



# County by county

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## Atlanta

### Speedy trial case to be reconsidered

The Georgia Supreme Court on Monday ruled that a Fulton County judge must reconsider findings that murder charges against John Johnson should be dismissed on speedy trial grounds.

Last year, Superior Court Judge Marvin Arrington threw out murder charges against Johnson, who was charged with the 2005 shooting death of Brandon Scott. But the state Supreme Court ruled that Arrington, who has since retired, did not correctly apply the law governing speedy trial challenges. A new judge must now decide whether Johnson must stand trial. **BILL BANKIN**

### Roundtable discussion on urban poverty today

The fight against urban poverty, a priority in France and the U.S., conference is from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Technology Square Research Building auditorium, Georgia Tech, 85 Fifth St. NW.

The free roundtable discussion will highlight challenges of access to housing in developed countries and urban poverty in general.

Information: www.France-Atlanta.org. **KENNETH MUGISI**

### Veterans Day parade to be held Saturday

The 2012 Atlanta Veterans Day Parade is at 11:11 a.m. Saturday from Peachtree Street south of Ralph McGill Boulevard/Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard and will end at Baker Street next to the World of Coca-Cola.

The theme is "Welcome Home Iraqi War Veterans." Tim Abell, actor, U.S. Army veteran and television host of the "Grateful Nation," will be parade grand marshal. **VERONICA FIELDS JOHNSON**

### Silver Wings meets on Wednesdays

The Georgia Chapter of the Silver Wings Fraternity meets for lunch 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Petite Auberg restaurant, 2935 N. Druid Hills Road. The charitable organization is comprised of pilots who soloed an airplane more than 25 years ago. Information: Bill Bell at 770-449-1364 or www.silverwings.org/. **VERONICA FIELDS JOHNSON**

## Southside

South Fulton, Clayton, Fayette, Henry

### Edwards proposes workplace bullying ban

Fulton Commissioner Bill Edwards wants to enact a policy prohibiting county employees from bullying each other. He will introduce a resolution at Wednesday's meeting which, if approved, would make workplace bullying an offense, punishable by a minimum of five days suspension without pay.

The resolution says the county's existing anti-harassment and workplace violence policy doesn't fully address bullying. **JOHNNY EDWARDS**

### Fulton weighs animal services contract

The Fulton County Commission Wednesday will consider extending its contract with an animal control services provider Barking Hound Village Foundation, which the panel has expressed displeasure with. The county has asked for proposals from other companies.

## DOING GOOD METRO ATLANTANS HELPING OTHERS



Barbara Hickey (from left), Darlene Duke, Christian Aid Mission Partnership executive director, Caroline Whaley of the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta and Nurdan Cornelius of Cobb EMC helped to collect more than 65,000 diapers on the fourth annual Cobb Diaper Day Oct. 29 in Marietta Square. The event started in 2009 and has collected more than 300,000 diapers for Cobb County agencies that help low-income families. Hickey and her committee are still accepting diaper donations. **ANGELA SHIPP / COBB EMC**

# Annual Diaper Day boon for babies

65,000 donated diapers generated for 5 Cobb agencies.

By Devika Rao  
For the AJC

After reading about a diaper bank in Connecticut, Barbara Hickey got inspired to do the same for her South Cobb community.

"Have you seen the prices for diapers? It becomes so expensive for a family on limited income that we had to do something for the community," she said. In 2009, Hickey called up local organizations and suggested the idea of having a diaper drive. "The reaction I received was unbelievable."

On Oct. 29, Hickey and her committee hosted the Fourth Annual Cobb Diaper Day in Marietta Square which collected more than 65,000 diapers for five Cobb County agencies: Christian Aid Mission Partnership, The Center for Family Resources, MUST Ministries, Reconnecting Families and the YWCA of Northwest Georgia.

The diaper drive helps C.A.M.P. provide more to the families they serve year-round.

"Our shelves have been empty since the summer, and by having the diaper drive, it enhances the support we can give our families," said C.A.M.P.'s Program Director Carla Pierce.

The 44-year-old nonprofit organization serves 12,000 people a year in underserved areas of Powder Springs, Austell, Mableton, and Lithia Springs.

"Families are having a tough time, and once the rent, groceries, and bills are paid for, diapers and other toiletries become a luxury," added Pierce. The diaper drive encouraged local businesses and communities to collect at least 500 diapers noting that 5,000 diapers can assist almost 10-15 families.

Although the collection day has passed, Hickey and her committee are still accepting donations of diapers for the initiative.

"Ideas come out of some necessity," said Hickey, who also owns the Etiquette School of Atlanta. "We are just so grateful to see the generosity of the community in an effort to help our families in need."

The diaper collection initiative, since it started, has collected and distributed more than 300,000 diapers to local agencies.

To get involved with Cobb Diaper Day, visit [cobbdiaperday.org](http://cobbdiaperday.org).

