



## THE DEKALB REPUBLICAN PARTY

DeKalb GOP Update - August 19, 2025



Subject: DeKalb GOP Update - August 17, 2025

Dear DeKalb GOP Members and Friends -

As summer winds down, I'm excited to share our latest efforts. Your Executive Committee and fellow members have been busy supporting our organization, community, and other GOP groups and candidates.

We hosted a wonderful DeKalb GOP Lunch on August 8 at Metro Diner which provided a refreshingly new social and membership recruitment opportunity. Attendees gave rave reviews and requested more events like this, so stay tuned to hear about the next one!

The DGOP also hosted a dynamic Breakfast on August 9 at DoubleTree by Hilton in Dunwoody, with VoterGA's Garland and Tamara Favorito addressing the timely topic of election integrity and gave a very detailed overview of the current problems in Georgia. The DeKalb GOP has been on the forefront of election integrity with voter challenges to clean the rolls and lawsuits to force state and county election offices to follow state and national laws.

Our members also supported the 5th, 6th, and 11th Congressional District GOPs at the 11th Annual Marksmanship & BBQ on August 15 at Adventure Outdoors, with Congressmen Loudermilk, Collins, and Carter in attendance. Public Service Commissioner candidates, Tim Echols and Fitz Johnson need help this Fall to GOTV and the DGOP will be stepping up to the plate to help.

The same evening, the DeKalb GOP co-sponsored the GABRC "Cool Down" event, providing drinks and connecting with SD10 voters with 1st Vice Chair, Dr. Joyce Drayton, and Secretary Kimberly Melton in attendance as well as many other DGOP members plus new friends.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming County Committee Meeting THIS Thursday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker who shares our conservative values to come check us out. You may win a prize for bringing a guest! Plan to come EARLY at 7 p.m. to be in a marketing photo shoot for the DGOP. Please wear blue jeans, blue jean shirts or a DGOP t-shirt, and a blue jean jacket if you have one. We'll capture "DeKalb GOP has good jeans" or "DeKalb GOP has fun jeans" vibes to post on our Socials.

Exciting things are in the works to support the DeKalb GOP and our county such as new opportunities for membership recruitment, socials, training, fundraising, collaborating, getting out the vote, and community outreach. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.

With Great Appreciation for your involvement,

Kendra M. Foltz Biegalski, Ph.D., P.E.  
Chairwoman, DeKalb GOP

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## Strike a Pose with DeKalb GOP

Get ready to join the fun! Before our County Committee meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025, we're inviting you to show up early at 7:00 PM for a marketing photo op inspired by the viral "Sydney Sweeney has great jeans" American Eagle ad that's sparked countless memes and boosted their stock by \$400 million. Wear your best jeans, paired with a jean shirt or jacket. Or,

if you don't have those, rock a DeKalb GOP t-shirt instead. We'll gather everyone in their stylish attire, snap a group photo, and share it on our socials with the catchy tagline "DeKalb GOP has great jeans" or "DeKalb GOP has FUN jeans". Either way, let's make waves and showcase our community spirit. See you there!


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## **Municipal Cities in Dekalb - Elections**


**City council members** influence local governance by making decisions on policies, budgets, and regulations that shape their community. Their influence varies by city size and structure, but they generally act as a legislative body, working with a mayor or city manager to execute policies. They don't typically manage daily operations but set the broader direction for the city.


Their key areas of impact include:


 **Budget and Finances:** Approving the city's budget, allocating funds for public services like parks, libraries, and infrastructure, and setting local taxes or fees.


 **Zoning and Land Use:** Regulating development through zoning laws, approving or denying construction projects, and shaping urban planning.


 **Public Services:** Overseeing services like police, fire departments, public transportation, and waste management, ensuring they meet community needs.

 **Local Laws and Ordinances:** Enacting rules on issues like noise, parking, business operations, or housing standards.

 **Community Programs:** Supporting initiatives for housing, economic development, environmental sustainability, or public health.

 **Infrastructure:** Approving projects like road repairs, public buildings, or utilities to improve city functionality.

 **Public Safety:** Setting policies for law enforcement and emergency services, balancing safety with community concerns.

 **Community Engagement:** Representing constituents, addressing their concerns, and incorporating public input into decisions.

