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City Departments

Emergencies	911
Police	770-455-1000
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Animal Control	770-451-7845
Parks & Rec	770-936-3850
Pool	770-458-4186
Library	770-936-3852



Mayor's Report . . .

Shakespeare said the glory of April was the beginning of Spring. And the great thing about Spring, other than the end of cold weather, is that it signals a renewal. The same is true for our City. This spring we will launch a new website and newsletter that will each complement a sustained marketing effort aimed at attracting new businesses. We are welcoming Rhonda Blackmon as our new City Clerk and will soon be introducing a new City Planner who will help lead our quality growth and development efforts.

We will also be kicking off our new resident recognition and school civics programs. If you know of any special citizens who deserve to be recognized or any young people who are interested in local government, please let us know.

Spring is a great time for recreation and spending time at our parks, so I encourage you all to enjoy our activities and facilities. And, as always, if you should ever need me for anything please don't hesitate to call or stop by City Hall.

Ray Jenkins

Mayor

Doraville Turns Out for "Read Across America"

DORAVILLE, Ga. – On Monday, March 3rd, Doraville's elected officials and City employees volunteered for "Read Across America Day" at local elementary schools. Mayor Ray Jenkins, Council Members Donna Pittman, Brian Bates, and Pam Fleming, together with Sheriff Thomas Brown, Police Chief John King, Library Director Lynn Watanabe, and staff from several City departments (City Hall, Library, Police, and Recreation & Parks) made appearances at Hightower and Cary Reynolds Elementary Schools.



As its name suggests, "Read Across America" is a nationally observed event sponsored by the National Education Association. Approaching its tenth year, NEA's "Read Across America" focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping them master basic skills.

The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who

epitomizes a love of learning. Dr. Seuss's use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful.

"Today is a special day for us as well as these children. It's a very rewarding experience and a great opportunity for community leaders and teachers to come together for the benefit of our children," said councilmember Donna Pittman, who has long been Doraville's leading advocate for childhood literacy.

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Farewell to Winter – Spring is here! It is time to start riding bicycles, going for walks, playing ball with the children, and enjoying daylight a little later. I hope this spring will be an enjoyable one and a safe one. If you venture outdoors to take advantage of the warmer weather, I would like to remind you of some ways to do it safely. If you are a walker or a jogger, please remember to wear brightly colored clothing so that you are visible to the cars you often have to share the road with. We see a lot more children riding their bicycles this time of year, so remember Georgia's Bicycle Helmet Laws that help protect them. According to O.C.G.A. 40-6-296(e)(1), all children under the age of 16 must wear a bicycle helmet. When you are riding your bicycle, remember that you must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical. Don't forget that our neighborhood children will surely be taking advantage of the lighter evenings by playing outside. Please be cautious of children in and near our roadways, and do not forget to educate them on playing safely.

April showers bring May flowers, but they also have a reputation of bringing dangerous weather. I encourage you to be aware of weather conditions and not ignore the possibility of injuries and property damage that bad weather can cause. Every homeowner should be prepared for the worst; and to be prepared, you must plan ahead. Weather radios are an important connection to weather warnings; they can alert you to dangerous conditions any time, day or night. When purchasing a weather radio, consider one that allows the use of batteries or a battery backup in case you lose power. Take time to look around your home and find the safest place for shelter in the event there is a tornado warning. In the event of a tornado warning, the Weather Channel suggests you seek shelter in the lowest level of your home (basement or storm cellar). If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room, or a closet and keep away from all windows. After a damaging storm passes, please be cautious of downed power lines. If you see any lines down, stay away from them and call 911 immediately so that the police department can secure the area and get the help that is needed to repair them.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Spring!

Chief John King

COME HELP "KEEP DORAVILLE CLEAN"

Councilwoman Donna Pittman and the Doraville Police Department's Quality of Life Unit (QLU) are proud to announce "Keep Doraville Clean" day on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We invite you to join community members as we work to clean up litter in our City. Let's not just shake our heads at litter and wonder why someone would do that. Let's get active and do something about it!!! This is a great way to demonstrate community pride and show people we do care about our City.

Volunteers are to meet at City Hall at 9 a.m. They will be provided equipment such as gloves, hand sanitizer, and trash bags. These items were provided by "Keep DeKalb Beautiful" and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as part of the "2008 Great American Cleanup" campaign. Lt. Lowe will coordinate volunteers and assign them to areas needing to be cleaned. The Doraville Maintenance Department will furnish trucks.

We are also arranging for Chick-fil-A to have lunch available for volunteers to purchase immediately after the cleanup event. Look for more information in upcoming publications. You can also get more details by contacting Councilwoman Pittman at 678-334-9141, the Quality of Life Unit at 678-530-2006, or qualityoflife@doravillega.us. We look forward to seeing you there!

**KEEP OUR
COMMUNITY
CLEAN**



Councilwoman Pittman initiated this event in Doraville during her first year in office. It was very successful, and we would like to see it remain an annual event.

The Right Thing to Do

The City of Doraville Animal Services Department is located at 3883 Flowers Road where I have an office and a kennel to keep animals that are captured as strays. If the animal is wearing its mandatory rabies inoculation tag, I am able to return the animal to its owner. If the animal is not wearing its rabies tag, it must be taken to DeKalb Animal Services for confinement. DeKalb Animal Services will only keep a "stray" for five (5) days before it is euthanized. The law stipulates these procedures. There are too many "stray" animals without owners or with owners who will not claim them. It is necessary to make room for a new group of strays that are without identification. I am able to hold the animal(s) for only twelve (12) hours, and then they must be taken to DeKalb. This is the right thing to do, because DeKalb has the resources to house and care for them.

