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to Unique Dekalb



Welcome to DeKalb County. If our extraordinary county has recently become your home, it's likely that you'll still be discovering its wonderful characteristics years into the future. We call this newcomers' guide Unique DeKalb because we have set out to showcase just a few of the many features that make DeKalb County unlike any in the metro Atlanta area or for that matter any in the world.

From a semi-rural county with many of the state's dairy farms, DeKalb has in just a few decades become an urbane area that's home to many sophisticated high-tech industries. Newcomers may enjoy learning about the county's fascinating history as a former buffer zone between the Creek and Cherokee tribes, the site of much of the Battle of Atlanta and home to one of America's oldest Black communities.

DeKalb County has an international flavor unlike any other place. We are honored that people from around the world have chosen our county as their home and the site of their businesses. As a result visitors and locals alike may shop for furniture and home accessories, clothing and other items from Asia, Africa, Europe and other points across the globe. They may taste authentic dishes from Thailand, India, Ethiopian, China, Mexico and dozens of other nations without venturing far from home. The cultures of the world blend here, bringing the best of each to form beautiful and vibrant communities.

DeKalb County has something for everyone. The natural beauty of the county alone-from the dogwood- and azalea-lined neighborhoods of Morningside to the scenic walking trails of Arabia Mountain-make DeKalb well worth exploring. Its numerous centers of education nourish the learning community, whether it's at a university such as Emory or a technical learning center such as the internationally renowned Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Culture flourishes in its many arts and entertainment venues. Both those who like to shop in charming one-of-kind retail stores and those who prefer major malls with a vast collection of national chains will find in DeKalb a nearly endless array of possibilities. Whatever your preference in housing, whether classic tree-lined neighborhoods, sleek modern apartments lofts or condominiums or provincial areas with lots of land around each house, DeKalb has what you're looking for.

The largest outcropping of exposed granite in North America, Stone Mountain, is visible to the east in most of the county. It provides a variety of recreation opportunities for the whole family-from picnic areas and walking trails to themed amusements inside Stone Mountain Park. During the summer months, the park's laser show attracts thousands from all over the Southeast. Just a short distance away is Arabia Mountain, another favorite for family walking, picnicking and nature appreciation. The county also is peppered with smaller parks that are perfect for impromptu and planned outings.

Those who love festivals and special events will be thrilled at what DeKalb has to offer. The Georgia Shakespeare Festival housed at Oglethorpe University, the annual Greek Festival at one of area's largest Greek orthodox churches and the Yellow Daisy Festival in Stone Mountain Park are just three of the big events DeKalb residents look forward to.

Even DeKalb's government is unlike any other in the area, with a chief executive officer rather than a commission chairman.

Welcome to the most culturally diverse county in Georgia. Welcome to one of the most populous counties in the Southeast. Welcome to experiences in history, education, industry and natural marvels unlike those found anyplace else. Welcome to unique DeKalb.

A Brief History

DeKalb County has a rich and colorful history, a diverse legacy still reflected in the cultural expression of the county today.

Dating back to 1822, the county was named in honor of Johann DeKalb, a peasant mercenary who fought for the colonies in the Revolutionary War under the name "Baron Jean DeKalb."

Mills and ginneries were vital to the county's early growth. This heritage lives on in the names of various DeKalb roads that once led to these mills, such as Browns Mill, Evans Mill and Henderson Mill.

The county's previous courthouse was built in 1917 at a cost of \$10,000. DeKalb's present courthouse was built in 1965 at a cost of \$3.5 million, while the old facility has been renovated and serves as the headquarters for the DeKalb Historical Society.

DeKalb County is Georgia's most culturally enriched county, with a wonderful blend of different ethnic groups and cultures. The richness of life that these diverse groups of people bring to DeKalb permeate every facet of the county, from shopping and retail venues to a reflection of the community's very heart and soul.

Reflecting its people, DeKalb enjoys an exciting, diverse and talented cultural arts community, an outstanding public school system and excellent higher education facilities

DeKalb County offers a hospitable business and industrial climate, unmatched shopping and retail centers, dynamic and stimulating economic development programs, and a solid transportation infrastructure. DeKalb offers a no-nonsense approach to business yet extends a warm, friendly handshake to its employees and residents.

DeKalb is a county rich in tradition. Its unique blend of history, culture, diverse businesses and close-knit communities make it the ideal place to live, work and play.



Kall<u>b Count</u>y

Welcome To DeKalb County



C.E.O. Vernon Jones

n behalf of DeKalb County Government, the more than 7,000 employees and the more than 700,000 residents, I would like to welcome you to the second largest county in the state of Georgia. It is our pleasure to receive and share with you all of the great things that DeKalb County has to offer. While you enjoy your visit don't hesitate to call us if you need anything.

With over 700 square miles of land, DeKalb is home to Stone Mountain, Arabia Mountain, Emory University and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) just to name a few.

You know we have a great story here in DeKalb County. Our streets are cleaner and safer, our water is cleaner and we have some of the lowest rates and offer more services in the Metro area. So whether you are just visiting or thinking about calling DeKalb County home, we are glad that you came.



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DeKalb cooking school offers world-class culinary education



by Andy Phelan andy@dekalbchamp.com

If you've ever dined at a restaurant in Paris, gorged on a buffet on a Royal Caribbean cruise or taken a date to Joel's in Buckhead or Café Lilly in Decatur, chances are a chef trained in DeKalb County may have cooked the meal.

