District Dialogues: 1st, 6th, 13th Dads, Daughters, & Dolls Drive: 5th-16th Dads, Daughters, & Dolls Drive Party: 20th



Don't forget to...



SPRING FORWARD!

In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 13 March 2016, clocks will be forwarded one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time

For more information about District 5 events, please visit our website and follow us on social media.

Also, tune into FGTV for our monthly airings of **District Dialogues**, our 30-minute television show where community partners share initiatives and events that are happening in our great district and county.

#DistrictDialogues #FGTV