



# The DeKalb Republican Party

## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 16, 2021

### CONNECTING WITH THE CHAIRMAN



**MARCI MCCARTHY**  
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Hello Fellow DeKalb County Republicans,

One of our members stood up last Thursday night at the DeKalb GOP County Committee meeting and reminded us of that Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) is not a Black holiday from Black history. Rather, it is an American holiday from American History. In October of 2019, **President Donald J. Trump** looked out at a group of African American youth and stated: **“You built the nation. We all built it, but you were such a massive part of it. Bigger than you were given credit for.”**

We could not agree more. Juneteenth marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and poignantly two months after the war had ended with the Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, Juneteenth is the longest-running African-American holiday.

In keeping with the holiday, we are so thrilled to be marking Juneteenth with our monthly breakfast and hosting motivational speaker, minister, and proud American **Vivian Childs**. Vivian is beginning her run for Georgia’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District and sharing her new book, **“In His Hand,”** for purchase and personalized signing. We are also thrilled to welcome **Kelvin King, Candidate for U.S. Senate** and **Dontè Thompson, DeKalb Young Republicans Chairman**.

Last Thursday night we also recognized **DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections (BVRE) Representative Anthony Lewis** for his faithful service to the DeKalb GOP. As we gear up for the 2022 Midterm Elections, I challenge all of us to work together to restore **“FITness - Faith, Integrity and Trust”** in our elections. I also challenge each of you to bring forth new these ideas and present meaningful solutions. Let’s take the high road and show how DeKalb Republicans can lead from the front to **#VoteDeKalbRed**.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday at the Juneteenth DeKalb GOP Breakfast. Bring a neighbor, friend and/or family member. More the merrier! [More details and to register.](#)

With Best Regards,

[Marci McCarthy](#)  
[DeKalb GOP Chairman](#)  
Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org

### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Mark your calendars to join DeKalb County Republicans at the following events and meetings.

## The Juneteenth DeKalb GOP Breakfast | June 19 | 9 AM – 10:30 AM



Join us at the [Juneteenth DeKalb GOP Breakfast](#) at [Wild Wings Café](#) on **Saturday, June 19, 2021** from **9:00 am – 10:30 am** with **Vivian Childs, Candidate U.S. House of Representatives for Georgia's 2nd District, Motivational Speaker, Minister, and an American.** Her topic of discussion will be **"Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom Day"** with a book signing of Vivian's new book **"[In His Hand](#)"** which can be ordered in advance on Amazon or bought at the breakfast.



### Special Presenters:



**Opening Prayer**  
**Dontè Thompson**  
*Chairman, DeKalb Young Republicans*



**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Kelvin King,**  
*Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate*



**Kasie Scott Palmer**

# Register Online

NO WALK-UPS & NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED

- Sponsor – \$100 includes Reserved Seating, 2 Breakfast Tickets, Onsite Branding of Logo and 2 Minutes to Address the Breakfast Attendees. *(Only 2 Remaining – 2 Sold)*.
- For DeKalb GOP Members (Membership Must Be Current) - \$12 per Ticket
- Non-Members & Guests - \$15 per Ticket

## July 5 | Dunwoody 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

### Call for Participation

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Co-Chairs [Jan Appling](#) and [Jodi Diodati](#) need more volunteers for **FOUR Committees**.

- Fire Truck Decorating
- Walkers
- Tent Staffing
- Take-Down



Co-Chairs Jodi and Jan have made great progress preparing for our DeKalb GOP entry in the parade. The large fire truck is going to be a cool entry and will draw a lot of attention. The 5<sup>th</sup> of July (actual parade date) is coming up quickly. Please look at the committees and see what you can do to pitch in. We need everyone who can to participate.

***NOTE!** You don't have to be a DeKalb County GOP Member to be in the parade. If you have kids, family members, friends, or neighbors who might like to be involved, invite them to join in. How do you sign up? Call **Jan Appling at (404) 895-5937**. She can answer any questions you may have at that time.*

## Recap June 10 of the DeKalb GOP County Committee Meeting

Our June 10, 2021, DeKalb GOP County Committee Meeting led by **Chairman Marci McCarthy** continued to demonstrate growing momentum in building the party. The first order of business was recognizing and voting to approve **TEN** new or returning committee members: **David Raines, Linda Herren, Alison Bates, Vincent Mooney, Mike Rickman, Stacy Altiery, Laurie Crochet, Lori Edwards, Ida Henry, and Tom Adams**. Committee membership bestows voting rights and marks an increased level of commitment to the party's agenda. We were also pleased to recognize and approve **Rick Shepperd** to be the **Chairman of Fernbank Precinct**.





New DeKalb GOP County Committee Members stand. Rick Shepperd, Fernbank Chairman is acknowledged.

**Third Vice Chairman Michael Braun** reported on the development of our county delegate candidate tracker. Rollout of the tracker is imminent, and Michael appealed to the audience to help him keep the tracker up to date. We are looking for opportunities to promote candidates in down-ballot races where we can **#VoteDeKalb Red.**



Third Vice Chairman Michael Braun delivers his report.

In past weeks, **Chairman Marci McCarthy** appointed **DeKalb GOP Legal Counsel Alex Johnson** to serve as **Chairman of the DeKalb GOP BoE Nominating Committee** to seek and evaluate qualified candidates to be considered for the two Republican board positions for a two-year term commencing on **July 1, 2021** and concluding on June 30, 2023. At the meeting, Marci praised the work of Anthony Lewis as past BoE member and recognized him with a standing ovation.