Consequently, the responsibility of being a pet owner falls on your shoulders and should not be taken lightly. I think of pets as children, and responsible owners will ensure their health and safety by vaccinating and tagging their pets. After all, it is the "right thing to do."

Doraville Denny

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MOO DUK KWAN CLASSES ARE EXPANDING

In January, we started our first set of classes of Moo Duk Kwan. In March we started additional classes. Listed below are the dates, ages, and times of our NEW CLASSES. Please refer to the Calendar or Ongoing Programs section for our complete schedule of classes.

Monday	5:00 to 5:45	New Beginners ages 5 to 8
	5:45 to 6:30	Advanced Beginners (gold belts and orange belts)
	6:30 to 7:15	New Beginners ages 9 to 12
	7:15 to 8:15	Advanced students (green and up)
Wednesday	5:00 to 5:45	New Beginners ages 5 to 8
	5:45 to 6:30	Advanced Beginners (gold belts and orange belts)
	6:30 to 7:15	New Beginners ages 9 to 12
	7:15 to 8:15	Advanced students (green and up)
Thursday	5:00 to 5:45	Lil' Dragons ages 4 and 5
	5:45 to 6:30	Advanced Beginners (gold belts and orange belts)
	6:30 to 7:15	New Beginners ages 6 to 12
	7:15 to 8:15	Advanced students (green and up)



*Left to Right:
Front: Viridiana Montes, Gabriela Montes, Oscar Resendiz
Back: Ashley Palaxz, Jim Lawson*

LIBRARY NEWS

New DemographicsNow Database

DeKalb County Public Libraries are proud to announce the availability of DemographicsNow through its website at www.dekalblibrary.org. We are anticipating a great response from the business community. Anyone with a DCPL library card has free access to this database. If you are a resident or a business owner in DeKalb County, you are eligible to receive a free library card. Contact the staff at the Doraville Library, 770-936-3852, if you have questions about accessing DCPL's online resources or getting a library card.

Celebrate National Library Week at Doraville Library, April 13-19

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 at 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.

Friends of Doraville Library

The Friends of Doraville Library, Inc. was formed one year ago to assist library staff and the community by volunteering in the library, promoting the library through public relations and advocacy, fundraising, and organizing cultural programs. If you joined last year, you may start sending in your membership renewals. If you would like to become a member, contact the Library staff (770-936-3852) or send an email to doravillefriends@reallyfast.info.

You are invited to the
Friends of Doraville Library, Inc.

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 19th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

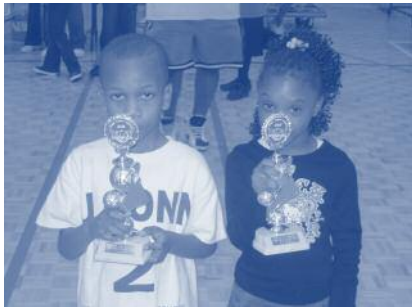
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Come prepared to take home
some wonderful treasures.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT**(770) 936-3850****Doraville Basketball Coaches Game**

On Saturday, February 16th, the Doraville Youth Basketball program hosted its annual Coaches Game. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the children enjoyed watching their coaches play basketball. The staff of the Recreation Department would like to give a special thanks to all the men and women who volunteer to coach youth basketball for the Doraville Youth Basketball Association. We could not operate our basketball program without their help.

At half time, we held a Free Throw Contest for the children and for parents. Pictured are the winners in each age group for children.



5 & 6
 Boy - Kyree Rice
 Girl - Amara Jackson



7 & 8
 Boy - Justin Monteiro
 Girl - Star Millhouse



9 & 10
 Boy - Trey Bryant
 Girl - Briana Dixon



11 & 12
 Boy - Jupree Murray
 Girl - Brianna Tanner



13 & 14
 Boy - Deon Nelson
 Girl - Tiana Williams

SUMMER CAMP — SUMMER CAMP — 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 for each weekday during 4 weeks in June (June 2nd through June 27th) and 4 weeks in July (July 7th thru August 1st). Participants are divided into groups under competent leadership with 2 counselors for every 15 participants per age group.

Weekly program includes: Arts and Crafts, Games, Outdoor Activities, Recreational Swimming, Fields Trips and Special Events

Monday-Friday Schedule: 7:00am – 9:00pm 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 and late pickup per family)

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Monday

English Conversation Class • 6-7:30 pm

Library

Tuesday

Citizen Police Academy • 6:30-9:30 pm

Grade School Storytime • 6:30 pm

Kiwanis Club of Doraville • 7:00 pm

Police Dept.
 Library
 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

Ballet & Tap • 4:30-5:30 pm

Arena
 Arena

See Page 5 for the new Moo Duk Kwon class schedule.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 7	City Council Meeting • 7:00 pm	City Hall
8	Highway Watch Training • 9:00 am	Library
13-19	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	
14	Northwoods Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	TBD
16	Seniors' Birthday Luncheon • 11:30 am	Civic Ctr
	Oakcliff Neighborhood Assn. • 7:00 pm	Civic Ctr
19	FRIENDS OF DORAVILLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE 10 am - 3 pm	Library
21	Council Work Session • 6:00 pm	City Hall

<p style="text-align: center;">Come Join Us</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“KEEP DORAVILLE CLEAN” WORK DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 26th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Meet at City Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chick-fil-A will be making lunch available for purchase for our volunteers immediately following the clean-up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For more details, see page 2.</i></p>
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