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Emergencies	911
Police	770-455-1000
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Pool	770-458-4186
Library	770-936-3852



Mayor's Report . . .

We hope that you will be taking time to enjoy this holiday season with your friends and family. We want to invite you to City Hall on Friday, December 7th, at 6:00pm to start off the season with your Doraville friends and neighbors at the Mayor's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Councilwoman Donna Pittman will be working with the Mayor to host this event. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided, and Santa Claus will be making a special appearance to meet the children of Doraville. You are also welcome to bring your memorial bulb/ornament to hang on the tree.

There is still time to donate to the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. Donated items will be collected at Doraville City Hall until 4:30pm on Monday, December 3rd and will be delivered to Georgia Regional Hospital—Atlanta the following morning. Gift lists are available at City Hall, Doraville Library, and online at www.gmanet.com/mayors_motorcade. Cash donations are also welcome. Checks should be made out to Georgia Regional Hospital – Atlanta. Your generous donations will make many Christmas dreams come true!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ray Jenkins

Mayor

MAYOR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**SANTA!
HOT
CHOCOLATE!
COOKIES!
FUN!**



**Friday,
December 7th
6:00 - 8:00pm**

**Doraville
City Hall**

Bring your family and your holiday spirit!
You may also bring a memorial ornament to hang on the tree.

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Happy Holidays everyone! I would like to start this month's article by wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

This month, we will all be hunting for gifts for our family and friends. Unfortunately, we don't find all of those gifts in one place. So, we find ourselves going from store to store, loading the bags full of gifts into our cars as we go. Sadly, there are thieves out there waiting for us to do just that. The officers at the Doraville Police Department want to suggest that you take the time to empty out your trunk before you go on your shopping trips so that you can store the bags there and keep them out of view. If your car does not have a trunk, we suggest covering your bags with a dark blanket. There is no guarantee of keeping thieves away from your car, but removing the temptation by storing bags out of sight is a definite way to deter them.

If you plan on leaving town during the holidays, we suggest that you do the following to secure your home—(1) set several lamps in your home on timers, making sure that they are set to turn off and on at different times; (2) let a neighbor know the dates that you will be gone, where you will be, a contact number in case of emergency, and ask them to pick up any papers that are left in your driveway; and, (3) let the Post Office know to stop your mail; they will hold it for you. These are just some of the ways that you can deter crime and protect your home when you aren't there.

I would also like to remind you to be aware of the possibility of cold weather injuries. It's hard to believe that we could have ice when there is so little water these days. But it only takes a little ice to cause a big injury. Just in case your sidewalks, driveways, or any other walking areas do become icy, we suggest that you have some deicing products on hand. If we do have any dangerous winter weather and the roads are unsafe, we strongly suggest that you do not drive. Most of our cars are not equipped to handle the icy roadways. Although the winter weather can be fun, it can be very dangerous. We want you, your family, and your friends to be safe and enjoy the holiday season.

Respectfully,

Chief John King

Doraville Police provide safety instruction to Chinese American women and youth

Recently, Chinese business owners have been frequently robbed. The Chinese American Women's Association in Atlanta decided to provide education in addition to encouraging the business owners to call the police and make a report. On October 16, Doraville Police Detective John H. Kiernan Jr., 3rd Degree Black Belt "Hapkido" & "Muay Thai," and his mother, Master Kathy M. Kier Kiernan, 5th Degree Black Belt "Hapkido," were instructors for a women's self defense class which also included driving safety issues and banking safety issues. Over 40 Chinese citizens attended this class and learned a lot.



Chinese American Women's Association of Atlanta



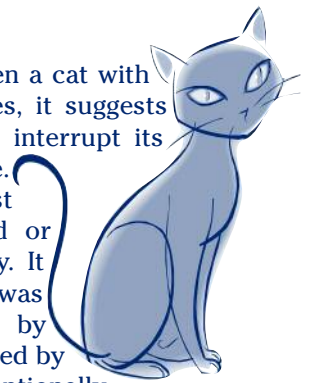
Chinese American Leo Club

On October 14, Sgt. Doug Welch from Doraville Police Department attended the monthly meeting of the Chinese American Leo Club—under the Chinese American Lions Club of Atlanta, GA. Sgt. Welch informally chatted with all the Leo members (ages 12 to 16 years) explaining graffiti, gangs and driving safety.

ADVANCED DISPOSAL MESSAGE
Plastic bags and brown paper bags are accepted at the curbside for yard waste collection every Monday.

"Lost Cat" Behavior

Cats are territorial creatures. When a cat with outdoor access suddenly vanishes, it suggests that something has happened to interrupt its normal behavior of returning home. The disappearance could suggest that the cat is injured, trapped or deceased within its own territory. It could also suggest that the cat was displaced in unfamiliar territory by something as simple as being chased by a dog or other animal, by unintentionally climbing into an open vehicle, or by being transported outside its area by an irate neighbor. The cat may be only a block away or under a deck or similar structure.



When this happens, the temperament of the feline will influence how it behaves. When displaced from familiar territory some cats will become so panicked and afraid they will stay in the same hiding place for days and never return while others will "break cover" within hours and return home.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (770) 936-3850

Doraville Youth Basketball workouts for 2007-2008 season took place back in November; however, it is not too late to sign up. We have openings in every age group. December 15 will be our first practice game. So, if you were waiting for football season to be over or the Thanksgiving Holiday kept you busy and you wish you had registered your child, YOU STILL CAN. Call the Recreation Center at (770) 936-3850.