**In Other News:** More than 350 cyclists completed the third annual 24 Hours of Booty of Atlanta held Oct. 13-14 in Sandy Springs. The cycling event raised \$191,000 for the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the Atlac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

### Who's doing good?

Each Tuesday, we write about the prior week's charity events such as fun-runs, volunteer projects and other community gatherings that benefit a good cause. To suggest an event for us to cover, contact Devika Rao at [doinggoodAJC@gmail.com](mailto:doinggoodAJC@gmail.com).

## DeKalb

### Conviction reinstated in fatal car accident

The Georgia Supreme Court on Monday reinstated a DeKalb County woman's vehicular homicide conviction for striking and killing a 7-year-old boy on his way to Princeton Elementary School in February 2009.

The Court of Appeals had overturned Shirley Ogilvie's conviction, but the state Supreme Court, in a unanimous opinion, found the appeals court to be in error. Ogilvie was convicted of two misdemeanors, including vehicular homicide in the second degree, for running over Kameron Dunmore with her SUV as he crossed South DeShon Road in the presence of a crossing guard with a stop sign. **BILL BANKIN**

### Veterans Day ceremony Thursday in DeKalb

DeKalb County will host a Veterans Day ceremony for local veterans Thursday morning in downtown Decatur.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to noon in Malcof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur. It is free and open to the public. **APRIL HUNT**

### Chamblee streetscape project progresses

The first phase of a streetscape project in downtown Chamblee is near completion.

The city is using grants from DeKalb County and the Atlanta Regional Commission for the project, which runs on Peachtree Road between Chamblee Tucker Road and Pierce Drive. The work includes eliminating a travel lane to add on-street parking and installing a new six-foot-wide sidewalk. **APRIL HUNT**

### Group hopes to start diverse charter school

Parents and educators who hope to start a charter middle school that mixes autistic students with other adolescents will meet with the public from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 3 at Napoleon's Bar and Grill, 2836 Lavista Road.

The group wants to open Tapestry Public Charter School in 2014 as a middle school for about 120 students at a high school. The plan is to offer smaller, multi-age classrooms with individualized educational plans and hands-on, sensory-based learning. Information: [www.tapestrycharter.org](http://www.tapestrycharter.org). **TY TAGAMI**

### Thousands more recycling in DeKalb

DeKalb County saw 4,000 new residents sign up for recycling in the first month after county commissioners voted to make the service free.

After the \$30 start-up fee was eliminated, more than 4,000 residents joined the service since it became free Sept. 26. That's the equivalent of about 2.5 percent more customers, added to the 21 percent who had been recycling. Information: 404-294-2900 or [www.dekalbrecycles.com](http://www.dekalbrecycles.com). **APRIL HUNT**

### Chamber hosting legislative preview

Members of DeKalb County's House and Senate delegations will be on hand at a legislative preview sponsored by the county's chamber of commerce about 2.5 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at Georgia Piedmont Technical College.

The luncheon will offer an overview of pending topics before the General Assembly for chamber members and residents. Cost is \$35 for members

nations of bottled water, cold-weather clothing and toiletries can be brought to the station on Highway 74 South Thursday. **JILL HOWARD CHURCH FOR THE AJC**

### Tyrone closes Valleywood Road

Valleywood Road in Tyrone will be intermittently closed to through traffic this week. Work is being done on the GSX road tracks just east of Main Street/Senoia Road.

The road will be kept open until after the morning commute and school hours and will reopen late in the day. **JILL HOWARD CHURCH**

### Volunteers sought for holiday program

Preparation for Connecting Henry's annual Community Cares Christmas Toy Shop is under way, and officials are looking for donations of toys,

Toy collection boxes will be placed in all municipal buildings in Henry County, and volunteers are needed to decorate those boxes as well as other facets of the program, from interviewing clients to wrapping gifts and sorting toys.

Volunteers are also needed to create and construct the toy shop. Information: 770-288-6230 or [connectinghenry2@ajc.org](mailto:connectinghenry2@ajc.org). **HENRY COUNTY, GA. MONROE BOARD FOR THE AJC**

### Fayette hospital seeks auxiliary volunteers

Piedmont Fayette Hospital is seeking additional auxiliary volunteers to compensate for recent retirements and increased need.

Men and women over age 18 are wanted for a variety of jobs and services. Flexible schedules can include days, nights and/or weekends. Information: 770-719-7098 or

OWNER LOUISIANA CAME UNDER SCRUTINY LAST YEAR OVER RESTAURANT AND HOTEL CHARGES IN

PORTLAND IS COLLECTING FOOD SUPPLIES TO SEND BY TRUCK TO VICTIMS OF SUPERSTORM SANDY. DO-

MONKEY AND GIRL CAROL AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS FOR A NUMBER OF POSITIONS.

VISIT [WWW.PENNSYLVANIAFAYETTE.COM/VolunteerOpportunities.aspx](http://WWW.PENNSYLVANIAFAYETTE.COM/VolunteerOpportunities.aspx). JILL HOWARD/CHURCH

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