

MARVIN ARRINGTON, JR., DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER

2017 SPRING QUARTERLY EDITION



Rest in Paradise Judge Willie Lovett, Jr.

Sunrise: March 22, 1963 Sunset: January 30, 2017

Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

Times are changing and life seems to be moving in fast forward. However, what are we doing with the time allotted to us? I am reminded of a passage that states, *"You don't know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? It is a vapor, that appears for a little while and then vanishes."* On Thursday, January 12, 2017, Districts 5 and 6 held a public safety town hall. Judge Willie Lovett, Jr. of Fulton County Juvenile Court shared with our constituents insight on Juvenile Court operations and the laws surrounding the detention of juveniles. He told us why juveniles are not punished as harshly as adults and encouraged residents to never give up on our youth.

On January 30, 2017, Judge Lovett, at age 55, transitioned from this life. At the next Commissioners' meeting, with full board support, I sponsored a proclamation declaring Wednesday, February 15th, Judge Willie Lovett, Jr. Day in Fulton County, GA. When we look at the brevity of the dates mentioned, life is but a vapor. In knowing this, we have to make every day count. Every day is another opportunity to build your legacy. What do you want to be remembered for is the question that should drive and guide you every day. It's good building your resume, however it is even better to build your eulogy. Your resume says what you did, but your eulogy says who you were. In 2017, seize opportunities and cherish moments.

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Warm Regards,
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.
Commissioner, District 5



Fulton County Mayors' Meeting



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Public Safety: All People Are Safe

Due to the rising crime at gas stations in South Fulton, Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, District 6, and I hosted a [public safety town hall](#) at the Southwest Arts Center on January 12th. We are taking steps to ensure the residents of our districts are safe where they live, work, play, pray, and pay! As an Executive Sponsor of Public Safety in Fulton County, I sponsored a resolution that allowed gas stations and convenience stores that have high incidents of crime to employ certain security measures to avoid having their alcohol licenses suspended. In doing so, we are trying to work with the business owners and at the same time ensure "all people are safe." Daphne Jordan, founder of [Safer Communities in South Fulton](#), formerly known as High Crimes in South Fulton, brought the legislation to me and I presented it to the Board of Commissioners. Although it failed the first time because of a lack of four affirmative votes, it passed the second time with six affirmative votes. I would like to thank Daphne Jordan for her efforts and activism in our community.

Many businesses have complied with the amended code and are working with Fulton County Police to protect patrons. Fulton County Police has stationed officers at some gas stations that had high incidents of slider crime and theft. During our town hall, Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell and Councilmen Michael Julian Bond and Kwanza Hall offered their support and listened to the concerns of residents. At the town hall, we were also joined by the Nation of Islam and Christian ministers united to restore safety and peace to our communities. Stay tuned for more ways you can become involved!



Black History Competitions Contestants



Black History Comp



Public Safety Town Hall



Wolf Creek Multi-Use Trail Ground Breaking

2017 Black History Film Festival

On Friday, February 17th at Wolf Creek Library, my office hosted the Opening Reception of our annual Black History Film Festival. We screened [*Take Me Home*](#), a short documentary produced by the American Heart Association featuring Atlanta native and former record executive, [*Shanti Das*](#). Maynard and Wendy Jackson premiered the trailer of [*Maynard Jackson, Jr.*](#), a documentary about their father, the first black mayor of a southern city. [*Actor Lamman Rucker*](#) and co-stars, [*Lovie Simone*](#) and [*Desiree Ross*](#), helped us award \$1000 to winners of the annual My Unsung Hero Essay and Film Competitions sponsored by Friends of Wolf Creek.

On Saturday, February 18th, the Black History Film Festival continued at both Wolf Creek and Metropolitan Libraries. Some of the movies screened were: *The Clinton 12*, *Black Friday, February 1*, and *We the People* from Crispus Attucks to Barack Obama. With Urban Film Review and [*DC Mayor Muriel Bowser*](#), Black History Film Festival has expanded to Washington, DC and will take place in the historic Lincoln Theatre. Next year, neighboring counties, DeKalb and Clayton, will join us and host the film festival. As an Executive Sponsor of Arts and Culture, I am proud to report that the film festival received national recognition from the [*National Association of Counties \(NACo\)*](#) where I serve on the Arts Commission. I am working hard to ensure #AllPeoplesLivesAreCulturallyEnriched!



Competitions Winners



Black History Film Festival VIPs

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 13

10:00am - 2:00pm
Oak Hill Family Center



2017

FAMILY

FUN DAY



2017 DISTRICT DIALOGUES



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FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER



District Dialogues are town hall meetings held by Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. where residents can receive information about Fulton County government and District 5 initiatives, events, and activities.

ALL TIMES: 6:00PM - 7:30PM

(Light refreshments will be provided)



APRIL	AUGUST	DECEMBER
Southeast Library Tuesday, 4th	Metropolitan Library Monday, 7th	Zoo Atlanta Tuesday, 5th
Bowden Senior Center Thursday, 13th	East Point Library Thursday, 17th	Wolf Creek Library Thursday, 7th
Welcome All Park Thursday, 20th	South Annex Thursday, 24th	Bowden Senior Center Tuesday, 12th