BRVE veteran Anthony Lewis is recognized.



Catherine Bernard, Paul Manor, Alex Johnson, Marci McCarthy and Anthony Lewis

[DeKalb GOP County Committee Meetings](#) are held on the second Thursday of the month. They are held at Pine Creek Center which is located at **4320 Cowan Road in Tucker, Georgia**. While in-person attendance is preferred there will be a Zoom option available. For DeKalb GOP County Committee Members who cannot attend the meeting will need to download the [DGOP Proxy Form](#) and send via email to [Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org](mailto:Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org).

We are continuing to improve our Zoom participant experience as well as our participation by County Committee members present in person. To speak, please be prepared to walk to the microphone and state your name clearly – (even if we all know who you are) and then state your question. Robert's Rules of Order are followed.

**Microphone Etiquette Tip:** Please speak into the end of the microphone, not the side. Get **close enough** and speak **loudly enough** that you can hear your voice coming from the speakers. We promise you will get used to it with practice and it helps everyone if we can hear you. Thanks!!

## Precinct Coordination - Doug Hartman, Second Vice Chairman.

### Precinct Mobilization

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we hosted a highly motivated group of Precinct members at the Pine Creek Center. The well-attended meeting focused on practical steps to propel grass roots development. A variety of great ideas were shared, and future meetings will build on the foundation laid.

### More Precinct Action

**Mary Benefield** and **Joni Elmore** with the **Tucker Precinct** hosted an informal neighborhood gathering which was a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and talk about common interests. A wonderful time was had by all. Neighbors were able to share thoughts and opinions, provide others with new sources of information and enjoy the freedom to speak openly and candidly. Everyone that participated left with a stronger sense of community and the knowledge that "they are not alone". In the days following, the question was asked "When can we do this again?" and "Can we invite some people to come?" Next Coffee & Chat is in the planning stages for early July. People Connecting with People; that is what it is all about.



This is a great way to build community spirit and disseminate information.

### Action: Stone Mountain

**Ryan M.** and **Eileen Smith** are one of the Sponsors of the First Juneteenth Celebrations in Stone Mountain on June 19, 2021. No political advertisements were permitted, and some council members objected to the prohibition of Stone Mountain protests to have a table. The Stone monument has nothing to do with the City of Stone Mountain government Mr. Smith contends. If you wish to support the Smiths or the City of Stone Mountain Juneteenth celebration, please call (404) 402-0810.

**Communicate! Through Your Dekalb GOP Communications Officer**

For Precincts, please reach out to me for assistance with messaging to your neighbors. No neighborhood is exactly like another. I can perform research, draft announcements or broadsides, create surveys, and make recommendations on expanding social media.

We draft the newsletter each week. We want to get input from you to reach your neighbors. Ideally, please send text and photos by Wednesday night, but if it takes longer than that, give me a heads up. Text/call (404) 594-0290. We are working through some email challenges. Until resolved, please use [craig.L.schneider@outlook.com](mailto:craig.L.schneider@outlook.com). Thanks!

## **HELP! We need some help with Graphic Design**

Graphic Designers! Call to action! As we grow our messaging, we have need to improve our visual messaging as well if you are a Pro or Amateur Graphic Designer who can contribute some of your time and talent to the DeKalb GOP, please contact **Craig Schneider** above. Do so even if you know someone who we can reach out to. Think of a young person who is just getting started and might want to have some pieces in their portfolio that were used in our organizations Communications!

### **CANVASS YOUR COMMUNITY TRAINING RESOURCE CENTER**



[DeKalb GOP and Greater Georgia "Canvassing Your Community" Training on Rumble](#)  
["Canvassing Your Community" PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
["Canvassing Your Community" Training on YouTube](#)



### **Join or Renew Your DeKalb GOP Membership**

\$10 – Senior/Student Membership  
\$25 – General Membership  
\$50 – AuH2o  
\$60 – County Committee and County Board - Requires election to be a member and includes name badge  
\$100 – Lincoln Membership - **Receive DGOP Pin at this level**  
\$250 – Reagan Membership  
\$500 – Chairman's Circle

#### ***Why Should You Join?***

- To make our voices stronger on the issues important to our county
- To financially support and activate grassroots efforts in electing Republicans
- To keep updated on issues through Emails, Newsletters, Meetings, etc.
- To train and elect conservatives for office and support candidates on the campaign trails

#### ***"Decisions Are Made by Those Who Show Up"***

Be one of those who shows up, speaks-up, and works for the greater good of our great nation; become a member of the DeKalb Republican Party.

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## **Get Your DeKalb GOP T-Shirt & Hat!**



**The Cost is \$16.00/each. Men's and Women's Styles Available.  
Baseball Hats are \$25/each**

**[Order Here!](#)**

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**Order Your DeKalb GOP Name Tags!**

For your DeKalb GOP name tag, please contact our Secretary, Jan Appling by email to tell her **EXACTLY** how your name should be printed.

[Secretary@dekalbgop.org](mailto:Secretary@dekalbgop.org) Jan will process the orders together when she has a sufficient order for our group rate. Name Tags are being provided for County Committee members who are in good standing (having paid \$60)

(The first name tag is included in registration fee. You may order additional at your own expense: Cost, \$10. All other members may purchase a name tag and we will deliver it to you at a future Monthly business meeting/breakfast. All the name tags have our DeKalb GOP seal.



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Together we will **#VoteDeKalbRed.**