

Deshon-Rockbridge Community Coalition
Meeting Minutes
1/12/10

Deshon/Rockbridge Coalition met at the Wynbrooke Clubhouse, 389 Wynbrooke Parkway, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

Meeting Opened at 7:45 PM

Guest Speakers on hand were the following:

- Mrs. Alecia Penny – Public Services Director for Dekalb Watershed Management
 - Mr. Damon Johnson – Public Outreach Director for the Department of Public Works
 - Simone Joye – Candidate for State House Representative, District 88
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- Presentation by **Mrs. Alecia Penny**- Public Service Director for DeKalb Watershed Management
 - Discussion focused on water conservation. Mrs. Penny encouraged residents to take advantage of the "toilet rebate program" that replaces up to 3 toilets in homes that were built prior to 1993. Also, the county will be expanding the waste water treatment plants. Residents should read the copy of "Water Matters" newsletter in their water bill for updates on upcoming projects and important information. Please go to the watershed website at www.dekalbwatershed.com for helpful and informative information.
 - Presentation by **Mr. Damon Johnson** - Public Outreach Director for the Dept of Public Works
 - The increase in litter has resulted in an increase in storm water pollution. Mr. Johnson encouraged utilization of the county's recycling program to decrease storm water pollution especially by non-biodegradable trash such as plastic bottles, bags, etc. that travel from storm drains to our creeks and eventually to the Chattahoochee River, Georgia's source for drinking water. The program cost only \$30.00 which pays for the recycling bin and 100 blue recycling bags. He and Mrs. Penny joined the program over a year ago and still have not used all of their bags, thus the initial expense definitely outweighs the benefits. Southeast DeKalb has an extremely low participation in the recycling program. More information about this important program is available on www.dekalbpublicworks.com.

Both presenters are available to speak to individual homeowner associations, church and school groups as well as civic associations. They can be contacted at: atpennie@co.dekalb.ga.us and dejohnson@co.dekalb.ga.us

- **Simone Joye** for State House Representative.
 - Simone Joye is running for the State Representative seat in District 88 currently held by Billy Mitchell. She shared her concerns and platform. She emphasized the value of the state representative office in securing the monetary resources needed for counties to successfully meet the needs of communities. She will be running in the July 20, 2010 election. For more information please go to her website - www.joyeforthehouse.com.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

The coalition will be hosting the 2010 Budget Presentation by Dekalb County CEO Burrell Ellis on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM, at the Stephenson Middle School.