Opened in 2003 with just 80 students, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Atlanta is now home to more than 800 chefs-in-training. Located just off I-285 in Tucker, Le Cordon's blue ribbon pedigree can be traced to the famous French school of the same name founded in 1895.

'Our graduates get jobs all over the world," said Executive Chef Todd Kazenske. "They go to Europe-Germany, France and Italy; the U.S.-Napa Valley, New York City and Disney World. We even have a graduate headed to South Africa.

Kazenske said students, who come near and far to attend the school, range in age from 16 to their mid-60s. Some have just a GED; one even has a Ph.D. They graduate with coveted diplomas after exhibiting more than 400 culinary proficiencies, all while helping manage kitchens and an in-house restaurant meant to mimic real-world facilities.

We have a lot of career changers here," said Kazenske, who got much of his training at Sea Island on the south Georgia coast. "We teach them the fundamentals to be successful, but they have to spend the time to better their skills to become areat chefs.

Le Cordon offers two degree programs – a certificate of baking and patisserie, which is about 10 months of intensive study and the more traditional associate's degree in the culinary arts that lasts about 15 months, including the practicum. The certificate program costs about \$20,000 and the culinary arts degree runs about \$40,000.

"We'd like to expand to about 1,200 to 1,500 students," said Kazenske, who was preparing for a quality assurance visit from Patrick Martin, vice president of educational development. "We have the room to grow."

For more information, log on to www.atlantaculinary. com.

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– Executive Chef Todd Kazenske.

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Columbia Theological Seminary 701 Columbia Drive Decatur, GA 30030

404-378-8821 • www.ctsnet.edu

Founded in Lexington, Ga. in 1828, Columbia Theological Seminary is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the South. The first permanent location was in Columbia, S. C. The school officially became Columbia Theological Seminary in 1925.

DeKalb Technical College 495 North Indian Creek Drive Clarkston, Georgia 30021

404-297-9522 • www.dekalbtech.edu

DeKalb Technical College was established in 1961 to serve a multi-county area east of Atlanta. The college is one of a statewide network of area postsecondary technical colleges. Through multiple campuses in DeKalb and Rockdale counties, DeKalb Tech provides technical educational opportunities through degree, diploma and certificate programs in business technologies, computer information systems and engineering technologies, health technologies, industrial and transportation technologies

DeVry University/Georgia

250 N. Arcadia Avenue Decatur, GA 30030 404-292-7900 • www.atl.devry.edu

DeVry University includes a network of 13 institutes, and DeVry University/Georgia is located in the heart of DeKalb County. The facility was established in 1969 and has been at its present location since 1985. A satellite campus in DeKalb Tech's Dunwoody Center on Chamblee-Dunwoody Road offers select weekend classes. The school confers bachelor's degrees in accounting, business operations, computer information systems, electronics engineering technology and an associated of applied science in electronics.

Emory University 1380 Oxford Road NE Atlanta, GA 30322 404-727-6123 • www.emory.edu

Emory University, with nine major divisions, numerous centers for advanced study and a host of affiliated institutions, has a student body of more than 10,000 and 2,000 full-time faculty members.

It includes a graduate school of arts and sciences; professional schools of medicine, theology, law, nursing, public health and business; the Yerkes Primate Research Center; and Oxford College, a two-year undergraduate division on the original campus of Emory in Oxford, Ga.

Georgia Perimeter College 555 N. Indian Creek Drive

Clarkston, GA 30321 404-299-4000 • www.gpc.peachnet.edu

Georgia Perimeter College, a unit of the University System of Georgia, has provided educational opportunities to more than a half million students for the past 30 years. This community college provides traditional and nontraditional students with a range of academic courses on four campuses and two centers; three are in DeKalb.

Mercer University 3001 Mercer University Drive Atlanta, GA 30341

770-986-3400 • www.mercer.edu

Mercer University has its main campus in Macon, but a smaller campus in DeKalb. It is the second-largest Baptist-affiliated institution in the world. It combines programs in liberal arts, business, engineering, education, medicine, pharmacy, law and theology.

Oglethorpe University 4484 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30319 404-261-1441 • www.oglethorpe.edu

The university was founded in 1835 and moved to its current 118-acre DeKalb campus in 1915. Today, the school enrolls more than 1,200 students from 31 states and 31 countries annually; 51 percent of its students are from Georgia.

Besides academics, Oglethorpe also sponsors many culturally rich programs and offerings, including the Georgia Shakespeare Festival, the Arts and Ideas series and original museum exhibitions.

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Public Schools_____

DeKalb School System 3770 North Decatur Road Decatur, GA 30032 678-676-1200 www.dekalb.k12.ga.us

Crawford Lewis, Ph.D., Superintendent

The system serves more than 100,000 students at 84 elementary schools, 19 middle schools, 21 high schools and 19 specialized centers. **City Schools of Decatur** 230 North McDonough Street Decatur, GA 30030 404-370-4400 www.decatur-city.k12.ga.us

Phyllis A. Edwards, Ed.D, Superintendent

Although the City of Decatur is only four square miles, it has its own school system. The system has an enrollment of about 2, 500 students. Health

Hospital at Hillandale county's newest gem in crown



by Andy Phelan andy@dekalbchamp.com

Just off I-20 in the burgeoning city of Lithonia, sits the newest member of the county's family of hospitals – DeKalb Medical Center at Hillandale.

