

April 30, 2015

GET INTO THE ACT! Fulton celebrates National Older Americans Month



Seniors participate in Women's Walk for Wellness during the 2014 Older Americans Month celebration.

When President John F. Kennedy signed the Proclamation designating May as "Senior Citizens Month" in April 1963, he said our seniors represented "a great national resource of skills, wisdom, and experience upon which much of our nation's progress has been built and which continues to enrich our daily lives and to provide counsel and leadership."

"Every day is Older Americans Day throughout Fulton County! We not only honor senior adults for the work they have *already* done, we also celebrate the unique contribution of Fulton County seniors to the strength and vitality of their communities today," said Commissioner Darnell.

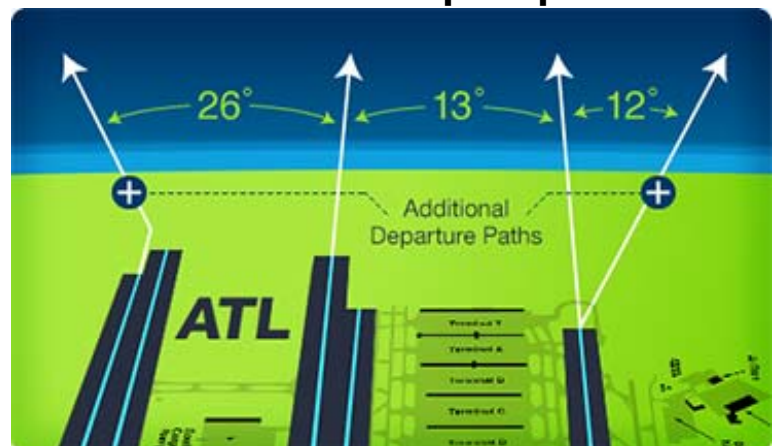
"It is important today more than ever before that we increase community awareness of the challenges faced by older men and women and the improved services and opportunities required to meet their special needs in the areas of employment, transportation and housing," said Darnell.

See page two for this year's events to be held throughout Fulton County.

More planes taking off from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport per hour

Under a new system called Equivalent Lateral Spacing Operations or ELSO, more planes per hour are leaving from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport according to an article appearing in the Maria Saporta newsletter, "there are six runways at the airport and at any given point, planes will take off from two to three of those runways at the same time."

Before the ELSO, a 15-degree separation between planes during takeoff was required. However, because of "satellite technology and safety studies" that number was reduced by FAA to 10-degrees of separation. This means there are about eight additional departures every hour at Hartsfield-Jackson. Delta says it is saving "up to \$18 million because of less time spent waiting on the runway."



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Older Americans Month Events Throughout Fulton County and at the Fulton County Government Center/Atrium

Mother's Day Program

Monday, May 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility

677 Fairburn Road, Atlanta, GA 30331 (404) 613-8580

A celebration in honor of the mothers of the Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility. Entertainment provided by the Darnell Chorus, Darnell Divas & Dudes; poetry reading and a candle-lighting ceremony. Appreciation gifts will be given. Refreshments will be served.

"It's a Barn Shindig!" Annual Senior Prom

Friday, May 8, 5 to 8 p.m.

Palmetto Neighborhood Senior Center

510 Turner Ave., Palmetto, GA 30268 (770) 463-4990

Dancing; games; refreshments and the crowning of this year's king and queen!

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.

Metro Atlanta suburban poor increase 159 %

According to a recent study by the Partnership for Southern Equity, "**Metro Atlanta—We're #1!**," between 2000 and 2011, Atlanta's suburban poor population rose by 159 percent. By 2012, 88 percent of the metro area's poor population lived outside the City of Atlanta. The study of "demographic challenges" also disclosed the following social characteristics of the Atlanta Region:

- #1 in Income Inequality (City of Atlanta)
- #1 in Lack of Income Mobility for poor children (Metro Atlanta)
- 90 percent of metro Atlanta's seniors—more than 500,000 people—have "poor access" to transit and "will face shrinking mobility options as they age" by 2015

Special Events involving ALL senior centers and multipurpose facilities include:

Senior Art Gallery

Wednesday, May 6

Fulton County Government Center/Atrium

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

Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, May 18

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

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

(404) 756-4000

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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