North DeKalb Youth Football and Cheerleading Wins Championship

After weeks of hard practices, sweat, tears and dropped stunts preparing for the 2007 Georgia Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Competition, the 140lb Charger Cheerleaders of North DeKalb, on October 14th, presented a flawless routine to the hundreds of spectators and brought the Grand Champion Trophy back to Doraville. The ladies practiced five days a week to perfect their routine—they were determined to be the best. This was a hard task for a group of nine 7th and 8th grade girls working to be the best at cheerleading while keeping their grades up in their classes. The squad included Tara Carr, Jasmine Hepburn, Tiana Jones, Tamera Hardy, Jeria Wright, Kenyetta Johnson, Alexxus Turley, Ashley McGlathery, and Ashlin Barringer. They were coached by Mia Ferguson.

Congratulations to the 140lbs Charger Cheerleaders

The 2007 Grand Champions for Georgia Youth Football Conference

Drop-in Play at the Forest Fleming Arena is Monday thru Thursday
1:00 pm until 6:00 pm
Basketball, Ping Pong and Badminton — Call (770) 936-3850



DORAVILLE LIBRARY



Courtesy of knowyourneighborsmagazine.com

September and October were very busy months for Doraville Library. Not only did we increase our hours on a trial basis, but we began an evening storytime for grade school students, hosted Prime Time: Family Reading Time, had the Friends of Doraville Library's first ever book sale, hosted a Mummy Wrap program presented by staff of the Michael C. Carlos Museum, and had our annual Halloween Party.

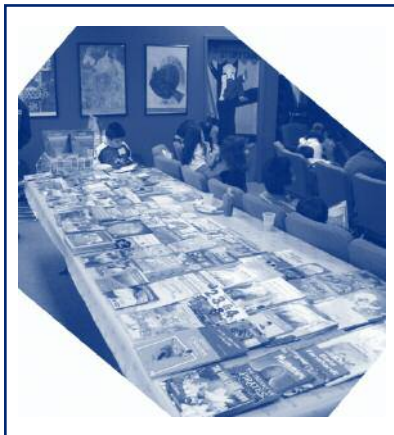
LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

Statistics from our trial extended hours are currently being compiled. Patrons, especially families working on homework, found having more evenings available very useful. If you would like to have the Library open more evening hours, please contact library staff or your council member.



Our new evening storytime for grade school students has taken off with an average of 15 children. The preschool storytime is going through a rebuilding process, but the Halloween Party exceeded our expectations with 24 children and 19 adults. Doraville's Mayor Jenkins helped judge the costume contest.

The Prime Time program was a great success here in Doraville serving 14 local Hispanic families. The storyteller, scholar and preschool coordinator (Doraville's own Yajaira Weiner-Huice) were excellent. Seven corporate sponsors also contributed to the success of the program by donating tote bags, food/drinks, and door prizes. There was much excitement on the last day when each child got to choose 3 books to keep! The parents were just as thrilled as the children. This was the first programming ever offered at Doraville Library specifically for Hispanic families.




On October 20th, the Friends of Doraville Library held its first ever book sale. For a group that is only six months old, we had success beyond all our expectations—making a significant profit, logging more than 100 volunteer hours and holding the event outside on the most gorgeous day of the season. Twelve Cross Keys High School Honor's Society students and several current and/or potential elected officials, in addition to our enthusiastic Friends members, volunteered their time. Chick-fil-A on Buford Highway and Angler's Corner-CITGO provided food and cold water for the volunteers.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Dec. 3 | Mayors' Christmas Motorcade Donation Deadline
Council Work Session • 6:00 pm | City Hall |
| | City Council Meeting • 7:00 pm | City Hall |
| 4 | RUN-OFF ELECTION – BE SURE TO VOTE | City Hall |
| 7 | Mayor's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting • 6:00 pm | City Hall |
| 10 | Planning Commission • 7:00 pm
Northwoods Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm | City Hall
Civic Center |
| 11 | Highway Watch Training • 9:00 am | Library |
| 12 | Seniors' Birthday Luncheon • 11:30 am
Oakcliff Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm | Civic Center
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| 19 | Teddy Bear Tea Party • 10:30 am | Library |
| 24-25 | LIBRARY & ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED
<i>Christmas</i> | |
| 31 | Library Closes at 5:00 pm
<i>New Year's Eve</i> | |



**Preschool Teddy Bear
 Tea Party
 10:30 am
 Wed., Dec. 19th
 at Doraville Library
 RSVP to 770-936-3852**

RUN-OFF ELECTIONS

Run-off elections for Mayor and District 1 Council Seat will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at City Hall. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Anyone already registered to vote will be eligible to vote in this run-off election, even if you did not vote on November 6th.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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| Monday | English Conversation Class • 6-7:30 pm | Library |
| Tuesday | Grade School Storytime • 6:30 pm | Library |
| Tuesday & Friday | Low Impact Aerobics • 8:30-9:30 am | Arena |
| Wednesday | Little Book's Storytime • 10:30 am | Library |
| Friday | Gymnastics • 3:30-4:30 pm
Ballet & Tap • 4:30-5:30 pm | Arena
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