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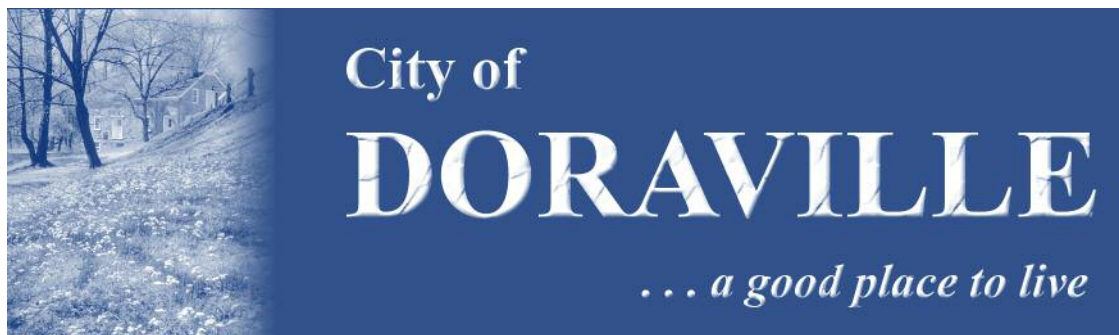
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## *Mayor's Report . . .*

Spring is here, and with it comes many new opportunities. Doraville citizens are now participating in the Citizens Police Academy, the Friends of Doraville Library and Recreation Department activities. I want to encourage everyone to become involved. As more members of the community participate in the City, our City will better reflect and respond to the needs and desires of its citizens.

Following is a letter I sent to all Doraville businesses in order to foster a better relationship with them. Please encourage local business owners to become involved.

Respectfully,

*Ray Jenkins*

Mayor

### **RE: Mayor's Initiative: "Doraville is Better for Business"**

Dear Business Leader:

As Mayor of the City of Doraville, I recognize that together, City Government and local business can work to promote business growth in the City. A committee made up of business leaders and myself as a liaison of City government will greatly benefit both the City and business. This recognition that business progress benefits both business and the City is evident in the name of this initiative: "Doraville is Better for Business."

I therefore invite each business to participate in a committee to be formed so as to increase communication between the Mayor and local businesses. This joint effort will enable the City to better address the current and future needs of business.

Since this joint effort is designed to promote business in the City, I want your ideas regarding the benefits of a Mayor's "Doraville is Better for Business" initiative. I welcome your ideas and suggest that we have an organizational meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 3:00pm at City Hall. You may contact me at (770) 451-8745 or at [cityhall@doravillega.us](mailto:cityhall@doravillega.us). I look forward to working with you towards our common goals.

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY THE CHIEF'S CORNER

On March 6th twenty-three residents of the Doraville area met at the Police Department for the first ever Citizens Police Academy! Our class is a diverse group including men and women of all ages—longtime residents, new neighbors and business people who live or work in Doraville. We began in the office of Chief King who gave us an overview of the department and answered questions from CPA participants. After that we were escorted to a new training room in a building at the back of the Police Department. Each of us was issued an official-looking black polo shirt with a Citizens Police Academy logo. We will wear these shirts to our future classes. Next, we were introduced to the police officers who will be conducting our training every Tuesday night for the next nine weeks. Each officer then gave an overview of the topics s/he will cover in the CPA curriculum. We heard from Capt. Jamey Brown, Lt. Mark Hamrick, Sgt. Brandi Rogers, Capt. Chuck Atkinson, Lt. Josh Sellers and Lt. Rodney Brinkley. We learned that the Police Department has 71 employees of whom 40 are sworn officers. Several years ago the Doraville Police Department began a rigorous application process for state certification for the first time. They were successful. The department received its state certification in April of 2006. To keep this certification, the department must continue to show that they meet state standards during follow up reviews every three years. We also learned that about 750,000 cars travel through Doraville on an average workday!

