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Emergencies	911
Police	770-455-1000
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Animal Control	770-451-7845
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Library	770-936-3852



Mayor's Report . . .

Happy New Year!

We want to thank everyone who worked to make the holiday season festive—all citizens and businesses that contributed to the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade, Toys for Tots, and the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting. Special thanks also needs to go to Councilwoman Donna Pittman and Jackie Beyer for coordinating the setup and refreshments for the Tree Lighting on December 7th and the Doraville Maintenance Department for setting up holiday lights along our streets.

Now that the holidays are over and a new year has come, it is time to get down to the business before us. We have much to do this year, and we look forward to working with City Council and its new members to make Doraville a great place to live.



Marine Sgt. Kevin Morris received donations for Toys for Tots including toys donated by City employees in honor of Mayor Ray Jenkins.

Ray Jenkins

Mayor



A great time of fun was had by all children, both young and old, who attended our annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Congratulations to the citizens who graduated from the 2nd Doraville Citizen Police Academy on November 13th.

As we closed out 2007, the Police Department continued its efforts in reaching out to the community and educating its members by presenting programs on self-defense, driving safety, gangs and drugs in our community and operations of the K-9 teams. I encourage any organization that would like to plan an event to contact our offices. The Police



Department looks forward to educating the members of our community and helping to ensure everyone's safety. If you are unable to attend a safety meeting, I encourage you to stop by the Police Department's lobby where you can now find educational brochures such as Internet Safety, Identity Theft, Protecting Your Business, and much more. These brochures contain some very helpful information and they are free to the public.

As many of you might have noticed, more marked patrol cars should be apparent in the neighborhoods. We have redesigned our patrol plan as a result of priorities communicated through your elected officials and your comments at public hearings.

I want to make you aware that the rail spurs which in the past few years have been dormant on Winters Chapel Road will be reactivated as a result of state and federal regulations impacting the tank farms and the carriers of fuel in our city. At least once daily the railroad company will be blocking Winters Chapel Rd. and perhaps Flowers Rd. at the City Maintenance Shop while rail cars deliver products to the tank farms. I ask that people use alternate routes, if possible, or exercise caution while traveling on these roads in case the road is blocked. All large trucks, 18-wheelers and school buses will be required to stop at the rail crossing, so please be patient and don't pass them at the curb. Again, the safety of our community is our top priority.

Respectfully,

Chief John King

LOST DOG BEHAVIOR

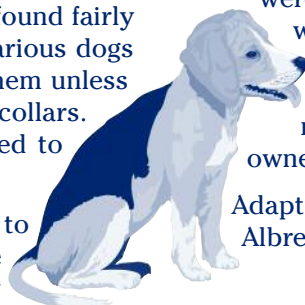
When canines are lost, there are three types of temperaments that will influence the distances they could travel before someone intervenes and the likelihood that the animal will be returned to the original owner. Your dog will likely fall into one of these categories: Gregarious, Aloof, and Xenophobic.

Gregarious dogs are wiggly, friendly dogs that are more inclined to go directly to the first person who calls them. Depending on the terrain and population density where the dog was lost, these dogs will generally be found fairly close to home or near the escape point. Gregarious dogs are often "adopted" by individuals who find them unless they are wearing current rabies tags on secure collars. In that case, the dogs would likely be returned to their owners.

Aloof dogs are wary of strangers and will try to avoid human contact. Eventually, they will be inclined to accept human contact once they

have overcome fear issues and become hungry enough. However, because they may travel a great distance and may be lost for several weeks or months after their escape, their wariness combined with thinness, injury, nittles, ticks and matted hair can give the impression that they are homeless, abused and unloved.

Xenophobic (or Fearful) dogs fear anything strange or foreign due to either genetics or experiences they had as puppies. These dogs are more inclined to travel farther and are at a higher risk of being hit by cars. Due to their cowering, fearful behavior, people assume these dogs were "abused". Even if there are ID tags, rescuers will often refuse to contact the previous owner because of a mistaken belief that the owners "must have abused them" even though there may not have been any abuse connected to the owner.



Adapted from *Lost Dog Behavior* by Kathy "Kat" Albrecht of Pet Hunters International, c2005.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(770) 936-3850

90lb Chargers Edged 7-6 in Quadruple Overtime of Championship Game

Written By: Asst. Coach and Former Charger John Dye

When the final whistle blew, players, coaches, and fans were exhausted. After four quarters and four overtimes, North DeKalb's 90lb. Chargers fell one play short in their bid to win the Bobby Dodd Bowl, Georgia Youth Football Conference's championship game. After the Chargers' star running back Kyree Hollis scored a touchdown and the team failed to convert the extra point attempt, the Gresham Park Rattlers, faced with fourth down, matched the Chargers' touchdown and successfully converted their extra point attempt for the win.

The Chargers were disappointed but knew they had played their hearts out in a game that in many ways mirrored the team's season. The game, like the season, started out with the Chargers playing hard, being physical, and enjoying moderate success. But as both the game and the season progressed, the team would eventually be forced to deal with adversity. During the game this adversity was a stretch of mental mistakes during the second and third quarters that prevented the Chargers from taking control of the game. During the season it was a couple of unexpected losses in games that the team was expected to win. And when faced with this adversity during the game and during the season, the 90lb. Chargers responded by resisting the temptation to make excuses and by refusing to give up. Instead the Chargers responded by pulling together and working even harder. The team finished the season strong, avenging earlier losses by beating Forest Park in a playoff game and beating DYJ in the Jim Brazier Bowl to earn a spot to play in the championship game—a championship game in which the players picked each other up after making mistakes, continued to play hard, and put themselves in a position to win when they scored and took the lead in that fourth overtime of the game. In the end, it was a well-fought battle. Even with the disappointing loss, the 90lb. Chargers feel they just need a little more practice and that they'll be ready next year.

