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For more than thirty years, Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie has served her community through her successful nonprofit and for-profit organizations and ministries. Her passion for service and community led her into her calling of public service as Ward One City Councilmember representing the City of College Park, Georgia.

In addition to her role as Councilmember, Jamelle is the founder of the IGNITE College Park Resource Center. Ignite serves as a referral agency that assists individuals in need of critical resources within the community. As the co-founder of Birth Right by Legacy, an entrepreneurial-themed program for African American Teens, Jamelle assists in transforming the lives of young people via mentoring and support.

Her accolades include her being wife to Geoffrey and mom to Reginald. Jamelle devotes her time to Atlanta Kiwanis International, South Metro Democratic Women's Council, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Georgia Democrats, and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Most recently, Councilmember McKenzie was selected as one of 15 national leaders to serve on Chick-fila's Impact Accelerator Cohort and inducted into the Georgia WIN List WLA Leadership Academy for Women.

Progress Notes

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FLINT RIVER PROJECT

Secured \$500k in federal funding from Congressman David Scott's office to apply towards the Flint River project.

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FLINT RIVER PROJECT ACQUISITION

Instrumental in finalizing the purchase of Flint River Headwaters property from MARTA on August 1, 2024.
*Adding 7 acres of green space to the city.

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FLINT RIVER PROJECT PHASE FUNDING

Secured EPA Brownfield Grant funds to perform Phase 1 clean up of Flint River property.

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LOWERING OF THE MILLAGE RATE

Lowered the Millage rate for College Park property owners, thus lowering taxes for the upcoming year for all residents.

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BARRETT PARK

Opened SMART SAFE restrooms at Barrett Park (first of its kind South of I20) with wifi.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Provided free recreation services for families earning less than \$50k at all College Park Recreational facilities.

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RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Established over \$800k for recreation facility improvements at Badgett Stadium, Barrett Park, Conley & Brady Recreation. Provided Main Street improvements, Brady Trail enhancements and Main Street Depot upgrades utilizing Hotel/ Motel Car Rental taxes versus property tax dollars.

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TWRC ROCK WALL

Preserved the TWRC Rock Wall by redirecting \$60k to repairs and future programming.

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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Established \$120K in initiatives designed to give back to our local community: STEM lab, youth golf program, financial workshops, and more.

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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Councilmember McKenzie was selected as one of 57 leaders across 11 counties to participate in Atlanta Regional Commission's 2024 Regional Leadership Institute.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

Advocated successfully for security camera upgrades and replacements as well as technology upgrades throughout the city.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Councilmember McKenzie was selected to represent the City College Park during a Federal Legislative delegation trip to Washington, DC

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EMPLOYEE UTILITY CREDIT

Increased the annual employee utility credit (for employees who live in College Park) from \$2400 to \$4800 for full time employees and from \$1200 to \$2400 for part time employees.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Senior Events:

- Valentine's Day
- Easter
- Mother's Day
- Senior Springo

Youth Events:

- Back To School Bash
- Lovett School Civic Leadership Golf Event

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

Grand Opening of Empowerment Zone - STEM based mentoring program
September 4, 2024

Movie with McKenzie on the Lawn
September 14, 2024

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