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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IS MAY 12-18



Shane Wilson



Hugo Arango



Henry Rainey

In Appreciation of the Men and Women Who Keep Us Safe

The City of Doraville has a dedicated department of sworn police officers, and we are thankful for the work that they do to keep us safe. The Doraville Police Department, under the direction of Chief John King, has 24 uniformed officers, including three corporals, four sergeants and two lieutenants.

Next week is National Police Week, and Maj. Chuck Atkinson of Doraville PD is in Washington, D.C., to participate in a three-day, 250-mile bike ride in memory of fallen officers. Atkinson has been part of the ride, the Police Unity Tour, for the past few years.

In its history, Doraville PD has lost three officers in the line of duty: Detective Shane Wilson (Nov. 14, 2011), Detective Hugo Arango (May 13, 2000) and Officer Henry Rainey (May 2, 1963).



Everyone in the Pool! Swim Season at Flowers Park to Open on May 25

Need to cool off? Hang on, swimming season is almost here! The schedule has been announced for the community pool in Flowers Park, 5921 New Peachtree Road. The pool will open for the summer on Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend). It will be open six days a week (closed Mondays except for May 27) through Aug. 4 but open only on Saturdays and Sundays from Aug. 5 through Sept. 2.

For details, including hours of operation plus information on daily fees, season passes and water aerobics, [click here](#).

Work Underway to Improve Pavilion Accessibility at Brook Park



Work began this week at Brook Park to improve accessibility at the park's picnic pavilion. The six-acre park, at 3193 Raymond Drive in Northwoods, is Doraville's third-largest park behind Honeysuckle Park and Autumn Park.

Larry King, the City's director of public works, said he expects the work at Brook Park to be completed in mid-June.

Forum on Top End Project Set for Tuesday

The Georgia Department of Transportation will host a community forum regarding the I-285 Top End Express Lanes project from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at the Clarion Conference Center, 2001 Clearview Ave. The project is intended to improve mobility along the I-285 top end in metro Atlanta, one of the most heavily traveled and congested interstate highways in the U.S.

The project would add two new elevated, barrier-separated express lanes in both directions of I-285, alongside the existing general purpose lanes. Construction would begin in 2023 and be completed in 2028. For more information: www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/I285TopEnd



Next Week at the Library

Registration is open for "Art in the Afternoon" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at the Doraville Library. Supplies will be furnished for watercolor painting. The American Short Stories Discussion Group will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. The group's May selection is "I Live on Your Visits" by Dorothy Parker. For more information: (770) 936-3852.



Mayor's State of the City Address Points Toward Sunny Future



The rain came at the end, but it wasn't enough to wash away the good feelings from last Friday evening's State of the City event at Assembly Yards. "Doraville is on the rise," Mayor Donna Pittman said in her annual address, which will be available online next week if you missed it. Earlier in the day, Gov. Brian Kemp attended the grand opening of Serta Simmons' headquarters at Assembly and rode in the autonomous vehicle that will ferry Serta Simmons employees to and from the MARTA rail station.

Thank you to the City's volunteers and especially to Doraville's new manager of special events,

Maggie Dimov, for making State of the City a success!

City Council Backs Tenants' Rights in Special Called Meeting

At a special called meeting on Monday, the Doraville City Council approved a resolution supporting House Bill 346, relating to landlord retaliation against tenants for reporting code and housing violations. It also authorized the City to waive a one-time permit fee and waive the first re-inspection fee for 11 approved permit types for residential/single-family homes, effective May 7 through July 6.

The council will hold a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, and its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20.



Are You Down for the Count? With the 2020 Census, You Should Be



It's important that all of Doraville's residents be counted in next year's U.S. Census. Why? Because the Census determines where to build new schools and public facilities, how congressional seats are appointed and how federal funding is distributed. It also provides baseline data for analytical services, helps local governments with long-term planning, and determines eligibility requirements for incentive and grant programs.

The City will be collaborating with community-based organizations to maximize resources, and there will be opportunities for residents to earn extra money while helping the community achieve a complete count. For more information on Census-related jobs: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

Reminder on May Vehicle Registrations

DeKalb County vehicle registrations and titling services will be unavailable May 23-28 so that the Georgia Department of Revenue can install a new system, Georgia DRIVES.

To accommodate the closure, Motor Vehicle and Commercial/Dealer lobbies will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. For more information: www.DeKalbTax.org.



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