



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.

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 hearing on this tax increase to be held at **City Hall, 6920 Main Street on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** A third public hearing will be held at City Hall, 6920 Main Street on **Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

City Administrator Moody Retires

The City of Lithonia has been honored to have Eddie J. Moody serve initially as the Chief of Police from December 2012 to November 2014; then as the City Administrator until June 2016. During his tenure, he helped to manage and complete several community projects while maintaining integrity and an approachable attitude. The elected officials, staff and citizens thank him for his tireless efforts in contributing to the wonderful city that Lithonia is today and wish him great enjoyment in his retirement.

New AmeriCorps VISTAs Arrive

Rhonda Carey will be working to develop several programs for the Healthy Futures initiative which will focus on building a healthy Lithonia by providing workshops, training, and activities aimed at increasing overall physical, nutritional, emotional health including building capacity for the Farmers Market.

Prior to volunteering with VISTA, Rhonda worked as an Operations and Program Manager for Georgia State University for 10 years. Rhonda holds a BS in Broadcasting and Marketing, a AAS in Environmental Horticulture, and is a Certified Project Manager.



Rhonda Carey



Latesha Page

She has lived in Lithonia for 11 years and is excited about increasing community engagement and supporting fellow *Lithonians* in maximizing healthy lifestyles.

Born and raised in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York. **Latesha Page** learned the motto "Do or Die". She understands what it takes to meet people where there are at. She has a background in retail management. She worked for Non-Profits such as Red Hook Art Project, where she works as the Assistant to the Managing Director. Now as a VISTA she will work on programs to improve the Financial Health of the community.

Farmers Market Kick-Off

LITHONIA FARMERS MARKET
INAUGURAL MARKET SEASON
KICKOFF
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016
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

Lithonia Farmers Market will be operating every Sunday from June 5th - September 18th at the Lithonia Amphitheater from 1pm-5pm. Produce and other goods will be available for purchase along with engaging activities including a free Zumba class and food demonstrations. Over the Market Season there will presentations and other events.

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

Spread the word! And if you have any ideas on how you would like to support the Farmers Market be sure to contact us!!!

Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org

Things To Do Around Town

LITHONIA SMALL BUSINESS MERCHANT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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!!

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SUMMER CAMP
 YOUR TOTAL CAMP EXPERIENCE... WHERE EVERY CAMPER IS A STAR
JUNE 6 - JULY 29

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

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

Register online at www.dekalccountyga.gov/parks

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FREEDOM TO BE SUMMER CAMP

- PHOTOGRAPHY
- AFROCARDIO
- CHES
- ARCADE
- SWIMMING
- TRIPS
- ARCHERY FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

MAY 31-AUG 9
 \$85 Per Week | Ages 6-15
 Casual Lunch Option available

REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.HTSLE.ORG

SPACE IS LIMITED

ENJOY THE *Summer*

Call for Community Champions

Residents Call to Action!

The City of Lithonia is looking for residents to participate more actively in community events. We need residents and other stakeholders to be Community Champions to support city efforts and programs as well as recommend solutions for areas of concern.

We will have a stronger community if more people were involved. The only requirement is a willingness to work on solutions and have a love for service. If you are interested, please contact City Hall at 770-482-8136.

Newly formed Business Association

Lithonia Small Business and Merchants Association is now an official organization of the local small business owners in the area. They will be meeting every second Friday of the month at 12pm at the Lithonia Women's Club at 2564 Wiggins Street.

If you are a business owner or know of one please be sure to contact the LSBMA Chair, Jay West, owner of Lifestyle Christian Store, at lsbmaga@gmail.com.

A Message From the Mayor



Deborah A. Jackson

Granite Crossing, which is a 75-unit housing project for the Lithonia Plaza, is on schedule. The demolition is complete and the environmental testing is underway. Construction is projected to begin in August. The City is meeting with the Georgia Dept. of Transportation and the developer about improvements to the intersection at Max Cleland Blvd and Stone Mountain Street that would include new turn lanes and crosswalks.

The Farmers' Market through our partnership with the DeKalb County Board of Health will start June 5 and continue to September 18. We are looking forward to having fresh, healthy and locally grown food! For more information, contact Farmers.Market@lithoniacity.org.



Granite Crossing

The City of Lithonia has partnered with Wendover Housing Partners, based in Florida, to bring the new development "Granite Crossing" to the Lithonia Plaza.

The proposed plan for the 75-unit Family Apartment Community of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms, including a community room, patio, splash pad, connection to the walking trail, a new bus shelter and bus lane is on display at City Hall, 6920 Main Street.

Come check it out!

Reminder!

Upcoming Events

USDA Summer Food Service Program is back! Free meals are available for children and youth up to 18 years at the area locations listed below:
-Lithonia Middle School
-KIP Academy, Inc.
-Lucious Sanders Rec Center
-Union Missionary Baptist Church

For more information visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

Tues., June 14, 2016 @5 pm

Lithonia Downtown Development Authority, invites Business Owners and community stakeholders to come to discuss plans and visions for the improvement of the downtown area. Lithonia City Hall, 6920 Main Street.

Wed., June 15, 2016

Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce hosts a luncheon for members and non-members alike on the **3rd Wednesday of every month at This Is It restaurant on Panola Rd. from 11:30 am to 1 pm.** Come network and connect with other area business owners. Learn the benefits of becoming a member. Visit www.greaterlithoniachamber.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!
Sat., July 2, 2016 From 4-8 pm
Congressman Hank Johnson, DeKalb Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Lithonia Mayor Deborah Jackson and other leaders are coming together to host an **Old School Fish Fry and Block Party on Main Street.** More details to come!



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