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Commissioner Darnell shares a moment with Georgia Daniel, and Harry Cousins at Camp Truitt Senior Center.

Mighty Moments with District 6 Seniors

Fulton County seniors are expressing strong support for their neighborhood centers at Palmetto and Camp Truitt.

On Tuesday, May 11, Commissioner Emma I. Darnell shared some Mighty Moments with participants at the Palmetto Neighborhood Senior Center, and Center Manager Patty O'Bryen. A gathering place for the entire community, the Palmetto Center has one of the most beautiful gardens in Fulton County and the "tree" used to design the "Fulton County Tree."

The next day, Commissioner Darnell joined the Camp Truitt family in College Park, where she met Ms. Georgia Daniel, 92, working out on the treadmill.

"I appreciate coming to the Center and getting on the treadmill, said Daniel. "I don't want to sit down and get old, I'm going stay young. Although I 'm getting old, I'm going to stay young in my mind," she said laughingly, after stepping off the treadmill in the fitness room.

Harry Cousins, a participant since 1986 at the Truitt Center echoed Daniel's comments after finishing up a few miles on the stationary bicycle.

"I come here three days a week because it's nice, quiet and it is doctor's orders," said Cousins. "It is worthy because it keeps us in shape, our minds active as well as our bodies."

"It is very important for seniors to stay active and workout," said Center Manager Anita Carter. "Often you can become handicapped, end up depending on a walker, where exercising can help prevent that and ailments like arthritis."

"The Neighborhood Center is the foundation of the Aging Program," said Commissioner Darnell. "These buildings and the equipment are of the highest quality. However, it is the determination of the participants and the dedication of the staff that have made these centers among the best in the nation."

BOC: City of Atlanta should delay annexation plans

On a motion by Commissioner Bob Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to request that the City of Atlanta delay action on the three "Atlanta Annexation" petitions until the legal issues relating to the public schools in the affected area can be resolved by the Court. [The City of Atlanta has petitioned to annex portions of the Sandtown, Southoak and Loch Lomond communities.]

The County Attorney, David Ware advised the Board that under State law, a County Commission may "object" to a proposed annexation only if it violates the "land use" provisions of the County's zoning policy. Further, the law *only allows* a "municipal corporation" (a City) to "investigate" the petitions or validate signatures of registered voters and property owners in the areas impacted.

"It is a bad law," stated Commissioner Darnell. "It gives the highest priority to (the use of) *land*—not *people*. It should be changed by the Georgia General Assembly," she stated.

Parks to receive new playground equipment



At its Regular Meeting, on Wednesday, May 6, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the purchase of replacement playground equipment at the following park sites: Burdette, Creel 1, Creel 2, Wilkerson Mill 1, Wilkerson Mill 2 and Welcome All. This is the first of two phases of the plan to renovate playground equipment at 12 playgrounds.

“I am encouraged by the continuing commitment of the Board of Commissioners and staff to provide for the health and safety of Fulton’s children and youth,” said Commissioner Darnell. “If not us, who? If not now, when?”



Older Americans Month Upcoming Events

Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, May 18

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

1630 Metropolitan Parkway S.W., Atlanta, GA 30310

(404) 756-4000

Older Americans Month Celebration

Friday, May 22, 2 to 7 p.m.

Camp Truitt Neighborhood Senior Center

4320 Herschel Road, College Park, GA 30349 (404) 762-4802

Sponsored by New Beginnings Neighborhood Senior Center and the Camp Truitt Senior Center. Huge celebration of Older Americans Month with presentations of information regarding blood pressure and diabetes; great food; dancing and fellowship.

Evening of the Arts

Friday, May 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility

2885 Church Street, East Point, GA 30344 (404)762-4821

Bowden participants and the public will enjoy an evening of fine art work, soft music, and light refreshments. Program is designed to showcase artwork produced by participants at the H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility.

Senior Expo and Symposium

Wednesday, May 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fulton County Government Center/Atrium

141 Pryor St., Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 613-6000

The Expo will feature 34 to 40 exhibitors in the areas of transportation, senior employment, senior housing and kinship care; free health screenings, Live Entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more.



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