



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:
Second Quarter 2014**



PORSCHE APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT LEGISLATION APPROVED: SUBMITS DETAILED MFBE PLAN

A request by Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (“Porsche”) for tax abatement on state and county ad valorem taxes for a 10-year period was approved by unanimous vote.

A plan to re-develop a Brownfield site (the old Hapeville Ford Plant) into its U.S. –based headquarters, the plan also includes detailed plans to “increase its workforce diversity and its MBE/WBE Procurement Performance.”

The Company also “committed” to assist the County in its efforts “to recruit, attract, promote, leverage and encourage other compatible business investments into Fulton County.” To view “Porsche’s Supplier Diversity Initiatives”, log onto www.EmmaDarnell.com and click on the Jobs/Economic Development section.



BELTLINE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR RECEIVES \$5 MILLION FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair and Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, the Fulton County representative to the Invest Atlanta (and Atlanta Beltline) Board of Directors has announced a \$5 million dollar grant to develop the Atlanta Beltline’s Westside Trail from the James M. Cox Foundation. The Westside Trail is a three-mile path in the Beltline’s Southwest Corridor that includes four schools and four

parks in Southwest Atlanta.

The project will also create 40 acres of new greenspace to be used by area residents. 42% of the project is covered by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. “We are excited to see the Beltline moving west,” Commissioner Darnell stated. “The Southwest Community has worked hard to make this day possible.”

The Atlanta Beltline is supported by the Beltline Tax Allocation District (TAD), a project by the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta School Board (APS) and Fulton County.

BOULEVARD CID RECEIVES STATE GRANT \$398,000 FOR FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

The Boulevard CID has been awarded \$398,000 from State of Georgia transportation funds to make improvements to Fulton Industrial Boulevard from I-20 to Commerce Drive.



The project will include addressing freight traffic deficiencies in the area, median repair, way finding and gateway signage installation, pedestrian crossings and signals at the Shirley Drive/Fulton Industrial intersection.



HUD DESIGNATES FULTON COUNTY A HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CofC) AGENCY

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated Fulton County as a “Homeless Continuum of Care (CofC) agency.

The designation is based upon requests by the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County to separate from a regional CofC that included Atlanta/ Roswell, DeKalb and Fulton Counties. HUD requirements include developing a plan for the Fulton County area (outside the City of Atlanta) that includes “a coordinated system that meets the needs of homeless individuals and families. HUD also recommended that the three CofCs develop a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the “allocation of resources.” HUD also reserved the authority to determine whether the plan (for the allocation of resources) is “fair and equitable.”



VOTE TO FUND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS POSTPONED

The vote related to the recommendation of the County Manager to meet contractual obligations established by certain FY2013 Human Services grants/contracts was postponed by the Board of Commissioners until the June 18 (Recess) Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

It was recommended that excess funding for the Department of Arts and Culture and the Non-Agency accounts would be used to fund “the second half” of FY2013 Human Services programs in the following critical areas: homeless individuals (Jefferson Place) workforce development (jobs and job training) and (at-risk) children and youth programs. Excess funding for the Arts Services Program was identified by the award of \$750,000 to the program within the FY2014 Budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners in January 2014. An additional \$750,000 had not been recommended or approved by the Board of Commissioners according to Department of Finance officials.

INTEREST RATE FOR SHORT-TERM BONDS LOWEST IN HISTORY

The Board of Commissioners has approved the issuance of \$200 million tax anticipation notes (TANS) at a savings to Fulton County of \$396,000. “The short-term interest rate of 0.890%, or “900th of 1%” – is the lowest in the County’s history” – according to Patrick O’Conner, Director of Finance.

The County’s overall credit rating is also excellent with a "AA" rating. The short-term and long-term ratings are indicators of the County’s long history of strong financial management and responsibility.

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COUNTY SERVICES

Children and Young Adults Services

- Health Services.....404-893-0773
- Oak Hill Adolescent and Family Center404-612-4111
- 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 Disabilities404-613-3675

Library

- Central Library.....404-730-1700
- Southwest Regional Library.....404-699-6363
- Auburn Avenue Library404-730-4001

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