

July 23, 2015

Blight removed as County demolition program begins



BEFORE

▲ BEFORE: District 6 residents (from left) Anon Francis and Harvey Davis stand in front of a burned house on Elva Drive near Boat Rock and New Hope Roads before Fulton County Code Enforcement (above right) bulldozes the house.

▼ AFTER: With blight removed, crews replenish area with grass, increasing greenspace and public safety.



AFTER

County to enforce solid-waste operator standards

At its Recess Meeting on July 15, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Public Works and Police Departments to return to the regulation of private trash pick-up operators in the Unincorporated area.

Mandatory service levels were established for private solid-waste operators in 1996. However, the program was suspended in 2006 after landfill-host government fees collected from Unincorporated North Fulton County were lost.

Responding to citizen concerns about trash and litter within identified residential areas, Public Works officials also requested and received authorization to reinstate the Solid-Waste Planning Process in accordance with State minimum planning standards.

"I am pleased that today by a unanimous vote, the Board of Commissioners has given the operating departments the resources they need to strictly enforce Board policy in the area of trash pickup by private operators," said Commissioner Emma I. Darnell.

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The Mighty6 quote of the Week

"Staff analysis is there are existing gas stations in the area and we felt the request would be incompatible ..."

—Statement by Brookhaven Community Development Director at a meeting of the Brookhaven Planning Commission considering a request by Kroger for a Special Land Use Permit to build a Fuel Center next to its Cambridge Square Shopping Center Store in Brookhaven. The application was denied by the Commission.

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On Wednesday, July 15, the Board of Commissioners set a millage rate which will lead to the elimination or reduction in vital services in the Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund (County-Wide) Budget.

By setting the FY2015 millage rate at 10.5 mills—below the rollback rate of 10.9 mills recommended by staff, the quality of County-Wide services in FY2016 will be reduced including: Library Hours; Aging Programs such as Home Repairs, Kinship Care, Neighborhood Centers and Home-Delivered Meals. Also facing cuts: Arts Contracts for Services Grants; Human Services Grants; F.R.E.S.H. (Children and Youth) Grants; Transportation Services including roads and streets repairs; Solid Waste, Courts and Grady Hospital.

Other items that “could be considered for reduction” include a \$12 million reduction in positions in each department over a three-year period.

“I am concerned that the millage rate adopted by the Board of Commissioners does not adequately take into account the interests of all the taxpayers of Fulton County irrespective of zip code”, Commissioner Emma I. Darnell stated.

Voting to establish 10.5 millage rate below staff recommendation: Eaves, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Garner. Voting NO: Arrington, Darnell.



Mighty 6 Calendar of Events

AVIATION CENTER EVENTS

“Flight of the Imagination” Summer Camp / Now through July 31
Children and youth will learn about pioneers of Aviation.

Exhibition: Public Art Group Show / Now through Sept. 25
Enjoy works by local artists “inspired by flight”.
3900 Aviation Circle, NW, Atlanta, GA 30336 (404) 612-8600

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Works Cascade Road at I-285 Upgrades
Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Southwest Regional Library
3665 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta, 30331, (404) 699-6363

Your voice counts: Take the County Services/Access Survey Now

More than 100 citizens have taken part in the District 6 Fulton County Services and Access Survey. Released on July 8 and ending August 8, the Survey is designed to measure customer satisfaction and the impact of County services upon District 6 individuals and families.

[You can take the Survey now, by clicking this link or you can call \(404\) 612-8222.](#)

The Survey covers General Fund (County-Wide) programs such as libraries and senior centers. It also covers services restricted to the Unincorporated area such as parks, public works and public safety.

“We deeply appreciate the participation of citizens in the ‘District 6 Services and Access Survey’,” Commissioner Darnell stated.

“The information we receive will let us know how we are doing and what more we have to do—working TOGETHER, GETTING IT DONE!”

ANNOUNCING
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
MIGHTY 6
SOUTH FULTON SERVICE CENTER OFFICE
AUGUST 3, 2015
5600 STONEWALL TELL ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA 30049

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