

Buzzworthy News

The City of Lithonia Hosted the South DeKalb Rotary Club 's Holiday Party at the Women's Club on Tuesday December 15th 2015. Outgoing DeKalb Tax Commissioner Claudia Lawson was recognized for her years of service.

State Representative Doreen Carter held a listening session at City Hall on Monday December 14th 2015, to discuss her new role and responsibilities to community residents. She also advised on effective methods and ways for community members to support or oppose local legislation.



The City of Lithonia gave away a total of 502 games and toys to 60 registered local families for their annual Holiday Toy Drive on December 22nd 2015. 165 children have received donated gifts due to the generosity of all who gave in support of the drive. We thank you!

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2016 State of the City

As we bring in the New Year, we welcome new goals, programs and initiatives for the City of Lithonia. Mayor Deborah A. Jackson, will discuss details about the city's progress and what we can look forward to in the near future in her "State of the City " address.

On January 4th, 2016, during her second swearing in ceremony, Mayor Jackson plans to move the conversation from what we have accomplished as a community to what more she aims to see done during the next four years in office.

Council Members Shameka Reynolds, who was re-elected, and Fred Reynolds, Sr. , who is new to the council, will also be sworn in during the ceremony.



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Lithonia Housing Fair Sponsored by Citizens Trust Bank



January 15, 2016 is the City of Lithonia's Insurance Fair!

Come and learn how to navigate the healthcare marketplace to find adequate coverage for you, your family or your business before the national **January 31st Deadline**.

There will be licensed insurance professionals from several agencies there to assist you.

See you there!

Friday, January 15th 2016
5pm-6pm
Lithonia City Hall
6920 Main Street

In an effort to increase homeownership, the City of Lithonia has partnered with Citizens Trust Bank to sponsor a housing fair on **Saturday, January 30th at City Hall from 9 am to 1 pm**.

If you are interested in learning more about the steps to owning your own home, this fair is for you! By attending the housing fair you will have the opportunity to speak with several home buying experts from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Well Fargo Bank, DeKalb Habitat for Humanity, American Family Insurance, and Peach State Federal Credit Union as well as Citizens Trust Bank. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact, **Shanelle Holder** at **770-482-8136** or Shanelle.Holder@lithoniacity.org

Lithonia Welcomes New Businesses

Lithonia's Main Street Downtown Business Corridor is seeing major transformation. The city welcomed two new businesses in December. Luxor Lounge which features live music had its ribbon cutting in mid-November. We are excited to have several new options for the community to experience and support.

TWO BOUTIQUE, a trendy women's clothing store, is located at 6970 Main Street. Here you will discover chic outfit options for special events or everyday professional wear. The owners are two women with style and excellent customer service. Be sure to stop in and support!

GREEN LOVE KITCHEN, a healthy organic food option at 6986 Main Street, will have its Grand Opening on **Wednesday, January 6th 2016 at 12 Noon!** Green Love Kitchen lives up to its name, as a family owned restaurant dedicated to uplifting the community by offering a balanced alternative to traditional fast food with flavorful meals where you can taste the love.

In partnership with the DeKalb Board of Health and THE ACTION NOT WORDS PROJECT the community garden broke ground on December 18th, 2015. The area in the park will encourage the community to participate in cultivating the growth of produce that will then be sold at the Community Farmer's Market.

EAT SHOP PLAY
Support local businesses.

Entrepreneurship Training Opportunity



The City of Lithonia is encouraging the growth of new business in the city by hosting an entrepreneurship workshop for aspiring small business owners. Do you or anyone you know have a business idea or plan that you would like to see blossom in to a fully operating business in the near future? You would make an excellent candidate for our upcoming Entrepreneurship Class beginning in February at City Hall.



The Partnership for Community Action will be providing in depth training and support for the select few individuals chosen to participate. The end result will be a business proposal ready for submission to potential funders, a relationship with a business mentor and for one deserving candidate a microbusiness loan to start their business.

JANUARY EVENTS

Every Friday, beginning January 8th there will be Community Hour throughout the day for residents and businesses to interact and share ideas. More details are available at ArabiaMountainVillage.com or 770-484-4745.

Tuesday, January 12th Financially Fit Workshop, City Hall, 6920 Main St. from 6-8 PM.

Monday, January 18th from 10 am -12 noon, to commemorate Martin Luther King's Birthday, the City of Lithonia in partnership with Keep DeKalb Beautiful and Friends of Lithonia Parks will be hosting a Day of Service to clean up the Lithonia City Park and restore the grills for use. Come out and give a helping hand!

Coming in February 2016...

Thursday, February 4th from 9 AM – 3:30 PM, Suicide Prevention Training Class by Dr. Kenneth Koon, Lithonia City Hall, 6920 Main Street. The training is open to the public and has been approved for POST training credits for police officers who can register at www.L3SIT.com

Food Talk

Starting Wed., February 3 from 5-6 PM, you will once again be able to participate in Food Talk and learn healthier cooking techniques that fit your budget. The classes will be for 7 weeks at City Hall. Contact Vaughn.Crooks@lithoniacity.org

Partnership for Community Action Entrepreneurship Class. Spread the word about this unique opportunity to start/grow your business. For more information, contact Nia.Harper@lithoniacity.org

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