While the county is home to some of the most innovative and progressive health-care facilities, such as Emory University Hospital, Northlake Medical Center, the Atlanta VA Medical Center, Dunwoody Medical Center and Decatur Hospital, Hillandale is the baby of the bunch.

But don't let that fool you.

Because Hillandale is the first planned all-digital hospital in the state, it is one of the most efficient health-care providers in the metro area. Doctors and nurses can make faster, more informed decisions because all patient information is available at their fingertips. A Picture Archival and Communication System allows physicians to view diagnostic images and reports by computer from any facility within the DeKalb Medical Center hospital system or even from the office or home.

The six-story, 191,000-square-foot hospital is a welcome relief to many residents in south DeKalb who previously had to travel as much as 45 minutes away to get medical attention.

Cardiologist Cornelius Flowers, M.D., who earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Southern Mississippi and his medical degree from Columbia University, is chief of staff. He completed his residency in internal medicine and cardiovascular diseases at Emory University. Flowers is a member of the Association of Black Cardiologists and the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks. He has served on the DeKalb County Hospital Authority for more than 12 years.

Greenforest - McCalep Christian Academic Center

Founded in 1989, Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academic Center is today one of the largest predominately African-American Christian schools in the United States that enrolls grades K – 12. Greenforest is nationally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Greenforest is noted for its strong spiritual and academic programs, and our students achieve at the highest level in science, math, spelling and drama competition. We are ranked among the **top 4 to 10 percent** of all schools in the nation, as determined by recent standardized test scores. Greenforest offers several **advanced placement courses** in language and composition, calculus, chemistry, physics and others.

The center also offers **foreign language** courses in Spanish, French, and Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia, and has recently added **Earth Science** and **Environmental Education** to its science curriculum.

Students at Greenforest participate in a variety of organizations, including the National Honor Society, Beta and Junior Beta Clubs, cheerleading, band and drama. Greenforest is a member of the Georgia High School Association (class A) and its students compete in basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and cross-country.

Since its first graduating class in 1996, more than **95 percent** of the school's graduates have enrolled in institutions of higher learning, with many earning **scholarships** to some of the nation's top colleges and universities, including Vanderbilt, New York University, Morehouse College, and the University of Georgia.

In addition, Greenforest offers: ACSI/State Certified Teachers · A Beka Curriculum · State-of-the-Art Science & Computer Laboratories · Before and After School Programs · Summer Enrichment & Advantage Programs

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Public Health Centers:

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- South DeKalb Health Center 3110 Clifton Springs Road Decatur, GA 30034 404-244-2200
- East DeKalb Health Center 2277 S. Stn. Mn.-Lithonia Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058 770-484-2600
- Central DeKalb Health Center T.O. Vinson Health Center 440 Winn Way Decatur, GA 30030 404-294-3762
- Kirkwood Health Center 30 Warren St. Atlanta, GA 30317 770-370-7360





Hospitals

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston 1405 Clifton Road, Atlanta 404-325-6000

DeKalb Medical Center at Decatur 450 N. Candler St., Decatur 404-501-6700

DeKalb Medical Center 2701 N. Decatur Road, Decatur 404-501-1000

DeKalb Medical Center at Hillandale 5900/5910 Hillandale Drive Lithonia, GA 30058 404-501-8000 **Dunwoody Medical Center** 4575 N. Shallowford Road, Atlanta 770-454-2000

Emory University Hospital 1364 Clifton Road, Atlanta 404-712-2000

Northlake Medical Center 1455 Montreal Road, Tucker 770-270-3000

Veterans Affairs Medical Center 1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur 404-321-6111

Greenforest-McCalep Christian Early Learning Center

"Where a Lifetime of Learning Begins for Children Ages 6 Weeks to 4 Years"

Greenforest-McCalep Christian Early Learning Center is the **largest childcare facility in the Southeast**. The center features the A Beka curriculum, which is Christian-based, and challenges students in phonics, numbers, writing, science and art. The center's teaching staff is professionally trained to meet the developmental and spiritual needs of children and to focus on each child's cognitive, language, social, physical, and creative development.

Greenforest is the exclusive Atlanta home of "Be Smart Kids", a computer-based math and language program for young children, and its academic focus includes Bible education, African-American history, Spanish, music and physical education. Field trips, extra-curricular activities, special guest speakers, and parental involvement all help to enhance the richness of the center's program and provide a well-rounded spiritual and academic experience for its students.

In addition, Greenforest offers: 12-month (Year-round) Program · Computers in Classrooms · Full-Time Nurse on Duty · Parental Monitoring Via the Internet · Dance, Chorus & TaeKwon-Do · Age-specific Playgrounds · Computerized Entry System for Added Security

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Mixed-Use Hot in **DeKalb**

With its close proximity to Atlanta, DeKalb County has experienced tremendous growth in the use of mixed-use development, which combines residential and commercial property. Decatur, with its booming condominium developments, has seen the bulk of this trend in the county. However, other cities, like Chamblee, are also following suit.

