

Lithonia News

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CONGRATULATIONS TO LITHONIA'S NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER



Yolanda "Cokey " Sheppard has a true passion for the city of Lithonia. As a native Lithonian, her family is deeply rooted and has served the community through many generations. She is an active member of the Lithonia High School Alumni Committee and the Bruce Street Day Committee . Her goal is to help keep the citizens aligned with city leaders. She is excited about the City's future.

LITHONIA WELCOMES 2022 AND CELEBRATES THE BEST OF 2021

Most of us are quite happy to see the end of 2021, and that is true in Lithonia as well. Nevertheless, there were numerous aspects of 2021 Lithonia life that should be celebrated. 2021 brought Lithonia:

- More than \$200,000 in improvements in Lithonia Park, including fitness and music equipment and a new restroom
- Near completion of a beautiful new Bruce Street Senior Citizen Center that will open for activities in 2022
- Construction of a new Lithonia edifice for the congregation of historic First St. Paul AME Church, set to open in 2022
- Transformation of the Lithonia Farmers Market to the "Market on Main" - now one of the larger vendor markets in the Atlanta Area
- Addition of numerous new businesses, restaurants, and organizations in the downtown area
- Dozens of holiday food and toy distributions supported by the City, our businesses, and our citizens to benefit seniors and families
- Distribution of gift cards and Covid-19 financial supports to Lithonia citizens and Lithonia based businesses
- New holiday lighting, sanitation systems, and major equipment for public works and the police department
 - New energetic leaders, staff members, and volunteers for the City and our Police Department

We know that 2022 will bring more improvements and blessings for our City and our fellow citizens as we continue to work as a team to enhance the quality of life in Lithonia. Happy New Year to all Lithonia citizens, organizations, and businesses. May you receive all that you deserve in 2022!

The Out Post (Formally The Boy Scout Hut)

The City of Lithonia, The Lithonia Business Association, and Eagle Rock Educational & Community Development Corp. has partnered to renovate the Old Boy Scout Hut located in the Lithonia Park. The 2500 square foot "Hut" was initially used as a meeting and activities place for the local Boy Scout Troop but has been abandoned for years and has fallen into disrepair. Although structurally sound, the facility needs a total renovation.

The clean-up phase of the renovation effort began in October and has been completed. Quotes from various contractors for Phase Two and beyond have been submitted and will include upgrades to the electrical, airconditioning, and plumbing systems. The renovated facility will house The Lithonia Studios, the temporary headquarters of The Downtown Development Authority (LDDA), and can be rented out to various production companies for film and entertainment endeavors.

If you want to to get involved, contact Fred Reynolds by email at <u>reynoldsfred1@gmail.com</u> or Council Member Darold Honore at City Hall.



GLBC 2022 LEGISLATIVE Internship Program

Open to all undergraduate students currently enrolled in a full-time program at a higher education institution within the state of Georgia.

The program runs from January 10th, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

APPLY BEFORE December 31ST

www.gablackcaucus.org

Engaged Couples of Atlanta January 8th & 9th

Historic Downtown District Occasions on Main 6957 Main St. Lithonia GA 30058 Time: Noon-4pm Register: engagedcouplesofatlanta.com or 1-888-MAXBGRP





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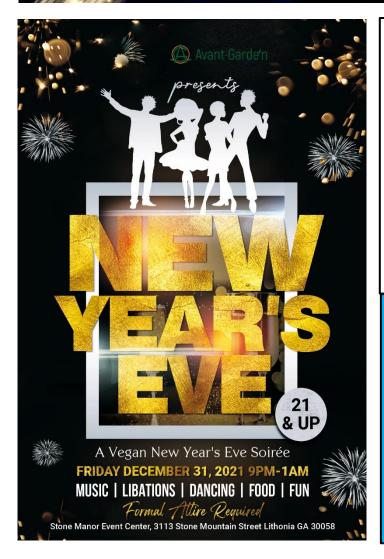
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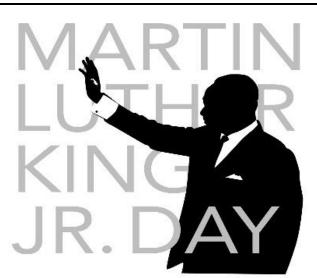
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COMPLIMENTARY 3 HOUR BUFFETT COMPLIMENTARY PARTY FAVORS OMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE TOAST @ 12 AM SECTION RSVP*404-910-9137





CHECK WITH THE LITHONIA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER **MLK DAY ACTIVITIES!**

LITHONIA RESIDENT NAMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF STATE PROGRAMS / HUMAN RESOURCES



Breanna Thomas has been appointed as Georgia's New Deputy Commissioner of State Programs, Human Resources for the Department of Human Services. Previously, Thomas, served as the Department's Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

Thomas began her career in public service in the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State. There, she served as the Elections Training Administrator and Interim Election Systems Manager, assigned to help manage the Georgia Voter Registration System. She later served as Deputy Director of Election Services in the Secretary of State's Office. Thomas received her undergraduate degree in financial planning from the University of Georgia. She is a DeKalb County native and resides in Lithonia with her fiancé, Brandon, and their dog, Lucci.



The City of Lithonia thanks William "Ric" Dodd for his years of service and commitment as member of the City Council. The community looks forward to his continued involvement as a supportive resident.



CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

COUNCIL MEETINGS

JANUARY 3RD AND 18TH

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

Call 770-482-8136 for dial-in information.

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