Here are city links (paste link in browser): <https://www.dekalbchamber.org/cities-of-dekalb/>

### **Municipal Election Information**

**Atlanta** <https://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/council-divisions/election>

**Avondale Estates** <https://avondaleestates.org/2490/Elections-Running-for-Office>

**Brookhaven** <https://www.brookhavenga.gov/cityclerk/page/candidate-information>

**Chamblee** [https://www.chambleega.com/news\\_detail\\_T2\\_R202.php](https://www.chambleega.com/news_detail_T2_R202.php)

**Clarkston** <https://www.clarkstonga.gov/city-clerk/city-clarkston-municipal-elections>

**Decatur** <https://www.decaturga.com/cmo/page/municipal-election-2025>

**Doraville** [https://www.doravillega.us/services/city\\_clerk/elections/2025\\_elections.php](https://www.doravillega.us/services/city_clerk/elections/2025_elections.php)

**Dunwoody** <https://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/14516/>

**Lithonia** <https://lithoniacity.org/Elections.aspx>

**Pine Lake** <https://pinelakega.sophicity.com/HowitWorks.aspx>

<https://pinelakega.sophicity.com/CityOfficials.aspx>



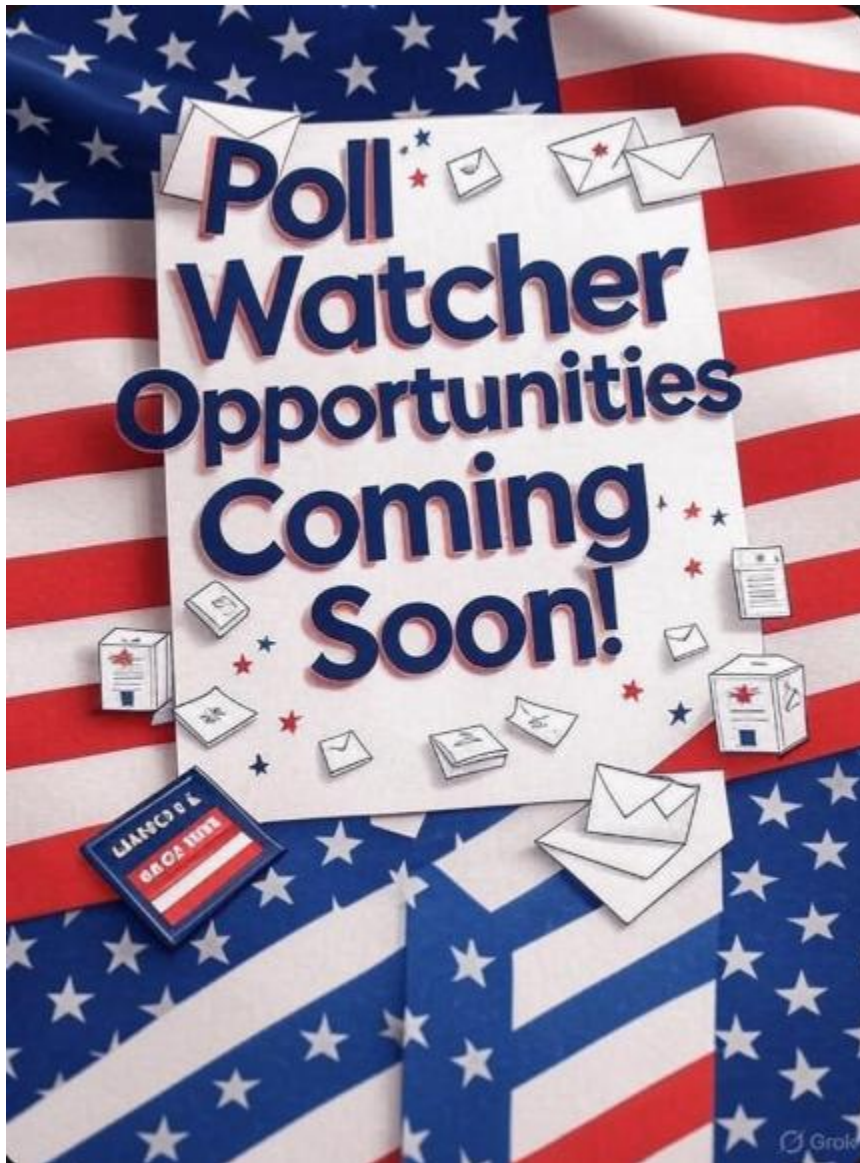
**Stone Mountain** <https://www.stonemountaincity.org/government/elections.php>

**Stonecrest** <https://www.stonecrestga.gov/211/Elections>

**Tucker** <https://www.tuckerga.gov/elections/>

If you or someone you know might be interested in running for Municipal Office (Mayor or City Council positions), please contact Bonnie Chappell at [2ndvicechair@dekalbgop.org](mailto:2ndvicechair@dekalbgop.org) for more details. Being on City Council helps our communities & can be a stepping stone to higher office. Thank you!