The award-winning Atlantic Station, in Midtown Atlanta, is the metro area's best known mixeduse triumph, having converted a defunct steel mill into a perennial entertainment location. A DeKalb echo of Atlantic Station is found on Moreland Avenue at the Edgewood Retail District. The 42-acre former home of Atlanta Gas Light, between East Atlanta and Little Five Points, includes 590,000 square feet of retail space and 260 to 280 condos, single-family homes and apartments for senior citizens. Lowe's, Target, Kroger, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Ross Dress for Less, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Office Depot and PETCO are some of its tenants.

So why is mixed-use development so popular? "Because of increased land prices, the developer is forced to think a little outside the box in the use of specific properties," said Swanton Davis, a developer with Vantage Properties Association. "I believe that mixed-use locations will continue to be on the rise because people are looking to live closer in and have the convenience of shopping close to living quarters."



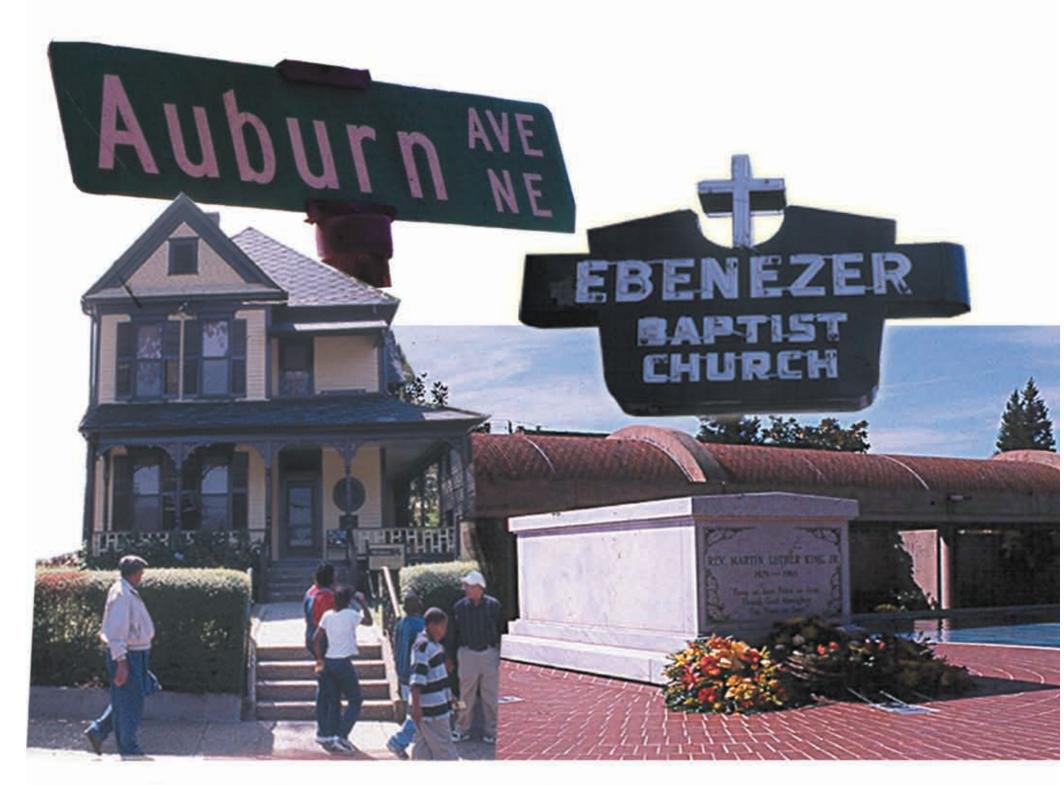


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There's lots to do **outdoors**









From Fairways To Trails

Parks-a-plenty is one way to describe the plethora of activities available in DeKalb. Whether it's fishing, hiking, biking or some other sport of choice, the county has it all. Perhaps most notable are the two golf courses owned by DeKalb. Mystery Valley, located in east DeKalb, is nestled among 265 acres of Georgia pines. The par 72 course is a 6,700-yard beauty sculpted with twisting and winding fairways. In South DeKalb, Sugar Creek tempts golfers' fates with tight fairways and fast greens through 6,318 yards of renovated landscape. DeKalb offers an annual pass for \$800, which allows patrons to play both courses for only the price of the cart fee.

Stone Mountain Park

Stone Mountain Park provides a day's escape or a weekend respite at the full service Marriott accommodations on the grounds unless, of course, camping is preferred. A climb to the top of the mountain is always invigorating. Or cast your line into one of the fishing holes. A riverboat cruise might be in order after a family picnic and just before the nightly laser show. Just in case there's a need for a little more golf, the park also houses two championship courses.

Arabia Mountain

Arabia Mountain features Heritage Area Cycling on the trails through the woodland and past rock outcrops, hiking to a quiet lake, finding unusual plants and watching the sun wake in the solitude of a high granite outcrop. There is so much to enjoy in vast recreational, natural and historical resources at the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area. It's a great place to visit any time of year.



In Chamblee, our motto is "A City On the Right Track."

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However, we also recognize the wisdom of the Will Rogers quote, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

The dynamic, ever-changing history of Chamblee has set a high standard for progress as we have moved into the 21st. century. That's exciting for both residents and visitors alike. Come and see for yourself why we're so proud of our community.





