

October 29, 2015

Commissioner Darnell holds Public Hearing on Public Safety

Follow-up meeting scheduled for Nov. 16

On Monday, October 26, residents of District 6 packed the Burdett Gymnasium for a Public Hearing on Public Safety. Sponsored by District Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, more than 100 citizens attended to express their concerns.

Major Darryl Halbert of the Fulton County Police Department presented current information regarding criminal activity in the area. The data showed that when the July 2015 thru October 2015 numbers were compared with the same period in 2014, although there were significant increases in two categories of violent crime, robberies in 2015 had decreased by 15 percent. The same data indicated that while property-crime categories experienced serious decreases in burglary and arson, motor vehicle theft increased significantly by 11 percent.

Many citizens were concerned about the lack of services to children and their families in the area, especially teenagers. Tony Phillips, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented information regarding upgrades to equipment made possible by the FY 2015 Budget. He also indicated that playground equipment is purchased from a Capital Account rather than operational fees. Citizens expressed concern that many children who could benefit from Parks programming lack the financial capacity.

Phillips said that action is now in progress “to more effectively seek and receive direct input from the citizens we serve. ... moving forward our goal is to solicit and utilize citizen input.”

“It is clear that in the final analysis, safety must be defined by *citizens*. Further, that without real civic engagement—online and no line—the attainment of our goals—safe communities with justice—cannot be reached,” stated Commissioner Darnell.

“We look forward to the Follow-up Meeting on Public Safety to be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Burdett Gymnasium, 6 p.m.”

Other County staff present included Corey Adams, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Darnell; Major Charlayne Turner, Chief of Patrol Division, FCPD; Captain Hattie Cotton-Tukes, Crime Prevention, FCPD; and Darryl Carver, Director of Communications.



Arthur Blanding, president of the Old National East Homeowners Association, asks about programs for youth and the need for greater police presence, during the Public Hearing on Public Safety, October 26.

Darnell speaks to Cascade Business Community

On October 13, Commissioner Emma I. Darnell joined with members of the Cascade Business and Merchants Association, Bobbie Powell, president, at their monthly meeting held at the Southwest Regional Library.

Commissioner Darnell provided an update on key projects including recent action by the County to enforce Cascade Overlay Standards for the repainting of an area car wash.

Members expressed continuing commitment to the Median Maintenance and Beautification Project.

“Few groups have worked harder to maintain and upgrade the Cascade Road corridor than the Cascade Business and Merchants Association,” said Darnell.

“We look forward to the challenges and opportunities available to us in the days ahead.”

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*Mighty Moment with Old National Merchants Association
District 6 Boy Scout Interviews the Commissioner
Seniors Lace Up to Fight Breast Cancer
Tips for Parents for a Safe Halloween Weekend*

Darnell speaks to Old National Merchants Assn.



Commissioner Darnell provides an update on present and future plans for the Old National/South Fulton area during the monthly meeting of the Old National Merchants Association on Thursday, Oct. 29. Looking on is ONMA President Dionne Christopher.

Seniors walk a mile to fight breast cancer



ABOVE: As a part of the observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Fulton County senior participants from the Camp Truitt Senior Center, in College Park, Ga., and the New Beginnings Senior Center in Fairburn, let their feet do the talking in a "Cancer Walk" held on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Camp Truitt Senior Center.

District 6 Boy Scout interviews Darnell



Boy Scout Brandon Embree, 12, shares a Mighty Moment with Commissioner Emma I. Darnell. Embree, a member of Troop #367 (Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4245 Cascade Rd.) interviewed the commissioner at his request and as part of the requirements to earn the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, working toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

New Leaders join Friends of Darnell Board



District Commissioner Emma I. Darnell joined with members of the Friends of the Harriett G. Darnell, Inc., for the installation of new members. Pictured from left Commissioner Darnell; George Johnson; Claude Porter; Donna Wilson; and Friends President Phyllis Bailey.

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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Give children flashlights or glow sticks so they can see where they are walking
- Keep decorations away from candles, light bulbs, heaters
- Use flameless candles or glow sticks in jack-o'-lanterns
- Keep exits clear of decorations