



The Lifeline

"The time comes when silence is betrayal."
— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., April 4, 1967

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Commissioner's Corner

Are We There Yet?

Have we survived the Great Recession? Have the bank closings ended? Have the lay-offs and the foreclosures gone away? It is clear that the economic state of Fulton County continues to improve. Fulton (and Gwinnett) Counties lead the Atlanta Region in population growth. We are not there yet financially. However, the evidence indicates we are clearly on our way.

Are we there yet? Location depends upon destination. If the basic purpose of government is to protect the health and safety of *people*, the complete answer to the question may involve much more than press releases and "high fives" about the bottom line.

The Board of Commissioners recently reviewed data developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health related to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in metro Atlanta including Fulton County. The HIV epidemic is not over. Of the estimated number of persons living with HIV (9,703 cases through 2010) in the "urban core", 48% are residents of Fulton County. Of 6,814 unduplicated clients served by Part A of the Ryan White (HIV Treatment) Program in 2013, 1,379 or 20% are residents of District 5. (Related Feature, "Ryan White Program...", page 1) Locations of persons living with HIV have been outlined by zip code on a map titled "AIDS Vu" developed by Patrick Sullivan, an epidemiologist at Emory University. The zip codes with the highest rates at the end of 2011 and reported at the end of 2013 are 30032, 30303, 30308, 30309, 30310, 30312, 30313, 30314, 30315, 30316, 30317, 30318, 30324 and 30336.

Robert Frost said it best, "The woods are lovely dark and deep, But we have promises to keep, AND MILES TO GO..."

Emma I. Darnell, Commissioner, District 5
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Fulton Ryan White Program Seeks \$20 Million for HIV/AIDS Treatment Program in 20-County Area

Highest Infection Rates Within "Atlanta's Core"

The Board of Commissioners has approved an application by the Ryan White Program to the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to apply and accept funding in the amount of \$23,442,079.00 to operate HIV/AIDS programs within the 20-County metro Atlanta area. An "AIDS Vu Map" developed by Patrick Sullivan, an epidemiologist at Emory University shows that some of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates are located within "Atlanta's Core."

| District | CLIENTS SERVED BY DISTRICT | % OF CLIENTS BY DISTRICT |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 – Hausmann | 334 | 5% |
| 4 – Lowe | 808 | 12% |
| 5 – Darnell | 1379 | 20% |
| 6 – Garner | 2036 | 30% |
| 7 – Edwards | 1405 | 21% |
| Other Fulton | 852 | 13% |
| Total | 6,814 | 100% |

Source: Ryan White Program, Office of the County Manager

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Fulton County to Offer Saturday and Sunday Early Voting for November 4 General Election

Early Voting Available Oct. 13-31

Fulton County registered voters will have an opportunity to vote early October 13 through October 31, 2014. During the first week of early voting, seven sites will be open to include opportunities for Saturday and Sunday voting. During the final two weeks of early voting, 19 locations will be open to include Saturday and Sunday voting.

Atlanta and South Fulton Early Voting Locations

Weekdays, Oct. 13-Oct. 31 • 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 25 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sundays, Oct. 19 and 26 • Noon-5 p.m.

- South Fulton Service Center- 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, Room 108, College Park, GA 30349
- Adamsville Recreation Center - 3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SW., Atlanta, GA 30311
- Fulton County Government Center -130 Peachtree Street, Suite 2186, Atlanta, GA 30303

Atlanta and South Fulton Expanded Voting Locations

Weekdays, Oct.20-Oct. 31 • 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26 • Noon-5 p.m.

- College Park Historical Building - 3675 Auditorium Way, College Park, GA 30337
- Washington Park Library - 1116 Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr., Atlanta, GA 30314
- Welcome All Recreation Center - 4255 Will Lee Road, College Park, GA 30349
- East Point Library - 2757 Main Street, East Point, GA 30344
- Fairburn Library - 60 Valley View Drive, Fairburn, GA 30213
- Southwest Arts Center - 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331

For more information regarding Fulton County Registration and Elections, call 404-612-7020 or visit www.fultonelections.com.

Fulton & Partners Host Free Health Services for Military Veterans

Fulton County Health Services and sponsors, the General Electric Veterans Network, Family Health Centers of Georgia and Amerigroup Real Solutions provided free health and living-well services at the Adamsville Regional Health Center on Thursday, September 11th. Veterans received free health screenings, health insurance information, employment, housing and financial management assistance.



Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair, District 5, Board of Commissioners, Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin, District 10 and other Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services pose for a picture at the Adamsville Regional Health Center.

New Wolf Creek Library Opens

The Board of Commissioners recently celebrated the grand opening of the new Wolf Creek Library. The new 25,000-square-foot library at 3100 Enon Road features a vivid metallic copper façade and offers public computers and wi-fi Internet access throughout. Wolf Creek Library is part of Phase I of the Atlanta-Fulton County Library Building Program, approved by voters in a 2008 bond referendum.



Cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the new Wolf Creek Library are (from left): William (Bill) Edwards, Commissioner, District 7; John Eaves, Chair, Board of Commissioners; Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair, District 5; and Dwight Ferrell, County Manager.

Cultural Arts Kick-Off Celebration

Fulton County Arts & Culture's Aviation Community Cultural Center presented the Fall Class Kick-Off Celebration on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Residents and visitors experienced a variety of art and dance class demonstrations, on-site registration and a special performance by the KUUMBA Storytellers featuring Aviation Legacies. The Aviation Community Cultural Arts Center is a 16,200-square-foot facility located at 3900 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336.



Grant Awards: Quarterly Report

Housing and Homeless Programs Grant Awards: Permanent and Transitional Housing Programs for Homeless (Jefferson Place) **\$361,780** / County Match: **\$573,228**
U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development

Permanent Supportive Housing Project: Homeless Women Heads of Households: 23 Subsidized Housing Units to assist with transition from Homelessness to Permanent Housing **\$299,801** / County Match **\$10,000**
U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development

Environment and Human Health Services: HIV/AIDS Programs – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Program, Part A, 20-County Metro Atlanta **\$23,442,079** / County Match **\$0**

Management and Administration: (Pro Bono) Professional Advisory Services – (Management Review and Assessment Services) KPMG, Engagement Letter

New Traffic Light in South Fulton



Fulton County and City of Atlanta officials and residents cut the ribbon together in celebration of the traffic light installation at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Adamsville Parkway (from left): Antonio Valenzuela, Ricky White, Commissioner Richard Mendoza, Larry Bell, Vice-Chair Emma I. Darnell, Reverend Gail Sutton, Dwight Ferrell, Lithangia Murray, Noletha High, Barbara Leath, Patricia Floyd, and Mildred Franklin.

Vice-Chair Emma I. Darnell, District 5, Atlanta Public Works Commissioner Richard Mendoza and Fulton County Manager Dwight Ferrell were joined by citizens in the celebration of the newly installed traffic light at the corners of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Adamsville Parkway.

The installation was a collaborative effort between the community, the county and the City of Atlanta to increase safety in the Adamsville area.

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COUNTY SERVICES

Children and Young Adults Services

- Health Services 404-893-0773
- Oak Hill Adolescent and Family Center 404-612-4111
- Human Services 404-612-3726
- Juvenile Court 404-612-4401

Health Services

Neighborhood Clinics

- Adamsville Regional Health Center 404-613-4215
3700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30331
- Neighborhood Union Health Center 404-612-4665
186 Sunset Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30314

Senior Services

- Information and Assistance 404-613-6000
- Dogwood Senior Center 404-792-4964
1953 Donald L. Hollowell Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30318
- Northside Shepherd Senior Center 404-352-9303
1705 Commerce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30318
- New Horizons Senior Center 404-730-7100
745 Orr Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30314
- Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility 404-613-8580
677 Fairburn Road, Atlanta, GA 30331
- Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility 404-523-3353
515 John W. Dobbs Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312

Other Services

- Public Health 404-612-1211
- Behavioral (Mental) Health 404-613-3675
- Developmental Disabilities 404-613-3675

Library

- Central Library 404-730-1700
- Southwest Regional Library 404-699-6363
- Auburn Avenue Library 404-730-4001

Animal Control **404-613-0358**

Southwest Arts Center **404-613-3220**

COUNTY AGENCIES *Funded but not Operated by Fulton County*

Grady Health System

- Asa G. Yancey Health Clinic 404-616-2268
1247 Donald L. Hollowell Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30318

Property Taxes

- Property Appraisals 404-612-6440
- Tax Collections 404-730-6100

Registration and Elections **404-612-7020**

Corrections (Sheriff) **404-613-2000**

Courts

- State Court 404-613-5002
- Superior Court 404-612-4518