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Tour-de-Stores in DeKalb Shopping

DeKalb offers an indulgence in shopping from the quaint and quirky to the posh and proper. Spending sprees begin north at Perimeter Mall and descend south to The Mall at Stonecrest. And in between there are specialty areas such as East Atlanta Village and the Stone Mountain Village where small shops and boutiques round out the tour. Having opened just five years ago, The Mall at Stonecrest is now booming with retail outlets any shop-a-holic will love. Located near Arabia Mountain, the area is also home to several restaurants and stand-alone

stores. Express shuttles are available using MARTA and the mall is becoming the gathering site for large events such as marathons and was also the starting point for the march to Coretta Scott King's funeral. The Gallery at South DeKalb



is continuing its renaissance with the anticipated introduction of the American Screen Works in 2007, a 12-screen theater with arcade and jazz concert area. The state-of-the art theater will include

- 12 screens
- Stadium-style seating
- Digital audio and video
- Arcade

• Advance ticket pick-up

Atlanta-based American Screen Works, Inc. has been involved with the movie theater business for 32 years. During this time, the company has developed 135 theaters.

Other Shopping

Candler Park

Just south of Ponce de Leon Ave at Clifton Road and Mc-Clendon Avenue

www.candlerpark.org

Nestled in one of Atlanta's oldest neighborhoods, Candler Park is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is named after Coca-Cola founder Asa G. Candler. Candler Park is a quaint block of shops and restaurants. Walk through the neighborhood's namesake park, along the streets lined with renovated early 1900s bungalows, or play nine holes at the Candler Park Golf Course.

Chamblee's Antique Row

Broad Street & Peachtree Industrial Blvd. 770-458-1614 • www.antiquerow.com

Toys, sports memorabilia, high-end china, Black Americana, Depression glass, clocks and furniture are just the beginning of what shoppers will find at the South's largest antique area. Chamblee's Antique Row is located just 1.5 miles inside I-285 in historic Chamblee. More than 200 antique dealers operate in this neighborhood where shops are located in homes, churches and stores.

Downtown Decatur

404-371-8386 • www.decatur-ga.com/main.business. retail.htm

Shops and restaurants surround the historic Old DeKalb Courthouse and line the adjacent streets. Browse the art galleries, clothing boutiques, home décor and antiques stores and specialty shops that offer handmade crafts. There are some 50 or so restaurants in Decatur and the nearby historic Oakhurst district, offering everything from burgers and sandwiches to sushi and Peruvian tapas. Enjoy an acoustic

performance at Eddie's Attic or a play at Neighborhood Playhouse or Push Push Theater.

East Atlanta Village

Moreland Avenue and I-20

One of Atlanta's hippest shopping, dining and entertainment districts is East Atlanta Village, which sits on the edge of DeKalb County, near Moreland Avenue and I-20. It is in the midst of a renaissance and is home to several eclectic shops, restaurants, bars and nightspots, as well as two of Atlanta's most popular live music venues, the EARL and the Echo Lounge. Discover vintage clothing, African drums, jewelry, kitschy gift items and more along Flat Shoals Road and Glenwood Avenue.

International Corridor

Asian Square 5150 Buford Highway Doraville 770-458-8955

Atlanta Chinatown 5379 New Peachtree Road Chamblee 770-458-4624

Korea Garden 5181 Buford Highway Doraville 770-454-6200





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DeKalb County has a form of government that is unique among metropolitan Atlanta counties. Only DeKalb has a chief executive officer, forming an executive branch that is independent of the board of commissioners, which acts as the legislative branch.

The county adopted this form of government a little more than 20 years ago when the Reorganization Act of 1985 created a structure under which there is a board of commissioners, composed of one commissioner for each of the county's five districts and two super districts. Commissioners are elected to staggered four-year terms. The county is divided geographically into five districts, then split in half to form the two super districts. Thus, every DeKalb County resident is represented by two commissioners. The commissioners set policy and appropriate funding for the county operations.

The CEO, elected countywide, administers the day-to-day operations of the county government and manages its 7,000 employees. The CEO, limited to two consecutive four-year terms, presides over the twice-monthly meetings of the board, but can only vote on business items in the event of a tie. At present, the county has had three CEOs—Manuel Maloof, Liane Levitan and the current CEO, Vernon Jones.

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DeKalb's Municipalities

Atlanta

Shirley Franklin, Mayor

Although most of the city of Atlanta is in Fulton County, some of its most intriguing communities are in DeKalb. For example, the rapidly growing mixed-use communities around Perimeter Mall brings a mix of upscale restaurants and retail stores in close proximity to sleek, modern condominiums. A similar wave of development is taking place along Moreland Avenue near Little Five Points.

The older, elegant communities in the Druid Hills area near Emory University, also represent Atlanta at its finest.

