

August 23, 2019



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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### INTRODUCING: THE SPLISH SPLASH DOGGIE BASH!



#### Who's Letting the Dogs Out? You Are, at the City Pool on Sept. 7! Don't Miss This Special Event

Looking for the perfect pool party to end the summer? We've got one: the Splish Splash Doggie Bash, a brand-new way of bringing the community together, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Flowers Park pool.

The special event, to be conducted after the City pool's official closing on Labor Day, is the only opportunity this year for dogs to swim in the pool. And there will be a doggie fashion show at 1 p.m.! After the event, cleanup and winterization of the pool will begin. The pool will reopen next May.

Admission is \$5 per dog, and you'll need to bring a current vaccination record for your dog. No puppies younger than 6 months or dogs in heat will be admitted, and all dogs must wear a collar.

There will be an opportunity at the event for dog adoption via LifeLine Animal Project. Our sponsors are The Ark Pet Spa & Hotel, WellPet Humane Animal Hospital and The PawStand.

For more information about the Splish Splash Doggie Bash, call (678) 551-8004 or email [events@doravillega.us](mailto:events@doravillega.us).

## 14 Candidates File for Mayor and Council Positions for City's November Elections

A total of 14 candidates met the qualifying standards and filed papers this week for Doraville's municipal elections on Nov. 5. Open positions are for Mayor and for City Council in Districts 1, 2 and 3. A special election in District 2 to fill an unexpired term also will be conducted on the same date.

The qualifiers for each office, listed in alphabetical order, are:

### **Mayor**

Joseph L. Geierman, Tom Hart, MD Naser, Donna Pittman

### **Council District 1**

Gerald Evans, Tom Owens, Andy Yeoman

### **Council District 2**

Danielle C. Brown-Dowell, Rebekah Cohen Morris, Jessica Killingsworth

### **Council District 2 (special election)**

Tammie Bailey, Christopher Henshaw

### **Council District 3**

Maria T. Alexander, Shannon Hillard

For a map of City Council districts and their incumbents, [click here](#). For the candidates' contact information, [click here](#).

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## CITY'S NEW SCHOOL OFFICIALLY NAMED Doraville United Elementary School to Open in 2020



These were the members of the naming committee for Doraville United Elementary School, scheduled to open in the fall of 2020. The school's colors will be red, black and gold, and its mascot will be the owl. The school is expected to alleviate overcrowding at Cary Reynolds Elementary.



Ground was broken for the school on May 21 at 3630 Shallowford Road. It is the first new school to be built in Doraville since 1964, when Sequoyah Middle School opened. The new school had been given the temporary name of Cross Keys North Elementary School. [Click here](#) for renderings.

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### County's Cooperative Extension to Hold Class on Lawn Care



It's not too early to think about getting your lawn ready for winter. DeKalb County Cooperative Extension will host a class on that, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 4380 Memorial Drive (Suite 200) in Decatur. The class

(\$10) will cover: learning how to establish and maintain fescue, winterizing warm-season grasses, and treating for insects and disease in the lawn. For more information, [click here](#).

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### Creek Walk Scheduled for Sept. 14

Peachtree Creek Greenway will host a creek walk from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 14, starting at 2792 McClave Drive in Doraville. Ecologist Melissa Hankinson will lead the walk to look for critters in the creek, and participants are asked to wear rubber boots and work gloves. Some nets and buckets will be provided. In the event of rain, the walk will be held the next day. For more info: [www.peachtreecreek.org](http://www.peachtreecreek.org).



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## City Council Hears From Census Planners at Work Session

Representatives from the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS), the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and the U.S. Census Bureau attended the City Council's work session on Monday to make a presentation about the 2020 Census. (From left in photo: Pauline Barnes and Victoria Huynh of CPACS, Tina Nguyen of the U.S. Census, and Harvey Soto of GALEO.)



Census data play a vital role in the allocation of federal funds and other resources. The City of Doraville's mail response rate to the Census was 71% in 2000 and 65% in 2010. The City is currently in the process of forming a Complete Count Committee that will work at the grassroots level to publicize the Census -- and the importance of all Doraville residents being counted!

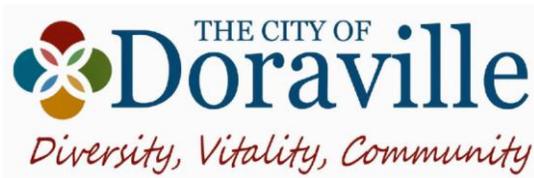
## The Census Is Hiring: Here's How You Can Make Application

Census Day (April 1) is still a few months away, but the Census is hiring for full- and part-time positions. The City encourages residents to apply at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>.

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## Council Approves Moratorium on Properties in T-5 and T-6

The City Council has approved a 180-day moratorium on certain commercial uses for properties in the T-5 and T-6 zoning districts. The City's Department of Community Development is working on amendments to T-5 and T-6 zoning ordinances that will be more compatible with a multi-use Buford Highway corridor outlined by the City's strategic plan.



## City Joins Federal Lawsuit Against Opioid Manufacturers



By a unanimous vote of the City Council on Monday, the City has joined a consolidated federal lawsuit brought against opioid manufacturers. The suit seeks to recover some of the financial expenses shouldered by local governments in dealing with the nation's opioid crisis.

Two-thirds of all drug-overdose deaths in the U.S. are from opioids, often in the form of prescription medication. Appropriate use of such medication should involve: following directions as explained on the label or by a pharmacist; being aware of potential interactions with other

drugs, such as alcohol; never stopping or changing a dosing regimen without first discussing it with the doctor; never using another person's prescription or giving prescription medication to others; and safely storing prescription stimulants, sedatives and opioids.

Family members can play an important role in seeing that the elderly use prescription medication properly and avoid the pitfalls of abuse.

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



### New Flooring Being Installed at Forest Fleming Arena

Work began last week on a new multipurpose floor at Forest Fleming Arena in Honeysuckle Park. The old arena floor, used by more than a generation of families, fell into disrepair and became a safety hazard, forcing the City to close the gym to athletic activities for the last several months.

The new floor is expected to be ready for use in late September or early October, according to Larry King, the City's director of public works. It will be used for basketball and volleyball, banquets, indoor pop-up theater and more.



## Walking Trail in Chicopee Park Expected to Be Finished Soon

Construction of a walking trail is underway in Chicopee Park, the City's smallest park, at 2699 Chicopee Drive. The trail is expected to be completed by the end of this month. The project is another example of SPLOST funding at work in Doraville. The one-cent sales tax, yielding an estimated \$9.4 million from April 2018 until March 2024, is being used to enhance parks, improve traffic flow and address safety issues.

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## Activities at the Doraville Library

Here's what is happening at the Doraville Library in the coming weeks. Call (770) 936-3852 for details.

- Tuesday, Sept. 3 and 10: Storytime (ages 5-12), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 and 11: Storytime Adventures (ages 3-5), 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 7: Friends of the Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 12: Senior Bingo, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 14: Short Stories Discussion Group, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



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## City Council Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held in the council chambers at City Hall, 3725 Park Avenue:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9: work session at 5:30 p.m. (rescheduled from Sept. 3)
- Monday, Sept. 23: work session at 5:30 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. (rescheduled from Sept. 16)

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## Keep Track of What's Going On in Doraville

Do you know of friends, neighbors or family members, in Doraville or outside the City, who are interested in keeping up with what's happening? Encourage them to register to receive this weekly e-newsletter! It's free, and they can sign up [here](#).