



# The Lifeline

The Official Newsletter of Commissioner Emma I. Darnell

“THE TIME COMES WHEN SILENCE IS BETRAYAL”  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - APRIL 4, 1967



TO: District 5 Residents  
FROM: Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair, District 5  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
SUBJ: **Lifeline Quarterly Newsletter:  
First Quarter 2014**

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSES OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION REDUCING EARLY VOTING PERIOD FOR CERTAIN CITY ELECTIONS**

The Board of Commissioners has expressed opposition to legislation before the Georgia General Assembly that will reduce early voting in certain Fulton County city elections from 15 days to six (6) days. HB 891 has passed the House of Representatives and is now pending in the Senate. The Bill was introduced eight (8) months after the U.S. Supreme Court suspended the requirement that Georgia and other states with a long history of discriminatory voting practices would be required to obtain pre – clearance of voting changes under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Although the Board of Commissioners has urged the County’s congressional representatives to “act quickly” to revise the coverage formula as directed by the Court, no action was taken by Fulton County’s congressional representatives.



The legislation not only restricts the early voting opportunities for all citizens. If adopted, HB 891 has the potential to disproportionately impact voting opportunities for people of color, the poor, the elderly, the young and the disabled (who use early voting heavily) as a means of participation in the political process.

Further, the bi – partisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration recently recommended that early voting opportunities be expanded to “improve voter experience and promote confidence in election administration.”



**HARRIETT G. DARNELL**  
**SENIOR MULTIPURPOSE**  
**FACILITY CLASS**  
**REGISTRATION SCHEDULE**  
**MARCH 2014**

The Class Registration Schedule for the Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility March 17 – March 19 is as follows:

- Monday, March 17, 2014 Water Fitness
- Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Land Fitness
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014 Life Enrichment: Computer Classes

The “Drop/Add Period” begins March 24 and ends April 11.



**FIRST SOURCE JOBS PROGRAM REPORT:**  
**4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2013**

The following companies have hired Fulton County residents as a part of Fulton County’s First Source Jobs Program:

- Hogan Construction Group, LLC & Bryson Contractors, Inc. Construction \$6,750,000  
Health and Human Services/Facilities and  
Transportation Services Departments  
Number Hired: 3
- V-Ryan Management d/b/a Comforcare Senior Services In – Home Aging Services \$290,804.85  
(Annual Contract) Human Services Department  
Number Hired: 1
- Corizon, Inc.  
Inmate Physical and Mental Health Services \$15,142,752  
Sheriff’s Department  
Number Hired: 5
- MV Transportation \$5,200,023  
Number Hired: 81

The First Source Jobs Program applies to all contracts procured through the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance valued in excess of \$200,000.00.

The Prime Contractor is expected to utilize the Fulton County First Source Jobs Program to fill 50% of the entry – level positions of any project funded in whole or in part with County funds.

# DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY JOB CREATION/RETENTION COMPLIANCE 3<sup>rd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTERS REPORT

The Development Authority of Fulton County (DAFC) has submitted the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters “Job Compliance Report” for the periods ending September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

Job creation information generally becomes available after the completion of the project which may occur a few years after the closing of the bond financing. The information is compiled by DAFC upon receipt and submitted to the Board of Commissioners for information.

Job Creation data for the subject period includes the following projects:

| <u>Company/ Date/Bond Issue</u>                                    | <u>Projection</u> | <u>Creation</u>  |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Oakmart WBC Bonds, LLC<br>\$20 Million 2007                        | 30                | 250 (2009)   |
| Two Glenlake, LLC<br>LLC (Newell Rubbermaid)<br>\$120 million 2007 | 300               | 1,222<br>employees (2012)  |
| Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc.<br>\$37,825,000<br>(in progress)     | 131               | North Avenue<br>Dining Facility<br>3 Salaried; 54 Hourly<br><br>Academy of Medicine<br>3 Full Time |



**Vice Chair Emma I. Darnell, District 5  
and the  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners**



**SAVE THE DATE**



**FULTON COUNTY AVIATION COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER  
OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING**

**Thursday May 15, 2014  
10:00 a.m.**

3900 Aviation Circle, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30336





**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECOGNIZES FULTON WORKERS  
FOR DEDICATED AND  
EXEMPLARY SERVICE DURING  
RECENT WINTER STORMS**

Commissioner Darnell and the Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation to the Department of Facilities and Transportation Services’ (FTS) Director, David Ricks and other staff at the March 5, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. FTS staff played a vital role during two separate snow and ice incidents in January and February 2014 by keeping roadways safe for citizens traveling, clearing

runways and sustaining facilities in unincorporated Fulton County.

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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 30331
- Neighborhood Union Health Center.....404-612-4665  
186 Sunset Avenue, Atlanta 30314

**Senior Services**

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