



"Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me, and I'll understand."

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

A number of **GOOD THINGS** are happening in South Fulton County and I want to take this time to highlight one of them. This is something that may never make the news, whether written or via television, however, it is very news-worthy.

On behalf of the citizens of South Fulton County, I would like to extend a hearty **CONGRATULATIONS** to Dr. Elletta Denson, a fourth grade teacher at Stonewall Tell Elementary School. On Friday, September 5, 2008, the United States Department of Education awarded Dr. Denson the American Stars of Teaching Award for 2008. Dr. Denson is the first African-American instructor to receive this award.

The American Stars of Teaching program honors teachers who have demonstrated remarkable success in helping students rise above the circumstances of poverty, break persistent traditions of underachievement, and surpass the expectations set for them.

Each year, one teacher from each state and the District of Columbia is selected as an award recipient. These American Stars teach various grade levels and disciplines.

I hope you will join with me in sharing this **GOOD THING** with your friends, your neighbors and your community.

DISTRICT 7 NEWS BRIEFS

BUDGET

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners will hold a series of public hearings at the following locations and times to receive taxpayers' input regarding the 2009 General Fund and South Fulton Tax District Fund budgets.

Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Alpharetta High School

3595 Webb Bridge Rd.

Alpharetta, GA

Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Helene S. Mills Senior Center
515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave.
Atlanta, GA

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m. South Fulton Service Center
5600 Stonewall Tell Road
College Park, GA

Monday, October 20, 2008, 1:30 p.m. Dorothy Benson Senior Center
6500 Vernon Woods Dr.
Sandy Springs, GA

Monday, October 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Harriett G. Darnell Senior Center
677 Fairburn Road, NW
Atlanta, GA

VOTER REGISTRATION

Early Voting:

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in person on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 22, 2008 through Friday, October 24, 2008 at the following locations ONLY:

Government Center	North Service Center	South Fulton Service Center
141 Pryor St.	7741 Roswell Rd.	5600 Stonewall Tell Rd.
Suite 4064	Room 290	Room 105
Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	College Park, GA

The absentee application may be downloaded from the Fulton County website at www.fultoncountyga.gov/county/election.

Advanced Voting:

Advanced Voting begins Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31, 2008. Voters may cast their ballot during this week from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Government Center	North Service Center	South Fulton Service Center
141 Pryor St.	7741 Roswell Rd.	5600 Stonewall Tell Rd.
Suite 4064	Room 290	Room 105
Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	College Park, GA
Welcome All Park Lib.	Adamsville Rec. Center	Northeast Spruill Oaks
4255 Will Lee Rd.	3201 M.L. King, Jr. Dr.	9560 Spruill Rd.
College Park, GA	Atlanta, GA	Johns Creek, GA

Those who vote in person during Early or Advance Voting must provide an acceptable form of Photo Identification.

For additional information, please call the Voter Registration Office at 404-730-7072.

BULK WASTE AMNESTY DAY

For the second time this year, Fulton County residents can dispose of bulk waste at no cost to ensure that neighborhoods remain free of large waste items such as old refrigerators, computers and furniture.

Bulk Trash Amnesty Day will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (with the exception of the Merk Road Transfer Station, which will open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.).

Keeping our neighborhoods safe and free of environmental and safety hazards remains a priority and Bulk Waste Amnesty Days allow convenient drop-off sites for the use of citizens who want to keep their communities beautiful.

Three drop-off sites for large items will be available at the following locations:

Merk Road Transfer Station	Creel Park	Public Works Dept.
3225 Merk Rd.	2775 Creel Rd.	5601 Stonewall Tell Rd.
College Park, GA	College Park, GA	College Park, GA
404-629-1700	770-996-4189	770-306-5341
8 am – 4:30 pm 2p.m.	8 am – 2 pm	8 a.m. –

Large items including electronics, televisions, keyboards, monitors, printers and tires (limit of four unmounted tires) will be accepted. The drop-off locations **will not** accept paints, household chemicals, batteries and waste from construction or demolition debris.

SOUTH FULTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Commissioner Edwards is hosting the first **South Fulton @ Your Service Community Festival** on Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the South Fulton Government Service Center. Residents can view a multitude of County services. Department displays will be on view in the large parking lot next to the building, and staff will conduct tours of offices inside. Posted signs will direct vehicles to alternate parking lots across Camp Drive.

Commissioner Edwards says that, “Fulton County Government provides an array of services that benefit everyone, whether they are inside or outside city limits. We want people to come see the different ways in which Fulton County impacts their lives daily, and perhaps learn something they can use immediately.”

Residents can register to vote, sign up for arts activities, get a library card, and enroll in emergency preparedness course to protect their homes and neighborhoods. The County's Mobile Health Van will offer health screenings, and visitors can inspect the Police Mobile Command Unit, and a fire truck, HazMat vehicle, CERT truck and Library Bookmobile. Children can go through a mock fire drill in a miniature house, play on a moon walk and climbing wall, and enjoy storytelling and face painting.

The festival will feature displays, handouts and representatives from the following agencies: Animal Control, Arts Council, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, Cooperative Extension, County Manager, Environment and Community Development, Fire, Health and Wellness, Housing and Community Development, Human Services, Information Technology, Juvenile Court, Library, Mental Health, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works, Purchasing and Contract Compliance, and Registrations and Elections.