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Greetings District 5,

As we ended 2023, I honored former Mayor J. Clark Boddie with a proclamation for his 37 years of service as the Mayor of the city of Palmetto. He began his career in public service as Chief of Police of Palmetto from 1977 to 1985. As he retires to enjoy his family, he holds the record for being the longest serving mayor in Fulton County's history. Salute, job well done!

My office hosted events at end of one year and the beginning of a new year, that reached those in need while bringing education and entertainment to others. Please peruse this newsletter and stay connected with us on social media.

Yours In Service,
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.

Commissioner, District 5
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

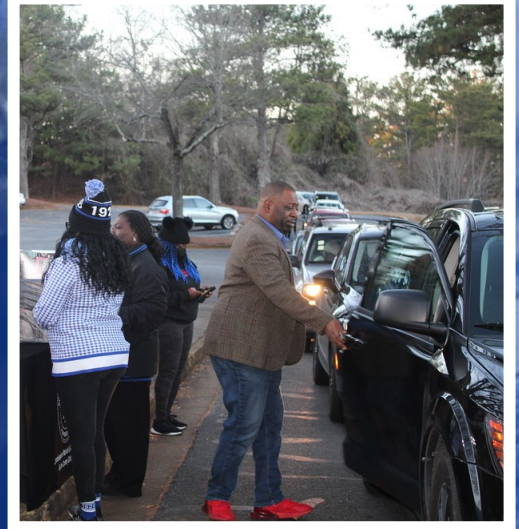
DADS, DAUGHTERS, DOLLS, +SONS



In partnership with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, my office hosted our annual Dads, Daughters, Dolls, Plus Sons toy giveaway for children whose fathers are inmates in Fulton County Jail during the holiday season. Inmates who wanted to participate completed a questionnaire and provided handwritten letters to their children. For two weeks, we collected toys for children ages 1-12. The efforts culminated with a drive-thru distribution at Fulton County South Annex in South Fulton, where we served over 100 children.

Thanks to Sheriff Pat Labat, his deputies, Fastenal, and residents for donating toys. Also, a special thanks to the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, volunteers, and staff for making this event a success. These donations helped children feel their fathers' love beyond the bars.

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.



2024 BLACK HISTORY FILM FESTIVAL



In honor of Black History Month, my office hosted its Annual Black History Film Festival (BHFF), which I began in 2008 before becoming an elected official. The purpose of BHFF is to educate our residents and visitors about the unsung heroes of Blacks' progress and contributions to America's history. We hosted Atlanta's film festival in collaboration with Fulton Library System and Fulton Arts & Culture, Fulton Films and DC's film festival in collaboration with Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office of Cable, Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment and Fulton Arts & Culture-Fulton Films.

This year we screened a robust collection of films from filmmakers throughout the country. These films screened in both Washington, DC and Atlanta, at the Lincoln Theatre, Alamo Drafthouse Theatre, Fulton County Assembly Hall, and South Annex. The festival took place at 8 libraries throughout the county, which screened two films each. Thanks to our sponsors Peach State Health Plan, State Farm, and Kaiser Permanente, we were able to award the high school student winners of both our BHFF Essay and Film Competitions over a \$1,000 in scholarships.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

SPRING DISTRICT DIALOGUES:
TOWN HALLS
Virtual - 12th
COSF Econ. Dev. Office - 13th
New Beginnings- 14th
Welcome All Park - 18th

APRIL

HEALTHCARE INEQUITIES TOWN
HALL
Wolf Creek Library -

MAY

FAMILY FUN DAY - 6th
South Annex
TEEN HIRING FAIR - 18th
Welcome All Park

JUNE

WRITE 2 RISE WORKSHOPS
Wolf Creek Library
8th, 22nd, 29th

JULY

SUMMER DISTRICT DIALOGUES:
TOWN HALLS
Virtual - 1st
Chat Hills - 2nd
South Fulton - 10th

IT TAKES A VILLAGE (ITAV)

Back to School Giveaways
\$500 Book Scholarship Competition
South Fulton - 24th
Fairburn - 25th

NOVEMBER

BLANKET ATLANTA WTH LOVE
Donation Drive - 4th - 15th
Dinner & Distribution - 19th

DECEMBER

DADS, DAUGHTERS, DOLLS, +SONS
Donation Drive - 2nd - 13th
Distribution - 17th

WINTER DISTRICT DIALOGUES: TOWN HALLS

Virtual - 9th
South Fulton - 10th
Chat Hills - 11th