Our first class topic was “911 Operations” presented by Administrative Division head Lt. Rodney Brinkley. We learned that the first 911 system call in Doraville was placed on June 29, 2005, and that the department took 15,000 emergency calls during the first year. After the presentation our class toured the jail, offices and communications center room where the 911 dispatchers handle the incoming calls and communications with the officers in the field. We saw how 911 dispatchers monitor this activity using four different monitors, two phone systems and a radio panel. We learned that the radio code “1025” means the officer is reporting “I’m O.K.!” More later. – report by Susan Fraysse



I appreciate the community’s support and City Council’s approval to fund the positions of Code Enforcement Officers. We have developed job descriptions and are advertising for the positions. Once hired, these new Officers will undergo a rigorous training program to give them the tools to do an effective job in code enforcement and other quality of life issues affecting our city.

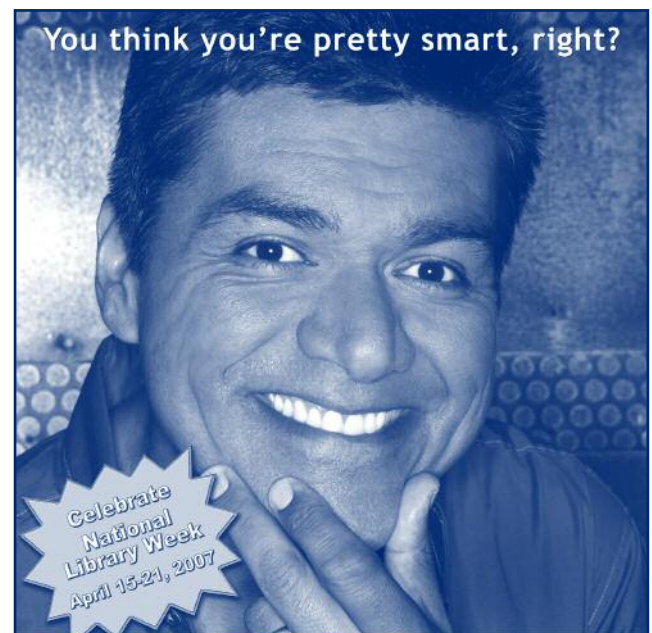
The Doraville Citizens Police Academy has begun, and perhaps the most diverse group of individuals is currently participating in classes every week. The common denominator of this group is their love for our community. Our employees involved are very excited to present information on all facets of our department. If you are interested in this program, please take the time to speak to Captain Brown and his staff and fill out an application. We will be conducting this course again in the future.

We have sent two of our officers to Jacksonville, Florida to attend the On-Scene Accident Investigators Course. This course helps our department reconstruct accident scenes where severe injuries or deaths have occurred. Unfortunately, our “pedestrians struck by vehicle” rate is still entirely too high. Please help us by driving carefully. Also, do your part to improve the quality of life by maintaining your properties with consideration for your neighbors.

Respectfully,

John King

Chief of Police



**Today's library is not what you remember. It's even better.**

Want to research your next vacation? Get homework help? Write a resume? Surf the Web? Or maybe you just want to curl up with your favorite book and enjoy some peace and quiet. It's all @ your library. Make a visit to your library a regular part of your schedule and bring the family.

A message from George Lopez about America's libraries

ALA American Library Association

The Campaign for America's Libraries

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library <b>SUMMER CAMP &amp; ART CLASS REGISTRATIONS BEGIN</b> Work Session, 6pm <b>City Council Mtg</b>	<b>3</b>  Citizen Police Academy 6:30-9:30pm, Police Dept	<b>4</b> Easter Bunny Bash 10:30am, Library	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library  NNA Mtg 7pm, Civic Ctr	<b>10</b> Highway Watch 9am, Library  Citizen Police Academy 6:30-9:30pm, Police Dept	<b>11</b> Storytime 10:30am, Library Seniors Birthday Luncheon 11:30am, Civic Ctr	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Easter	<b>16</b> English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library  Work Session, 6pm <b>City Council Mtg</b> 7pm, City Hall	<b>17</b> National Library Workers Day  Citizen Police Academy 6:30-9:30pm, Police Dept	<b>18</b> Storytime 10:30am, Library <b>NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK</b>  ONA Mtg 7pm, Civic Ctr	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Library Open House 2-4pm, Library
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library	<b>24</b>  Citizen Police Academy 6:30-9:30pm, Police Dept	<b>25</b> Storytime 10:30am, Library	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City of Doraville</b> www.doravillega.us</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">APRIL 2007</h1>				

# RECREATION NEWS

## SUMMER CAMP

The Doraville Recreation Department Summer Camp provides a variety of structured activities for children ages 5 to 12. A full day's activities are planned. Participants are divided into groups under competent leadership (2 counselors for every 15 participants per age group). The Camp will be offered for 8 weeks — 4 weeks, from June 4th through June 29th, and 4 weeks, from July 9th through August 3rd. This year our director is certified schoolteacher Shernette Denerson.

- Weekly program includes: Arts and Crafts, Games, Outdoor Activities, Recreational Swimming, Field Trips and Special Events.
- Monday – Friday Schedule: 7:00am-9:00am Arrival of Campers/Supervised Free Play (additional fee)  
9:00am-4:00pm Organized Camp Activities  
4:00pm-6:00pm Departure of Campers/Supervised Free Play (additional fee)
- Fee Information: \$70 per week 1st child  
\$60 per week 2nd child  
\$50 per week (each additional child)  
\$10 per week (early arrival and late pick up)
- Campers Should Bring: Lunch, including beverage  
2 Snacks (Snacks may be purchased from concessions)  
Swim Suit & Towel  
Extra Change of Clothes if necessary to the individual  
Miscellaneous items (announced during the week)  
Wear comfortable shirt and shorts, tennis shoes and socks

**Registration begins April 2, 2007.**

Call the Doraville Recreation Department at (770) 936-3850 for additional information.

## SUMMER ART CAMP

G & H Visual and Performing Arts is offering day and evening Art Classes.

Painting	Figure Drawing	Airbrush Painting
Drawing	Cartooning	Still Life Painting
Photography	Pastel	Light & Color
Fabric Painting	Portrait Painting	Water Color Painting
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If interested in any of these classes, SIGN UP NOW! Classes are limited.  
For more information, Please call Mr. Raun Hardwrit at (404)453-2653.

**Registration begins April 2, 2007**

Classes are held at the Doraville Arena, 3037 Pleasant Valley Dr., Doraville, Ga. 30340



## ALL ABOUT U SPORTS

Presents: **Basketball 101**

Benefits to Child:  
Learning while having fun  
Challenging environment  
Small groups / 1-on-1 attention  
Increasing basketball IQ

Benefits to Parent:  
Watch child have fun  
Watch child grow  
Watch child learn  
Watch child increase knowledge



Who: Boys and girls age 10-13  
When: Every Monday beginning April 9  
Where: Doraville Arena  
Cost: \$75/Six Sessions (first twelve to register)  
For more information call Bryan K. Spencer @ (404) 717-7344 or the Doraville Recreation Department @ (770) 936-3850.

# ANIMAL CONTROL



## *Solving Barking Problems*

Some canine behavior problems, such as house soiling, affect only a dog's family. But problems such as escaping and excessive barking can result in neighborhood disputes and violations of animal control ordinances, and that means problems with your pet can soon become "people problems." It's perfectly normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time, however continual barking is a symptom of a problem that needs to be addressed. If your dog's "talkative nature" has created tension with your neighbors, then it's a good idea to discuss the problem with them and let them know you are actively working on the problem.

The first step is to determine when and for how long your dog barks and what causes him/her to bark—loneliness, protectiveness/territorialism, fear or separation anxiety. If your dog

is barking out of boredom or loneliness, expand his/her world and increase his "people time" by taking her/him on two walks a day as well by spending daily time petting, grooming, exercising and playing with her/him. Also, provide safe, interesting toys to keep your dog busy when you are not home. If your dog is guarding his/her territory, you can teach her/him a "quiet" command, methodically desensitize him/her to the stimulus that triggers the barking and have your dog spayed or neutered to decrease territorial behavior. If your dog is responding to something s/he's afraid of, identify the fear and desensitize him/her to it. You may need professional help with the desensitization process. Avoid coddling your dog because it can be interpreted as a reward for the fearful behavior. If the barking is due to separation anxiety, some cases can be resolved using counterconditioning

and desensitization techniques. Other cases may also require medication prescribed by your veterinarian.