Avondale Estates

Jerry D. McCumber, Mayor

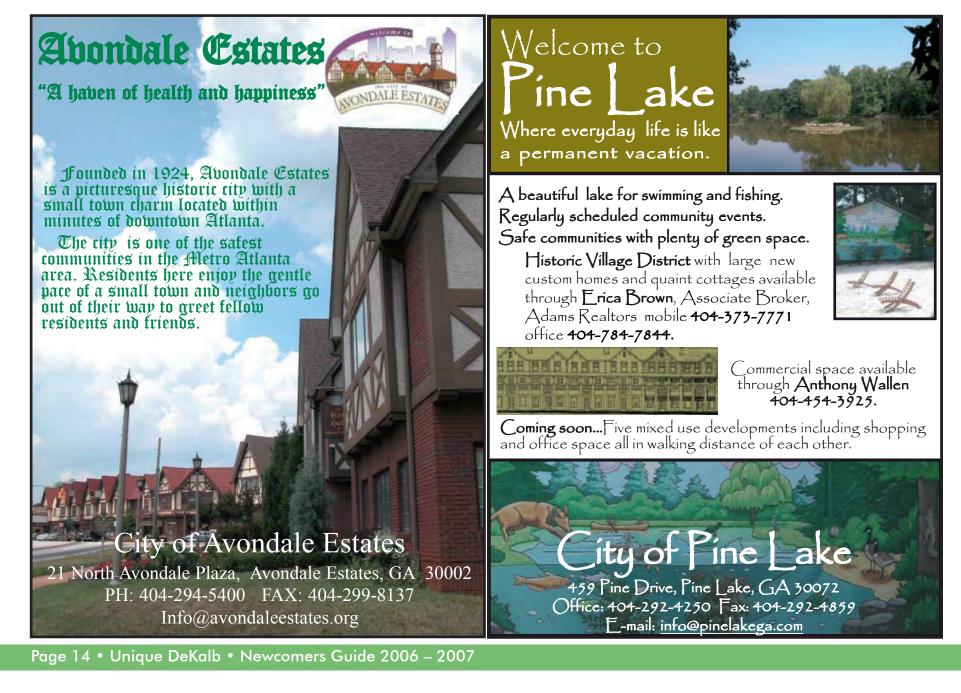
Avondale Estates is one of the earliest planned communities in the South and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Construction began in 1927, creating a commercial area designed to recall an English Tudor Village. The city is named for the Avon River, near which William Shakespeare lived and wrote most of his famous plays and poems. Like Shakespeare's home, Avondale Estates sits on a picturesque body of water. Lake Avondale is the centerpiece of Avondale Estates' residential area.

Today, some 4,500 people call Avondale Estates home. The tree-lined town has won numerous awards for its beautiful, well-cared-for trees.

Chamblee

Eric Clarkston, Mayor

Chamblee is a truly international city with the most ethnically





diverse population of any municipality in the Southeast. Incorporated in 1908, Chamblee has a population of roughly 9,500 people within its 3.5 square miles.

Chamblee also is home to Antiques Row, a collection of shops that antiques lovers come from across the Southeast to visit. The city is known for its international shopping and dining options as well as its small-town hospitality.

From DeKalb Peachtree Airport to the neighborhoods of loft-style condominiums springing up around the city, it's easy to see why Chamblee has adopted the slogan "a city on the right track."

Clarkston

Lee Swaney, Mayor

Clarkston was developed on land owned by the Georgia Railroad. In 1882, the city was named for W.W. Clark, a director of the railroad. Clarkston is home to a wide range of businesses, including software developers, wire and cable manufacturers and biotech companies. It is also the home of DeKalb Technical College and one of Georgia Perimeter College's campuses.

The city's more than 5,500 residents are just a short distance from numerous antique shops, textile shops and a charming blend of one-of-a-kind retail shops.

Decatur

William Floyd, Mayor

Fast-growing Decatur is the second oldest municipality in the Atlanta metropolitan area. It is the county seat with county and city government offices as neighbors in the Decatur downtown area. Decatur's population of more than 18,000 people swells to more than 24,000 during the day. It is home to Agnes Scott College as well as a number of other venerable institutions. Decatur has its own police and fire departments and is especially proud of its small and well-respected school system.

The old courthouse in the square in downtown Decatur, now the DeKalb History Center, stands on land where two Indian trails once crossed. Decatur was incorporated in 1823 and named after Stephen Decatur, a U.S. naval hero.

Doraville

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Doraville was founded in 1871. Historians dispute the issue of which woman named Dora was honored in the town's naming. She may have been the daughter of a railroad official or any of a number of other 19th century residents, according to local legends.

Today, Doraville has a population of nearly 10,000 and is located aside several major transportation routes. It has attracted a large segment of DeKalb's international community and is home to a number of large manufacturing and retail facilities.

Lithonia

Darold Peter Honore, Mayor

Lithonia traces its beginnings to the early 1840s, when a tiny settlement sprang up at the intersection of two roads. Founded in 1856, the city derives its name from the Greek word "lithos," meaning stone. Located near an outcropping of granite, the city has three quarries that still produce thousands of tons of granite daily. The 800-acre Lithonia Industrial Park, which opened in 1977, marked the town's growth beyond an economy based on the granite industry. Lithonia today, with a population of about 1, 200, is home to scores of growing businesses and is a popular community for commuters. The opening of The Mall at Stonecrest in 2001 prompted a revitalization that has attracted dozens of restaurants and retail shops in the area near the mall.

Pine Lake

Greg Zarus, Mayor

Picturesque Pine Lake at two-tenths of a square mile is the smallest of DeKalb's municipalities and is known for its scenic neighborhoods. Pine Lake was founded in 1937 and named for the lake in the center of town. It began as a cluster of cottages, used as summer homes by Atlanta residents seeking to escape the heat of the city. Today, its population is around 600.

