



Lithonia News

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January's Inauguration Day was one of the largest events in recent Lithonia history, with a standing-room-only crowd at Lithonia Middle School. Our new home-grown Mayor called for us all to get involved and vowed to lead us to excellence with new ideas and opportunities. She reminded us that we stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, and set an example by visiting her family grave site to pay homage on Inauguration day.



LITHONIA FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

LITHONIA-DAVIDSON LIBRARY

6821 Church Street, Lithonia 30058

CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Movie Monday (All Ages)

Monday, February 3
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Storytime (Ages: 1 to 5 years)

Tuesday, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Teen Time (Ages: 13 to 17 years)

Monday, February 10th & 24th
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Mug Shots (Ages: 6 to 12 years)

Tuesday, February 18th
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

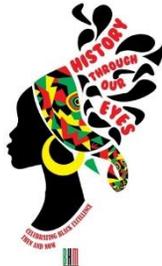
Preventative Services = Better Health

Wednesday, February 12th
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch & Movie

Wednesday, February 19th
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Support the Friends of the Lithonia-Davidson Library by buying books and becoming a member!



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lithonia Downtown Development Authority

Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 pm
Lithonia City Hall, 6920 Main Street

Lithonia Business Association

Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm
Black Dot Bookstore - 6984 Main Street

DAVIDSON-ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATURE PRESERVE PROGRAMS

All Events meet at 3787 Klondike Rd, Lithonia, GA

Register at ArabiaRanger@gmail.com

or call 770-484-3060

<http://arabiaalliance.org/events/>

#ArabiaRanger

Interpretive and Recreational Hikes with Rangers Every Friday and Sunday - 8:00 am “sharp”

AND... Every Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Learn about Arabia's natural/cultural resources and take in views to gain an understanding of local history, industry, and the ecology of the Preserve. Hikes are moderate for 1-2 hours. Dress for the weather and bring a refillable water bottle/snacks.

Exercise Walk It Out — Every Monday at 10:00 am and Every Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Walking is great exercise, and even better with friends. Bring your refillable bottle and let's walk it out.

Campfire with Rangers Sat., Feb. 8 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Join the Arabia Mountain Rangers for s'mores and hot cocoa by the fire, followed by a short hike to the rock outcrop during the twilight hours to see the Moon rise.

Flat Rock Culture and Volunteer Day

Sunday, February 9th 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Explore the historic Flat Rock community with Park Rangers and Johnny Waits of the Flat Rock Archive. Learn about our rich African American history in South DeKalb and then volunteer in the historic slave cemetery clearing vegetation and preserving the site. All tools and gloves will be provided. Please dress in long pants, closed-toe shoes, and bring plenty of water and snacks.

Bird ID Walk Saturday, Feb. 15 9:30 – 11:30 am

Join a guided beginners bird walk. The 2 hour hike will take you to a variety of trails through varied habitat. We will focus on Atlanta's 10 most common species while discussing ecology, behavior and adaptations of birds we see. Please bring appropriate footwear, a refillable water bottle and a pair of binoculars. Ages 8 and up.

Arbor Day at Arabia Friday, Feb. 21 4:00 – 5:30 pm

The 3rd Friday in February is Arbor Day in Georgia. Learn more about fruit trees as we add to an historic grove. Learn about site selection, preparing the site, planting, and care. Tools and gloves are provided. Wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and bring water and snacks.

DEKALB SUPER DISTRICT 7 PRESENTS
A COUNTY-WIDE EVENT

2020 Voting TOWN HALL

WED FEB 5TH
6:00PM
8:00PM

ON-SITE VOTER REGISTRATION

PORTER SANFORD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
3181 RAINBOW DRIVE DECATUR, GA 30034

Commissioner Cochran- Johnson
HOST & ORGANIZER

Panel Participants

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| Ted KOVAL GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE | Erica HAMILTON DIRECTOR DEKALB VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS OFFICE | Samuel TILLMAN DEKALB BOARD OF REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS | Anthony LEWIS DEKALB DEMOCRATS | Leona PERRY DEKALB REPUBLICANS | Thomas BOWDEN, ESQ. DEKALB REPUBLICANS |
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VOTE IN 3 EASY STEPS

- Check-In At The Polls
- Mark and Print Your Paper Ballot
- Place Your Completed Ballot into The Scanner For Counting

Interactive Voting Demonstrations Begin at 5pm

JANUARY
8th & 22nd

FEBRUARY
5th & 19th

6:30pm



IFA COMMUNITY CLASS SERIES
presented by
Iya Ifatola - Asia Rainey-Ani

Black Dot Cultural Center & Bookstore
6984 Main St. - Lithonia
FREE CLASS - Donations Welcome

For Info: asiarainey@gmail.com

3 Mountains, 1 Amazing Day!

Rock in 2020 at Monadnock Madness! Join the madness in March as you experience these unique places first-hand through guided hikes and events at Arabia, Panola, and Stone Mountains. Visit all three parks during the month and you'll earn a souvenir that you can wear as a badge of honor. Tickets are now on sale. Contact Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance.