Although there are several types of bark collars on the market, they are not recommended because if used alone, they don't address the underlying causes of the barking. They may eliminate the barking but symptom substitution may occur and your dog may begin digging or escaping, or become destructive or even aggressive. Bark collars can be used in conjunction with behavior modification that specifically addresses the reason for the barking; however, you should never use a bark collar on your dog if his barking is due to separation anxiety or fears and phobias because punishment always makes fear and anxiety behaviors worse.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*The Friends of Doraville Library, Inc.* was formed to provide assistance with public relations, fundraising, advocacy, and cultural programs. On March 10th, sixteen enthusiastic citizens became the first members of the Friends group. The members then unanimously approved the following slate of officers who will serve for one year—President, Rich Hammett; Vice-Presidents, Janet Helgeson and Maria Alexander; Secretary, Susan Fraysse; Treasurer, Ullainee Stokes; Membership Committee Chair, Holly Sinclair; Book Sale Committee Chair, Bryan Simonetti; and Programs Chair, Susan Crawford. Congratulations to these new officers. If you would like to become a member, contact Lynn at the Library (770-936-3852) or send an email to doravillefriends@reallyfast.info.



**COME TOGETHER**  
@ your library

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT DORAVILLE LIBRARY, APRIL 15-21

Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities. At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together to learn, to interact and to have fun.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide and the perfect time for our community to "Come together @ your library". First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

In celebration, a Library Open House will be held on Saturday, April 21st, 2-4pm, sponsored by the Friends of Doraville Library. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to become a member of the Friends group. Children and adults are welcome to come dressed as a favorite book character. Come see what's new at your Doraville Library.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Apr 2	Council Work Session • 6:00 pm	City Hall
	<b>City Council Meeting</b> • 7:00 pm	City Hall
	Summer Camp & Art Class Registrations Begin	Arena
4	<b>Easter Bunny Bash</b> • 10:30 am	Library
9	Northwoods Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	Civic Center
10	Highway Watch Training • 9:00 am	Library
11	Seniors' Birthday Luncheon • 11:30 am	Civic Center
12	<b>Planning Commission</b> • 7:00 pm	City Hall
15-21	<i>Come Together @ Your Library (National Library Week)</i>	
16	Council Work Session • 6:00 pm	City Hall
	<b>City Council Meeting</b> • 7:00 pm	City Hall
18	Oakcliff Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	Civic Center
21	<b>Library Open House</b> • 10:00-11:00 am	Library

**ON-GOING PROGRAMS**

Mon, Wed, Fri	Aerobics • 6:30-7:30 pm	Arena
Mon	English Conversation Class • 6-7:30 pm	Library
Tues	Citizens' Police Academy • 6:30-9:30 pm	Police Dept.
Wed	Little Book's Storytime • 10:30 am	Library

**DORAVILLE SENIORS BIRTHDAY**

We bring Birthday greetings to those seniors who will have a birthday this month. The Doraville Seniors Birthday Club would like to help you celebrate your birthday with a potluck luncheon at the Doraville Civic Center on April 11, at 11:30 A.M.

After lunch, any senior who would care to stay is invited to play Bingo. There are also other games available.

This group is working to provide a 55 Alive Driving Class. If anyone is interested, please feel free to call. We have not set up a date and time but will advise all who are interested as soon as we have enough for the class.

The Doraville Seniors Birthday Club would like to thank White Garden Florist for the beautiful arrangements which they donate each month. Each arrangement is then given to a senior attending the luncheon. White Garden has been very supportive of the City of Doraville, and we sincerely appreciate their participation with our group.

Anyone having questions about the Doraville Seniors Birthday Club and their activities, please feel free to call Jackie Beyer at 770-457-9744.