



# Lithonia News

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## *Proposed Property Tax Increase*

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Lithonia has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 4.64%. The increase will enable the City to improve the level of services provided to residents.

If approved, this tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 16.500, an increase of 0.732 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 15.768 mills.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at **City Hall, 6920 Main Street on Monday, July 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

The final millage rate will be approved at the City Council meeting at 7 pm.

## **City Welcomes Summer Youth Champions**

Four local High School students are taking part in a new initiative to support and grow the city's weekly Farmers Market. The students will work throughout the market season and serve as support for market staff, social media liaisons, as well as help with general promotion and marketing of the Farmers Market. They will receive a small stipend. The city is exploring expansion of the program once school starts before the Farmers Market season ends on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rhonda Carey, AmeriCorps VISTA Community Liaison said, "We are excited to have them on board and plan to make their experience an important part of their future employment development."

The *Summer Youth Champions* are: Ruth Gibbs, Esther Gibbs, Elisia Robinson, and James Scott. Each of the students possesses a well-rounded skill set, enthusiasm for learning, and passion to the Champion team.



Lithonia Farmers Market Summer Youth Champions pictured:  
(l) Ruth Gibbs, (c) Elisia Robinson, (r) Esther Gibbs

**LITHONIA FARMERS MARKET**

**INAUGURAL MARKET SEASON**

Locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, spices and more!

Come support our farmers and enjoy healthy eating!

**1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**LITHONIA CITY PARK**  
2501 PARK DRIVE, LITHONIA, GA 30058

**GAMES, PRIZES, ZUMBA CLASS & MUSIC**  
SNAP/EBT WELCOME

THE MARKET WILL BE OPEN

**Every Sunday**

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

For More Information  
Call: (770) 482-8136 or Email: [Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org](mailto:Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org)

**Lithonia Farmers Market** is open every Sunday through September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lithonia Amphitheater, 2501 Park Drive, from 1 pm - 5 pm.

Produce and other goods are available for purchase along with engaging activities such as Zumba and other classes, food demonstrations, and book signings.

You can also participate as a volunteer for the market. Come connect with others while practicing healthy options.

**Spread the word! If you have any ideas on how you would like to support the Farmers Market, be sure to contact us at [Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org](mailto:Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org)!**

*On Sunday, July 24 @ 2 pm – Friends of Lithonia-Davidson Library are sponsoring a Book Signing at the Market*

## Things To Do Around Town

LITHONIA SMALL BUSINESS MERCHANT ASSOCIATION PRESENT

**Market on Main!**

Join us for

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLES  
PHOTOBOOTH • DUNK TANK  
PIE EATING CONTEST • HEALTH SCREENING

**MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 30,  
AUGUST 27, SEPT 25**

ENJOY THE FAMILY FUN!!

Lithonia hosts  
"Movie in the Park"  
(courtesy of DeKalb Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs)

**Monday, July 25 @ 8:30 PM**  
Lithonia Amphitheater      2501 Park Drive

Family-friendly movie!!

Bring your lawn chair or pillow.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**SUMMER CAMP**  
YOUR TOTAL CAMP EXPERIENCE... WHERE EVERY CAMPER IS A STAR

**JUNE 6 - JULY 29**

11 Camp Locations  
Free breakfast & lunch provided  
Experience a variety of activities

**REGISTER NOW**  
AGES 5-15  
\$55 per week  
7:00AM - 6:00PM  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

Register online at [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
VARIANCES AND AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP**

**Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
Lithonia City Hall, 6920 Main Street**

1. Application by Bainbridge Limited LP for several variances related to the Granite Crossing housing development, located at 6887 Max Cleland Blvd. in the Lithonia Plaza. The variances include the required setback of the building; residential use on ground floor; increase in building height; allowance of slope in roof line; location of parking; and driveway entries. Additionally, the applicant is requesting approval of the proposed building materials and the architectural style.
2. Amendment of Article V. Administration, Division 3. Special Administrative Permits, Sec. 27-894. Planning and Zoning Commission, Para. 1 Membership and appointments to include the following language – “Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, up to two members of the commission may reside outside of the City of Lithonia, who bring expertise beneficial to the commission.”
3. Amendments to the Official Zoning Map to update any approved changes or make corrections.
4. Application by owner of property located at 7134 Center Street and zoned RM-75, Multifamily Residential, for the adoption of standards to permit the development of a meat processing facility on the property. The adoption of standards represents an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment would add a definition of “slaughter house” to Sec. 27-31 Definitions; and outline specific standards in a new Section 27-802. Slaughter House under Article IV. Supplemental Regulations. A slaughter house would be subject to approval of a Special Land Use Permit by Mayor and City Council. Should Mayor and City Council adopt the amendment, the owner of any property within the city limits of Lithonia that meets the zoning requirements could apply for approval of a slaughter house.

Written comments concerning the proposed variances and amendment may be filed with the City Clerk prior to the public hearing or submitted at the hearing. Individuals interested in commenting on the proposed amendment, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above mentioned time and place. The proposed variances and amendments, findings and recommendations of the Zoning Administrator and the Official Zoning Map noting the location of properties may be examined at Lithonia City Hall, Lithonia, Georgia.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Leah Rodriguez, City Clerk, at 770.482.8136 or [Leah.Rodriguez@lithoniacity.org](mailto:Leah.Rodriguez@lithoniacity.org).



# Upcoming Events

## USDA Summer Food Service Program continues through Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast and lunch are available in Lithonia for children 18 and under at the locations below. Check the link for meal times:

- Lithonia Middle School
- KIP Academy, Inc.
- Lucious Sanders Rec Center

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

Tues., July 12, 2016 @ 5:30 pm, Lithonia City Hall Lithonia Downtown Development Authority

Meetings are open to business owners and community stakeholders to discuss plans and visions for the improvement of the downtown area. Come join us!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Back to School Jamboree**  
 Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 10 am – 12 pm  
 Lithonia Amphitheater  
 2501 Park Drive

Food, games, and school supplies!

*Collecting School Supplies and Donations at City Hall through July 21<sup>st</sup>.*



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### Council Meetings

**Tues., July 5 @ 7 pm**  
(due to Holiday) –  
Regular Council Meeting

**Mon., July 18 @7 pm**  
– Work Session

*All meetings of the City Council are open to the public and held at City Hall, 6920 Main Street, Lithonia 30058*