With another year of experience under their belts, these Charger players will be a force to be reckoned with. In addition to running back/corner back Kyree Hollis, the Chargers were led by the gutsy play of quarterback/linebacker

Patrick Mills and running back/linebacker Trey Bryant. Other two-way starters who made up the heart and soul of the team were Jamarius Craft, Tristin Satterfield, Cody Jackson, Anthony Baker, and Deandre Davis. The team and the North DeKalb program also got a boost from the addition of standout rookies LaAndre Pickett and Gabriel Allen. Other notable players are:



Joshua Bridges, Giante Toby, Josiah Walker, BJ Barnett, Marquise Hightower, Donte Shelvin and Desman Robinson. Taking the lead were Head Coach Tony McCravy, Assistant Coaches Chris Satterfield, Greg Jones, James Bryant, John Dye, Horace Frazier, and Teddrick Jackson, and Team Mom Kim Jackson.

Regardless of the final score of this year's Bobby Dodd Bowl, the game and the season have been a tremendous success for the 90lb. Chargers, laying the foundation for these children to continue to achieve future success both on and off the football field. Whether it's next year's football championship, tests at school, or challenges in their future careers, these children have learned that if you stick together and work hard, you can achieve anything.

If you have a child ages 5 to 13 who is interested in playing football or cheerleading, please call 770-936-2700 or visit us at www.nydaa.com. Beginners of all ages are welcome. This is a great opportunity for your child to have fun while learning new things, meeting new friends, exercising to stay physically fit, and staying out of trouble by getting involved in productive extracurricular activities. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. Come be part of our family. We are also looking for volunteer football and cheerleading coaches. If you are interested in being a part of the NDC Family, please give us a call or visit our website.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	All City Offices & Library Closed New Year's Day	2 Preschool Storytime 10:30am, Library	3	4 Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:30am, Arena Gymnastics 3:45-4:45pm, Arena Ballet & Tap 4:45-5:45pm, Arena	5
6	7 English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library Work Session, 6pm City Council Mtg 7pm, City Hall	8 Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:30am, Arena Highway Watch 9am, Library Kiwanis Club 7pm, Civic Ctr Grade School Storytime 6:30pm, Library	9 Preschool Storytime 10:30am, Library	10	11 Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:30am, Arena Gymnastics 3:45-4:45pm, Arena Ballet & Tap 4:45-5:45pm, Arena	12 FDL Exec Mtg, 1pm Friends of Doraville Library 2pm, Library
13	14 English Conversation 6-7:30pm, Library Planning Commission 7pm, Civic Ctr NNA Mtg 7pm, TBD	15 Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:30am, Arena Kiwanis Club 7pm, Civic Ctr Grade School Storytime 6:30pm, Library	16 Preschool Storytime 10:30am, Library Seniors Birthday Luncheon 11:30am, Civic Ctr ONA Mtg 7pm, Civic Ctr	17	18 Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:30am, Arena Gymnastics 3:45-4:45pm, Arena Ballet & Tap 4:45-5:45pm, Arena	19
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LIBRARY NEWS

Doraville Library has a wide selection of books, videos, DVDs, and audiobooks for children and adults. Following is just a few of the adult non-fiction titles we've purchased in the last several months. The Library catalog of materials is available from home at www.dekalblibrary.org. If these or any other titles interest you, holds can be placed either online, by calling the Library staff at 770-936-3852, or by stopping by. Also, let us know if you have purchase suggestions.

The Kids' Book Club Book: Reading Ideas, Recipes, Activities, and Smart Tips for Organizing Terrific Kids' Book Clubs by Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp.

Heal Your Knees: How to Prevent Knee Surgery And What to Do If You Need It by Robert L. Klapper.

How I Learned English: 55 Accomplished Latinos Recall Lessons in Language and Life by Tom Miller, editor.

Estate Planning Basics by Denis Clifford.

Send: the Essential Guide to eMail for Office and Home by David Shipley and Will Schwalbe.

Microsoft Office Access 2007 Step by Step by Steve, M. Dow Lambert, and Joan Preppernau.

Simplified Incorporation Kit: Everything You Need to Incorporate Your Business by Daniel Sitarz.

Great Gluten-Free Baking: Over 80 Delicious Cakes and Bakes by Louise Blair.

Elegant Wire Jewelry: Contemporary Designs & Creative Techniques by Kathleen Ann Frey.

How to Photograph Absolutely Everything by Tom Ang.



More Photos from the
Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1	LIBRARY & ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED <i>New Year's Day</i>	
7	Council Work Session • 6:00 pm	City Hall
	City Council Meeting • 7:00 pm	City Hall
8	Highway Watch Training • 9:00 am	Library
12	FDL Executive Officers Mtg • 1:00 pm	Library
	Friends of Doraville Library • 2:00 pm	Library
14	Planning Commission • 7:00 pm	Civic Center
	Northwoods Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	TBD
16	Seniors' Birthday Luncheon • 11:30 am	Civic Center
	Oakcliff Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	Civic Center
21	LIBRARY & ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	
22	Council Work Session • 6:00 pm	City Hall
	City Council Meeting • 7:00 pm	City Hall

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Monday	English Conversation Class • 6-7:30 pm	Library
Tuesday	Grade School Storytime • 6:30 pm	Library
	Doraville Kiwanis Club • 7:00 pm	Civic Center
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	Arena
	Ballet & Tap • 4:30-5:30 pm	Arena