



Lithonia News



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<http://www.cityoflithoniaga.org>

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL NEW MAIN STREET MURAL, DESIGNED AND EXECUTED BY DOUG THOMPSON, OWNER OF FLAVAS STYLING TEAM LOCATED ON MAIN STREET



ARABIA ALLIANCE TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS REGARDING THE BRUCE STREET SCHOOL SITE



As efforts to preserve and activate the Bruce Street School ruins continue, officials are excited to announce forthcoming [community engagement sessions](#). Feedback from the community engagement sessions will be used to shape the future of the historic ruins as a communal and historic local hub. Those interested can sign up for the sessions at arabiaalliance.org/join-the-conversation/. Dates and times of community engagement sessions will be announced soon.

The Bruce Street School dates back to the 1930s, when local Black leaders bought land to build a much-needed community school. The first graduating high school class (around 1943) included three pupils. By 1968, when the Bruce Street School was closed, there were over a dozen elementary and eight high school classrooms. Although in ruins today, the old school building still speaks to the power and resilience of Lithonia's Black community. People now have an opportunity to determine how this space can become an active part of the community once again. Anyone with artifacts, photos, stories and other materials relevant to the school and any future exhibits is especially encouraged to participate in the community engagement sessions.

COUNTY PARKS, POOLS, ARTS CENTER ARE OPEN

DeKalb Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs has reopened all facilities and amenities for public usage. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines will be observed during nature programs and activities to ensure protocols are being practiced. Park users will be able to utilize athletic fields, sports facilities, playgrounds, picnic shelters and outdoor basketball courts. The swim season began on Saturday, June 12. Pools and splashpads require patrons to preregister prior to entry.

Camp Superstars resumed this summer starting Monday, June 14. The program is a summer day camp for ages 5-15, which runs from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday at a charge of \$66 per week. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

The Porter Sanford III Performing Arts and Community Center reopened on Monday, June 14, at a reduced capacity in accordance to CDC guidelines for indoor events.

For more information, contact LaShanda Davis, public relations specialist, at 404-710-6331 or lsdavis@dekalbcountyga.gov.

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUALIFIED YOUTH

The DeKalb Human Services Department in partnership with the DeKalb Community Development Department is currently providing a limited number of summer vouchers and scholarships for qualified youth to attend in person approved summer camp programs in DeKalb County. The DeKalb Summer Camp Voucher Program provides summer camp options for youth from income eligible families. DeKalb youth ages 5 years-15 years may attend a variety of programs that are open now through July 30, 2021.

To obtain the list of approved program providers, please visit <https://dekalboys.org/voucher-program/>. Interested individuals must contact the location that they wish to enroll their child(ren).

To learn more about the Voucher Program, contact the DeKalb Human Services Department at 770-880-2434 or via email at ezansari@dekalbcountyga.gov

ISMC PRODUCTIONS INC PRESENTS

Lithonia Southern Soul Fest

Sunday July 4th 2021 **SHOW BEGINS AT 1PM**

The Legendary Lenny Williams

FEATURING
 MZ CONNIE | MAGIC ONE | STACII ADAMS | LEBRADO
 MISS PORTIA | JETER JONES | J RED THE NEPHEW

CROWD CONTROL BY
DJ UNCLE VERGE | DJ MEL MELANIE | DJ JBABY

HOSTED BY **Mc Lightfoot**

SCAN TO ACCESS TICKETS

@ LITHONIA AMPHITHEATER
 2515 Park Drive Lithonia Ga 30058

The Official After Work Party

FRIDAY Night WIND UP

April 23rd - October 22nd

Lithonia Amphitheater

Every 4th

Gates Open @ 4:30pm
 Show Starts @ 6:00pm

FRIDAY

Vendors TEXT VENDING to (678) 233-7070 For Info Call: (404) 910-9137

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bring your lawn chairs Sorry! No Coolers or Outside Food

Hosted by DJ Cash Money Mike

Get Tickets Online Only @ <https://fridaynightwindup.eventbrite.com>

GEN. ADM \$5 Online | VIP ADM \$10 | \$5 Parking | \$10 VIP Parking
 2515 PARK DR | LITHONIA, GA 30058



LITHONIA Market on Main



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION WITH FIRST ST. PAUL AME

LITHONIA MARKET ON MAIN

Support African American Farmers & Artisans!

Half price on EBT purchases!

New BLM Art on Main Street!

Free gifts for all customers!

Dance / Eat / Drink / Shop / Visit

6980 Main St * Lithonia * 30058

PLEASE WEAR MASKS!

SANITATION ITEMS PROVIDED!

CELEBRATING BLACK FARMERS & VENDORS

Saturday July 3

12:00 - 4:00 PM

July 10 Celebrating Lithonia's Faith Communities



MARKET SPONSORED BY



New Vendors Every Week!



OVERCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

SATURDAY JULY 24, 2021
10:00am-2:00pm

OVER 1500 FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!!