Rockdale Clerk of Courts & Conyers Rockdale Library
864 Green St SW, Conyers, GA 30012

NANCY GUINN CONYERS-ROCKDALE LIBRARY
100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

LAW TOPIC SPEAKER SERIES

LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES

FEBRUARY 8, 2020
10:30 AM

Free Event!

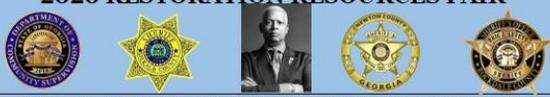


Attorney Justin Kenney

For additional information call the Clerk of Courts Law Library Intern at 770.278.7903

EX-OFFENDER?
RETURNING CITIZEN? EX-FELON?
PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED?
OR
JUST CAUGHT UP!

COME SEE US AT
Congressman Hank Johnson's
2020 RESTORATION RESOURCES FAIR



GEORGIA PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CONFERENCE CENTER

FIND YOUR PATH TO CHANGE

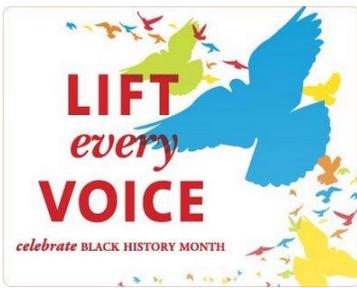
- CRIMINAL RECORD REVIEW & EXPUNGEMENT
- HEALTH & WELLNESS SCREENING
- HOUSING & EDUCATION
- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
- CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, February 20, 2020
10AM-2PM



495 N. Indian Creek Dr.
Clarkston, GA 30021

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THE BLACK PRAYER
RuNett Nia-Ebo
 Inspired by Genesis 1:26-27

Why Did You Make Me Black Lord
 Lord, Why did you make me Black?
 Why did you make someone
 the world would hold back?...

Black is the color of dirty clothes,
 of grimy hands and feet.....
 Black is the color of darkness,
 of tired beaten streets...

Why did you give me thick lips,
 a broad nose and kinky hair?
 Why did you create someone
 who receives the hated stare?

Black is the color of the bruised eye
 when someone gets hurt...
 Black is the color of darkness,
 black is the color of dirt.

Why is my bone structure so thick,
 my hips and cheeks so high?
 Why are my eyes brown,
 and not the color of the sky?

Why do people think I'm useless?
 How come I feel so used?
 Why do people see my skin
 and think I should be abused?

Lord, I just don't understand...
 What is it about my skin?
 Why is it some people want to hate me
 and not know the person within?

Black is what people are "Labeled"
 when others want to keep them away...
 Black is the color of shadows cast...
 Black is the end of the day.

Lord you know my own people mistreat me,
 and you know this just ain't right...
 They don't like my hair, they don't like my
 skin, as they say I'm too dark or too light!

Lord, don't you think
 it's time to make a change?
 Why don't you redo creation
 and make everyone the same?

God's Reply:

Why did I make you Black?
 Why did I make you Black?

I made you in the color of coal
 from which beautiful diamonds are formed...
 I made you in the color of oil,
 the black gold which keeps people warm.

Your color is the same as the rich dark soil
 that grows the food you need...
 Your color is the same as the black stallion and
 panther, Oh what majestic creatures indeed!

All colors of the heavenly rainbow
 can be found throughout every nation...
 When all these colors are blended,
 you become my greatest creation!

Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool,
 such a beautiful creature is he...
 I am the shepherd who watches them,
 I will ALWAYS watch over thee!

You are the color of the midnight sky,
 I put star glitter in your eyes...
 There's a beautiful smile hidden behind your pain...
 That's why your cheeks are so high!

You are the color of dark clouds
 from the hurricanes I create in September...
 I made your lips so full and thick,
 so when you kiss...they will remember!

Your stature is strong,
 your bone structure thick to withstand the
 burden of time...
 The reflection you see in the mirror,
 that image that looks back, that is MINE!

So get off your knees,
 look in the mirror and tell me what you see?
 I didn't make you in the image of darkness...

I made you in the image of ME !

Genesis 1:26 and 27

And GOD said, "Let Us make man
 in Our image, and after Our
 likeness. So GOD created man in
 His own image, male and female He
 created them.



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**THIS MONTH'S
 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Monday, February 3
 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, February 17
 7:00 PM**

City Hall
 Council Chambers
 6920 Main Street
 Lithonia, GA 30058

**A huge Lithonia
 THANK YOU to
 the wonderful
 volunteers who
 showed up for
 our MLK clean-
 up event. You
 are our Lithonia
 success story!**

