

Senator John Albers - Newsletter



June 2017 Newsletter

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice Memorial Day weekend. I was very proud of our community paying respects and remembering our fallen soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors. We offer our prayers and thanksgiving to our heroes. May the Lord watch over the fallen and God Bless America.

I am very proud of my boys, each earned straight A's this semester and are working jobs throughout the summer. Kari and I instill hard work, determination, personal responsibility and character. Ryan is attending the Northern Tier Boy Scout adventure this summer and is gearing up literally and figuratively. Will and I are discussing careers and job opportunities as college graduation nears. From the Albers family to your family, we wish you a wonderful summer.



Fulton County Tax Issues

As one of the 320,000 residences who received a tax assessment this week, I was shocked and dismayed by the 22 percent jump in my property value. This new increase is a whopping \$90,000 higher than any home that has ever sold in my neighborhood's history. Shortly after the assessments went out, the phone calls, emails, and texting started. I am not the only one to receive countless complaints and am witnessing a consistent theme of massive increases across the board with little or no rationale. It is clear that the Fulton County taxation process is broken.

Over the past few years, we have seen an improvement with certain services and specifically management of Fulton County. However, similar to the never ending voting problems, this is significant and needs immediate attention with corrective action. I have addressed this concern and requested an immediate investigation by the Fulton County Commission.

I am working on three specific solutions:

1. Fix the current problems and adjust the values
2. Reduce the millage rate (county, school & city)
3. Change the state law to put a maximum 3% cap on assessment increases.

I will update you as more information becomes available. You may appeal your property value with the following link: [HERE](#)

Changing the Tone

I had a very interesting experience last month. After posting a personal experience, I received a rant of people personally attacking and several using inappropriate language on social media. This was very disappointing and I hope certain people will reconsider their behavior in the future. We can have a free exchange of ideas without people acting foolish or immature. I have kids who access my page and want them see reasonable people and discussions. Please join me as we raise the level of civility in all circumstances.



I-85 Open & Early!

I am very proud of the Georgia Department of Transportation. They far exceeded expectations and opened I-85 within 6 weeks of the fire and subsequent collapse. The bridge timing is a testament to government working with businesses and providing incentives for good results.

The work done by Police, Fire and DOT kept everyone safe and demonstrated true public service.

Let's celebrate some good and positive news!



Alpharetta Tech Commission

The Alpharetta Technology Commission opened its Innovation Center in Alpharetta in August 2015 to provide co-working and collaboration space to local tech startups. 52 tech startups now work out of the ATC's Innovation Center, and the Center has quickly grown to become an innovation epicenter for this region, offering co-working space, startup programs and events, and, coming this summer, a startup mentoring program. Karen Cashion, CEO, runs the ATC and its Center.

Startups at the Center currently include biotech, cyber security, IOT, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, agtech, film and video tech, manufacturing, data analytics, media, workflow, transportation, autonomous vehicle technology, and many other tech innovators. For more information about the ATC or the ATC Innovation Center, go to: www.innovatealpharetta.com



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