- Book Bags • Lunch Bags • Paper • Notebooks

(770) 484-4732 | ocfinternational.org
7373 COVINGTON HWY LITHONIA, GA 30058

Turning Point

FAITH FOR BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS 2021

Speakers:

Thursday 7PM
 Archbishop Ken McNatt

Fri & Sun 7PM & 10:30AM
 Bishop Deitra Walker

HOST: Pastor Benny Momoh

JULY 15-18 2021

OVERCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
7373 COVINGTON HWY LITHONIA, GA 30058 (770) 484-4732

THE UNSTOPPABLE WOMEN Presents

Fatal Attractions

We invite you to come hear our experiences.



August 20, 2021
7:00PM EST
Bldg B

OVERCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP THE UNSTOPPABLE WOMEN

(770) 484-4732 | 7373 COVINGTON HWY LITHONIA, GA 30058 | www.ocfinternational.org

SUMMERTIME

Lithonia Historic Preservation Commission Volunteers Needed

Lithonia is a community that is rich in history. The City came into being because it was a crossroads between Lawrenceville and Macon, and Decatur and Milledgeville. IN 1856 the City of Lithonia was chartered. Approximately 250 people lived in the area at the time.

In 2016, the City of Lithonia was listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to a lot of hard work by many individuals, the unique homes and businesses in the city, as well as the unique gneiss granite which is locally quarried. This designation means we are a very special place.

In 2019, the City Council of Lithonia adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance with the goal of stimulating and revitalizing the business district and historic neighborhoods. The ordinance creates a Historic Preservation Commission which is tasked with designating historic properties and districts, providing for Certificates of Appropriateness, and coordinating an appeals process, the repeal of conflicting ordinances, and other purposes.

The City is looking for a few people who may be interested in serving on the Commission Board. They would serve a maximum of two three-year terms. Requirements are that the person must live in the City of Lithonia and be a person who has demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history, architectural history, planning, archaeology or related professions.

If you would like more information or would like to be considered as a board member, please call the City Clerk at 770-482-8136 and submit your name. She will can send you a copy of the ordinance that details all the requirements.

Looking to the future while respecting the past!

PROGRESS ON THE NEW DEKALB COUNTY BRUCE STREET SENIOR CENTER IN LITHONIA



JOIN MAYOR REYNOLDS

ANNEXATION

ZOOM MEETINGS 7-8PM

- MAY 26
- JUNE 23
- JULY 28
- AUG 25
- SEP 22
- OCT 27

TO JOIN THE MEETING
VISIT WWW.ZOOM.US AND ENTER MEETING ID THEN PASSWORD

MEETING ID: 828 3277 6521 PASSWORD: 637984



CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

COUNCIL MEETINGS

JULY 6TH AND 19TH

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
BY CONFERENCE CALL
DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

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

City Hall
Council Chambers
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Lithonia, GA 30058

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LITHONIA!

A City With
PURPOSE!



2021 Lithonia Farmers Market on Main Season

May	8	Mothers Day Pop-Up Market
June	5	Opening Day Market
	12	Celebrating Lithonia's Main St Businesses
	19	Juneteenth / Fathers Day / House Music
	26	Celebrating Native Lithonians
July	3	Celebrating Black Farmers
	10	Celebrating Lithonia's Faith Communities
	17	Celebrating Lithonia's Leaders
	24	NO MARKET – SUMMER BREAK
	31	Back To School / Celebrating Children
August	7	Vegan Market
	14	Celebrating Lithonia's Senior Citizens
	21	Celebrating Lithonia's Schools and Teachers
	28	Celebrating Police/Fire/Military
Sept	4	Celebrating Labor Day/Workers
	11	Celebrating Grandparents
	18	Celebrating Health Care Workers
	25	Dancin' In The Streets
Oct	2	NO MARKET – FALL BREAK
	9	Breast Cancer - Pink Market
	16	Fitness Market
	23	Harvest Market
	30	Halloween / Closing Market
Nov	20	Thanksgiving Pop-Up Market
Dec	4	Holiday Pop-Up Market

SPECIAL PURPOSE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FOR DEKALB COUNTY SENIORS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Special Purpose Home Repair Program (SPHRP) is designed to assist DeKalb County seniors (aged 62 and over) and adults with disabilities (aged 21 and over) in repairing property conditions that threaten the subsistence of their homes or present threats to health or safety due to hazardous and/or unsanitary conditions.

How to Apply

- Obtain a Special Purpose Home Repair Pre-Application Card at a DeKalb County Public Library or at the Community Development website: <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/dekalb-first-time-homebuyersdown-payment-assistance-program>
- The homeowner must complete and submit a completed Pre-Application Card to the DeKalb County Community Development Department on or before **3:00pm on July 21, 2021**. Incomplete Pre-Application Cards will not be reviewed.
- Pre-Applications may be submitted on line at: <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/dekalb-first-time-homebuyersdown-payment-assistance-program>
- Pre-Applications may be mailed or placed in the box at the office door of the address shown below:

DeKalb County Community Development Department
750 Commerce Drive, Suite 401
Decatur, GA 30030