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**Poll Watcher Opportunities Coming Soon**

The SignUp Genius for Early Voting & Election Day will go LIVE on **September 1st**. For new people, please consider dipping your toe in the water to Poll Watch this Fall during the Municipal Elections. We need our troops ready & onsite for the 2026 Elections. Poll Watch Trainings will follow in late September.

### Reasons for Poll Watching:

- 👁️ Witness History
- 📺 Learn equipment & election processes
- 📄 Report observations to improve election practices
- 🤝 Build relationships with county Election Staff
- 💪 Build confidence in your ability to poll watch
- 🌐 Contribute to our civic society
- ✅ Ensure only legal voters cast ballots
- ⚖️ Ensure lawful procedures are followed
- 🔒 Strengthen public trust in our elections
- 🚩 Show the Left that we follow and enforce election laws

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### DEKALB GOP COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21 | 7:30 PM – 9 PM

Pine Creek Center | 4320 Cowan Road | Tucker, Georgia



DeKalb GOP County Committee Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month.

#### Kindly Note the Following:

- While this is a public meeting and all Republicans are welcome, only the DeKalb GOP County Committee Members are eligible to vote on DeKalb GOP Business as outlined in this agenda. The annual membership cost is \$60 and requires a majority vote of the active DeKalb GOP County Committee Members. Click [HERE](#) to join the DeKalb GOP as County Committee Member.
- For DeKalb GOP County Committee Members who cannot attend the meeting, please complete the DGOP Proxy Form by 12:00 pm EST on August 21, 2025 and upon

submission it will be sent directly to [Secretary@DeKalbgop.org](mailto:Secretary@DeKalbgop.org) and [Chairman@DeKalbgop.org](mailto:Chairman@DeKalbgop.org). Please also communicate with the person to whom you are assigning your proxy that you wish to do so.

- If you have any questions about this process, please email the Chairman at [Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org](mailto:Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org) for help.
- We are requesting that All DeKalb GOP County Committee Members be present (in-person or via zoom) or have a proxy in place to ensure a quorum.

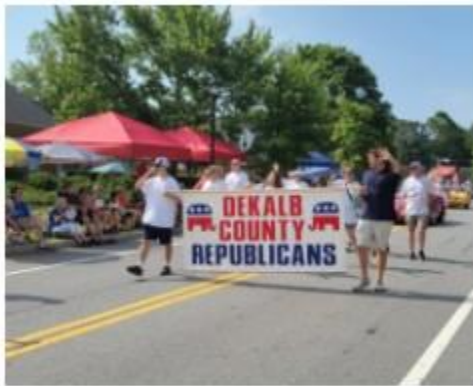
For your convenience, the following documents are provided for your review prior to the meeting. Please print out and bring a copy with you to the meeting.

[August 21, 2025 Meeting Agenda](#)

[July 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

NOTE: The Zoom link is <https://tinyurl.com/DeKalbGOPmonthly>.

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**\$10 – Senior/Student Membership**

**\$30– 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.

[Join or Renew Your DeKalb GOP Membership](#)

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### **INVEST IN THE DEKALB GOP!**

Real results take the generosity of those that believe in the mission to #VoteDeKalbRed. Kindly consider investing in the DeKalb GOP by participating in the #VoteDeKalbRed Giving Program. Donate a minimum of \$25/month or \$300 annually to underwrite a comprehensive Get Out The Vote Program, fuel the our candidates momentum and invest in our party’s future viability. Thank you!



*Invest in the* **DeKalb GOP**  
to **#VoteDeKalbRed**

**Donate a Minimum of \$25/Month or \$300 Annually**

- > VIP Seating and Name on Rotational Slide at the DeKalb GOP Breakfast
- > Listed on DeKalb GOP Website
- > Special Donors Invitation to a Thank You Event

**VoteDeKalbRed.com | DeKalbGOP.org**





Tom Adams	Tom McMahon
Jan Appling	Jim McNamara
Phillip Autrey	Missy Moore
Deborah Baker	Jeff Newlin
Kathy Darnell	Craig Schneider
Joyce Drayton	Robert Siegel
Bonnie Hayes	Reign Stevens
Marc Hayes	Bruce Swartz
MaryAnnie Hughes	Kristen Ulven
JaVaughn Jones	Michael Warner
Anne Lane	Alice Wright
Frank Mann	Romelio Yunsan
Marci McCarthy	

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**DeKalb Republican Executive Board 2025-2027**

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**#VoteDeKalbRed because #DeKalbDeservesBetter**

More Information and Questions:

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