

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Provided by: Tucker Crime Prevention Specialist -- DeKalb Police Department

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS, VIP PROGRAM

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### TUCKER PRECINCT COMMANDERS

In mid June, the precinct welcomed Captain Yarbrough as Acting Tucker Precinct Commander. In September he was promoted to Major, and is now the Precinct Commander. Also, Tucker Precinct would like to announce the addition of Assistant Precinct Commander, Captain Blaisdell. He replaces Captain Kliesrath, who has been reassigned to DeKalb County's Homeland Security Unit. Thank you for all of your good work, Captain Kliesrath and welcome to Tucker, Captain Blaisdell.

### VOLUNTEERS in PATROL (VIP) PROGRAM

The original deadline, October 31st, has been extended to **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. There are still a few slots to fill, so submit your applications to me by fax 678.937.5313, postal mail, or hand deliver to the precinct as soon as possible. Tucker Precinct has received a number of applications so far, but we continue to seek qualified volunteers for this program. This is the *perfect opportunity* to provide a safer environment for your community. This volunteer program enlists residents to patrol their neighborhoods to spot suspicious persons, behavior, or vehicles and then to react to that information by calling 911 on your county provided cell phone. And, who better to spot the suspicious in your neighborhoods than YOU! More eyes and ears in any neighborhood can only reap positive results.

### P.R.I.S.M MONTHLY MEETING

Pride Rings in Stone Mountain (P.R.I.S.M.) is an organization that meets monthly to provide quality information on a variety of topics including candidate forums, school board issues, and quality of life issues. In addition to the speakers, elected officials regularly attend these meetings and are available to address your questions and concerns. November's meeting is especially topical. This meeting will provide an update on the Memorial Drive Revitalization Project.

**DATE:** Thursday, November 13

**TIME:** 7:00-9:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, 5365 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain 30083

PRISM meetings are scheduled on the *second Thursday of each month* except December. PRISM hosts an annual Holiday Police Appreciation Luncheon in December for police and firefighters that service Tucker and Center Precincts. This is a large undertaking and help from communities, like yours, is greatly appreciated to make this event a success. I will provide more details about how your community can help in a separate, future communication. For now, spread the word about November's meeting to your neighbors and friends.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Tucker Civic Association (TCA), State Representatives: Kevin Levitas, Michele Henson, Billy Mitchell, State Senator Steve Henson, AND CEO-elect Burrell Ellis will be hosting a Town Hall meeting to address citizen's concerns in the **Tucker/Northlake** area. In anticipation of a large crowd, please submit your questions regarding *criminal activity* in advance, to [ann@kevinlevitas.org](mailto:ann@kevinlevitas.org), with "Town Hall" in the subject line of your E-Mail.

**DATE:** Monday, November 17

**TIME:** 7:00-9:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Tucker Middle School Cafeteria, 2160 Idlewood Rd., Tucker 30084

## NOVEMBER SAFETY TIPS

- Homeowners need to make sure to have adequate home security measures in place before the holiday season arrives. Use the time change as your reminder.
- Don't leave your vehicles unattended while warming them up in the chilly fall and winter mornings. An unattended vehicle with the keys in it is a *"gift"* to a car thief.
- Are your address numbers easy to find and read by a first responder? Add **large, reflective numbers** on your mailbox to your security checklist.

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