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As a public servant, I believe honoring our veterans must go beyond ceremonies and statements of thanks. It requires steady action and strong support systems that meet their everyday needs. That commitment led me, in 2022, to create the Veterans Empowerment Committee (VEC) so our veterans would have a clear voice, direct access to resources, and consistent advocacy within the county. Since VEC's creation, the Committee has worked to strengthen communication, identify service gaps, and build partnerships that help veterans navigate the challenges of civilian life. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau via Census Reporter, about 34,279 residents of Fulton County, Georgia reported veteran status in the most recent survey. Building on this foundation, I introduced the recent resolution to secure annual funding for the Fulton County Veterans Community Services Grant Program. Many veterans face serious challenges when returning to civilian life, and it is our duty to respond with purpose and care. Through the work of the Committee and the guaranteed funding provided in this resolution, we are strengthening our promise to stand with those who have faithfully served our country and ensuring that Fulton County remains a place where their service is honored in action, not only in words.

Yours In Service,

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.

Commissioner, District 5
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



**BOC Staff
of the Year**
Dick Anderson

**Fulton County Staff
of the Year**
Roderick Conley

**Elected Official
of the Year**
Dr. Arthur Ferdinand

**Corporate Partner
of the Year**
Cricket Wireless



**Community Partner
of the Year**
Health Trans Plus

**Nonprofit
of the Year**
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., ASAC

**Arts Advocate
of the Year**
South Fulton Red Oak District

ANNUAL BLANKET ATLANTA WITH LOVE

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

To whom much is given, much is required. As we entered the holiday season, my office remained committed to serving the lost, the least, and the last. With gratitude, we hosted our annual Blanket Atlanta With Love drive, providing hot Thanksgiving meals, blankets, clothing, toiletries, and essential resources to Atlanta’s homeless community. Special thanks to our partners—Peach State Health Plan, Before Slavery, Project First, and Atlanta Recovery Center. We also appreciate our volunteers, the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Fulton County DREAM Team, Fulton County Board of Health, and the Departments of Community Development and Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, for helping make this event a success. Most importantly, we would like to thank all Fulton County residents whose generous donations made this effort possible.





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2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

HEALTHCARE TOWN HALL -11th

BLACK HISTORY FILM FESTIVAL
& BHFF Student Competitions
27th, 28th

MARCH

SPRING DISTRICT DIALOGUES:
TOWN HALLS
9th, 10th, 13th, 23rd

APRIL

TEEN SUMMER HIRING FAIR
11th

MAY

FAMILY FUN DAY - 2nd

JUNE

REEL TIME WITH COMM. ARRINGTON
11th

JULY

SUMMER DISTRICT DIALOGUES:
TOWN HALLS
6th, 8th, 10th

WRITE 2 RISE WORKSHOPS
11th, 18th, 25th

IT TAKES A VILLAGE (ITAV)
Back to School Giveaways
\$500 Book Scholarship Competition
17th, 23rd, 24th

NOVEMBER

BLANKET ATLANTA WTH LOVE
2nd-13th, 17th

DECEMBER

DADS, DAUGHTERS, DOLLS, +SONS
1st-11th, 17th

WINTER DISTRICT DIALOGUES:
TOWN HALLS
7th, 8th, 10th

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Fulton County is closed:

New Year 's Day, MLK Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving (& day after), Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve