



October 8, 2010

## **Fulton County Announces Early and Advance Voting Locations for the November 2010 General Election**

Fulton County voters can cast their ballots for the **November 2, 2010 General Election** at several sites starting **Monday, September 20, 2010**.

Voters in Georgia do not have to provide a reason to vote prior to Election Day either by mail or in person. **Early voting is available Monday, September 20, 2010 through Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the following locations:

- Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street, Suite 4064, Atlanta, GA 30303
- North Fulton Annex, 7741 Roswell Road, N.E., Suite 234, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
- South Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road Room 108, College Park, GA 30349

Three additional voting locations will be available beginning Monday, October 18, 2010 through Friday, October 29, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

- Adamsville Natatorium, 3201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30311
- Ocee Library Branch, 5990 Abbots Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30005
- Roswell Regional Library, 115 Norcross Street, Roswell, GA 30076

### **Absentee by Mail**

Voters can request an absentee ballot as early as 180 days before an election or primary. Absentee ballots are mailed out to voters 45 days before the election. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Election is Friday, October 29, 2010. The application for an absentee ballot is available on the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections Web site and the Georgia Secretary of State's Web site. Voters can also obtain an application in person at the Fulton County Department of Registration and

Elections office at the Fulton County Government Center (141 Pryor St. S.W., Atlanta, GA, 30303, Suite 4075).

All absentee ballots must be received in the Registration & Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. For additional information, please call the Department of Registration & Elections at 404-730-7072.

## **\$5 Million Given for Fulton Industrial Blvd. Renovation**



More than \$5 million in bonds will be used to revamp and renovate Fulton Industrial Boulevard to bring new life to an area that was once a hub of booming industrial businesses.

The money will be used to boost area security and additional local fire and police protection and bring back its' vibrancy through road improvements and commercial building renovation. Fulton also will use \$3.5 million of a \$26.4 million countywide stimulus-bond allocation to renovate Fire Station No. 11, which is located on Fulton Industrial. Another \$1.3 million will be used for road improvements.

The bonds were given for the cause of renovation due to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs recognizing it as an "Opportunity Zone". This means that businesses will be made eligible to claim tax credits for each job created.

The renovation of this area will hopefully bring the community back to what it once was and help business owners realize the value of the area that sits approximately 20 minutes away from the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. The area has been plagued with increased crime rates that have resulted in diminished business.

Content for this article was taken from the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*.

## **SPARC Atlanta Clinics Offer Preventative Services**

On October 7 the SPARC Atlanta (Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration) clinics brought preventive health services to Fulton County communities. These clinics specifically target low-income, older adults.

SPARC clinics are much more than health fairs. Citizens who visit SPARC clinics take advantage of more than a dozen health screenings and education. The clinics provide referrals when appropriate and track the actions and progress of those who attend.

SPARC Atlanta is administered through a partnership between the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Fulton County Office of Aging. The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, area hospitals, and several other nonprofit organizations comprise a collaborative group that organizes health screenings and services.

The six clinics will also offer assistance with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Cost Savings. The clinics will accept Medicare/Medicaid and some private insurance for adults who present insurance cards; however, no one will be turned away.

*The services provided this fall include:*

- Clinical breast exams, mammography and pap test referrals
- Influenza, tetanus and pneumonia immunizations
- STD/HIV Screenings
- Cholesterol/Blood Glucose
- BMI
- Vision
- Dental
- Healthy Mind
- Blood Pressure
- Health Education and referrals

For more information, call the Fulton County Office of Aging's Star Line at 404-613-6000 or visit [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov).

*Here is a list of SPARCs calendar events:*

**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Radcliffe Presbyterian Church  
286 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Princeton Court  
3633 Howard Drive  
College Park, GA 30337

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

East Point First Mallalieu United Methodist Church  
2651 Church Street  
East Point, GA 30344

**Thursday, November 3, 2010**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3003 Howell Mill Road  
Atlanta, GA 30327

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Simpson Street Church of Christ  
810 Joseph E. Boone Blvd., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30314



## **Eaves Works to "Keep Gym In School"**

At Camp Creek Middle School, students got first row seats to meet some of their local sports heroes who are working to keep them healthy and strong.

Members of the Atlanta Falcon football team were on hand at the middle school to introduce the "Keep Gym In School" initiative that holds a purpose to fight childhood obesity. Players Michael Turner, Ovie Mughelli and others came to inspire the kids to stay active and participate in exercise drills with the kids.

Chairman Eaves also participated in the event by offering a welcome and supporting the efforts of the team, school and the initiative partner, Comcast.

Also in attendance were Michael Turner and Ovie Mughelli of the Atlanta Falcons; Linda Bryant, President of the Fulton County School Board; Dr. Cindy Loe, Superintendent of Fulton County Schools; Westlake High School Band; and the Atlanta Falcons and Westlake Cheerleaders.

Students were encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles and take the time to play to stay in shape. To give an example of how this can be fun and easy, there was a "Dance Off" with Freddy the Falcon that got the children up and moving and encouraged to stay active for their own health.

## **Are You Georgia Work Ready?**

Are you ready to qualify for that new job? Do you want to move up to the next level in your current work environment? Fulton County is on board with the Georgia Work Ready initiative and is currently operating four testing locations to offer certification access across the county.

Georgia Work Ready was launched by the Governor's Office of Workforce Development to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and enhance future economic growth for the state. Work Ready is based on a skills assessment and a nationally recognized certification program.

Take the Georgia Work Ready assessment, get Work Ready and position yourself to lead the pack in the race for advancement! Contact the Office of Workforce Development for more information: JoAnn Barber, (770) 306-2949 or [joann.barber@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:joann.barber@fultoncountyga.gov). Feel free to visit the Web site: [www.gaworkready.org](http://www.gaworkready.org).

## **Chairman Eaves On Panel to Discuss Expunging Criminal Records**

Chairman John Eaves, Mayor Kasim Reed and Georgia State Representative Kathy Ashe led an event discussing the opportunities offered to those who have been arrested for criminal offenses. The discussion took place at the Loudermilk Center on October 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. that was free to the public.

The theme of the event, "Is There A Second Chance In Georgia?" convened leaders in Fulton County to discuss when expungement of a criminal record is unavailable, followed by workshops that informed attendees about their available options.

Finally, the event provided an opportunity for interested community partners to join together to discuss the effects of collateral consequences on Georgians and their families and to address these through service, education and policy.