Stone Mountain

Gary Peet, Mayor

The city of Stone Mountain sits in the shadow of the geological phenomenon whose name it bears. The giant granite rock that attracts visitors from all over the world rises 1,683 feet above sea level and features the largest relief sculpture in the world, the Confederate Memorial Carving.

The city, originally incorporated in 1839, covers 1.6 square miles and has a population of more than 7,000. The Village of Stone Mountain is the site of quaint retail shops, restaurants and even a popular and esteemed theater.

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By Nigel Roberts

From art galleries to live theater and from jazz festivals to film festivals, arts enthusiasts have plenty to explore in DeKalb County. So, whether one prefers to take in a performance or be the performer, DeKalb's arts scene offers something to satisfy every fancy.

"There are so many things going on in the arts," said Bill Leavell, public outreach coordinator for the county's office of arts, culture and entertainment. Still in the middle of what has been a successful arts year, Leavell and other staff members are already organizing events for 2007.

Although he is not ready to reveal anything, Leavell promises a memorable 2007 season. DeKalb's Blues and Jazz Festival and the Spaghetti Junction Film Festival are two of the county's special events. For indie film devotees, April is an exciting time. DeKalb hosts a weeklong annual event that features workshops for aspiring filmmakers, roundtable discussions and dozens of independent films. In mid-July, while the weather is heating up, slip on dark shades and cool out at the Blues and Jazz Festival. This is a two-day, open-air event that always exceeds expectations.

Art galleries are the vogue in Decatur. The city is home to an increasing number of varied galleries that includes not just paintings but also jewelry, photographs and folk art exhibits. Directing this burgeoning trend is the Decatur Arts Alliance, a partnership among artists, business owners and local government. The third Thursday of each month, from 6 to 9 p.m., visitors can travel a downtown Decatur circuit that takes one to a dozen galleries, and they are all within walking distance from each other. Glasses of wine and hors d'oeuvres await weary travelers.

DEKALB COUNTY ART CENTERS

ART STATION

5384 Manor Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083 770/469-1105

Housed in the old trolley station in the heart of Stone Mountain Village, this non-profit center explores, teaches and shares the arts with people throughout the Atlanta area. Here the visual, literary and performing arts make every day special. Gallery and gift shop, open year-round.

SOAPSTONE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, INC. 2853 Candler Road, Suite 203 Decatur, GA 30032 404/241-2453

Soapstone serves Atlanta's ethnic and international communities with art classes in all disciplines, gallery exhibitions, concerts, theater performances, festivals, educational arts and cultural outreach programs.

CALLANWOLDE FINE ARTS CENTER 980 Briarcliff Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30306 404/872-5338

This is the magnificent 1920 Tudor style mansion once belonging to the son of Coca Cola founder Asa G. Candler. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Callanwolde is now one of the most unique art centers in the country, bringing the visual, literary and performing arts to the public year-round. Christmas At Callanwolde, held the first two weeks in December, features the mansion decorated for the holiday season by award-winning local interior designers. SPRUILL CENTER FOR THE ARTS 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30338 770/394-3447

This community arts center serves the north Atlanta area and presents classes, exhibitions and performances on a variety of subjects. The program has been in existence for 18 years and provides arts and cultural entertainment throughout the year

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dance **Beacon Dance**

410 West Trinity Place Decatur, GA 30330 404-377-2929

Conservatory of Dance & Fine Arts 2575 Snapfinger Road Decatur, GA 30332 770-593-4600

Decatur School of Ballet 102 Church Street Decatur, GA 30030 404-378-3388

Several Dancers Core 133 Sycamore Street Decatur, GA 30030 404-373-4154

Susan's Dance Studio of Performing Arts 4189 Rockbridge Road Stone Mountain, GA 30088 404-294-9403 For those seeking to sharpen their skills or learn a new art, DeKalb offers several outstanding opportunities. Dancers of all levels and ages can join the Decatur School of Ballet to learn or further enhance their training in classical ballet, jazz, tap, creative movement, ballroom and modern dance. If stage acting is more appealing, the PushPush Theater offers training and opportunities to perform before an audience. Its programs include a class for students, ages 5 - 18, who want to learn and perform classic texts such as Shakespeare. Additionally, PushPush offers an internship program in theater production, administration and management.

DeKalb is also home to one of the leading classical music ensembles, the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra performs at the Marvin Cole Auditorium at Georgia Perimeter College. Entering its 28th year, the orchestra is under the leadership of interim music director Fyodor Cherniavsky. He replaced the group's founder and longtime conductor Thomas J. Anderson, who died in 2005. The 2006 – 2007 season begins in September and ends in July and includes seven performances. Season tickets cost \$90, and individual performances are under \$20.

The arts are truly flourishing in DeKalb. Whether one is a longtime patron, connoisseur, or a budding artist, there is plenty to see and do. So get involved.

Web sites

- Decatur Arts Alliance: www.decaturartsalliance.org
- Decatur School of Ballet: www.decatur-ballet.com
- DeKalb School of the Arts: www.dekalb-arts.com
- DeKalb Symphony Orchestra: www.gpc.edu/symphony
 - DeKalb Office of Arts, Culture & Entertainment: www.co.dekalb.ga.us
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The DeKalb Fire and Rescue Department has an Insurance Service Office rating of 3, considered very high. Fire hydrants are located within at least 500 feet of county residents. In recent years, the county has bolstered its in-house training program, making it one of the most respected in the Southeast.

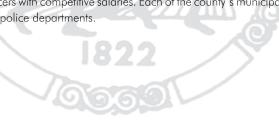
Founded in 1937, the department has grown tremendously to reflect the needs of county residents.

According to county estimates, the fire department has made more than 104,000 responses in the last year. Further enhancing the efficiency of rescue services is a county-led mandate that fire personnel undergo extensive medical training, creating a flexible response strategy. An integral part of public safety is the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department,

An integral part of public safety is the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, which is accredited to the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for eight years and the National Commission on Correction Health Care (NCCHC) for four years.

The Sheriff's Office provides security for a state-of-the-art courthouse and the Court Division, which is considered a model for agencies to follow. The Field Division, in addition to other law enforcement duties, tracks and maintains the sex offender registry. This registry identifies sex offenders living within close proximity to residences, businesses, or schools.

The DeKalb County Police Department has five precincts, covering all points of DeKalb. Officers undergo a rigorous and comprehensive training regime, rewarding its officers with competitive salaries. Each of the county's municipalities also has its own police departments.





Emergencies

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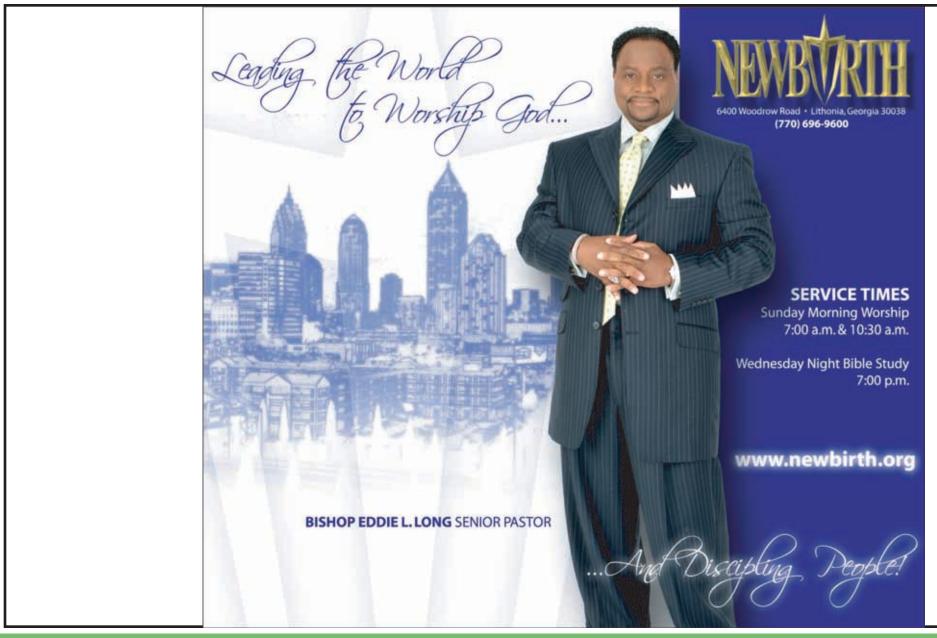
Poison Control Center/Hotline 404-616-9000

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When out-of-town company comes to visit, metro Atlanta residents are quite likely to spend considerable time in DeKalb County, home to some of the state's unique and popular attractions. Attractions range from the high-tech laser shows at Stone Mountain Park to the natural beauty of flora at Wonderland Gardens. And don't overlook the area's hidden treasures like My Jewish Discovery Place, an interactive children's museum in Dunwoody. Bottom line: there's loads to do and see in DeKalb. For updated information visit the Web site of DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.dcvb.org

DeKalb History Center

DeKalb Courthouse on the Square, Decatur 30030 • 404-373-1088 The museum features an exhibit on of the first 100 years of the county and a one-room Civil War exhibit. Archives include a 1,500-volume library, early maps and photographs. Museum tours, self-guided. Guided tours by appointment.

Operation Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Tritt Gallery 2573 N Decatur Road Decatur, GA 30330 404-373-3544

Turner Design Art 2040 Steel Drive Tucker, GA 30340 404-939-6720

Theater

Georgia Shakespeare Festival 4484 Peachtree Road NE Atlanta, GA 30 404-264-0020

Jewish Theatre of the South

5342 Tilly Mill Road Dunwoody, GA 30338 770-395-2613

Neighborhood Playhouse 430 West Trinity Place

Decatur, GA 30030 404-373-3904

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Northlake Mall

1000 Northlake Mall, Atlanta 770-938-5483 • www.northlakemall. com

Easily accessible from I-285 and close to several area hotels, Northlake Mall boasts Macy's, Parisian, Sears, J.C.Penney and more than 115 specialty stores, services and eateries.

Old Mill Antiques Village

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Perimeter Mall

4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road Atlanta 770-394-4270 • www.perimetermall. com

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The Gallery at South DeKalb 2801 Candler Road

Atlanta 404-241-2431

www.southdekalbmall.com

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The Mall at Stonecrest

screen movie theater

2929 Turner Hill Road Lithonia 678-526-9880 • www.mallatstone-

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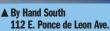


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