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Belvedere Park, Decatur, GA- Partners in Action for Healthy Living (PAHL), Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization working to improve the quality of life in South DeKalb County, is hosting an important community forum, **Cityhood in South DeKalb, 201**, on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Knollwood Elementary School, 3039 Santa Monica Drive, Decatur, 30032. The meeting is free to the public.

**Cityhood in South DeKalb, 201** is a panel discussion that brings together representatives from all sides of the cityhood issue to explore the pros and cons of cityhood in South DeKalb. Citizens Against Cityhood in DeKalb, represented by Ed Williams, and the pro-Greenhaven group Concerned Citizens for Cityhood in South DeKalb will be featured on the panel. Additional panelists will round out the discussion with other perspectives.

This discussion is intended to highlight the various angles of the cityhood issue so that South DeKalb residents will be informed and empowered to determine the future of their communities. There has been some debate about the proposed city of Greenhaven, which would incorporate most of South DeKalb, but most residents have not had an opportunity to thoroughly explore the issue. Hearing all sides of the issue, from the people that are on the forefront of the movements both for and against cityhood, will empower residents to make educated decisions.

Partners in Action for Healthy Living (PAHL), Inc. brought residents together for Cityhood in South DeKalb, 101 back in February of this year. Senator Elena Parent and State Representative Karla Drenner spoke to residents about the process and impacts of cityhood. Residents walked away with a much better understanding of what cityhood entails and how the legislative process works. Nearly every hand in the packed room was raised when residents were asked if they would like to follow up that forum with a panel discussion.

The forum will begin promptly at 6:00pm and will conclude with a Q & A session. Arrive early to get a seat.

Partners in Action for Healthy Living (PAHL) is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a mission to empower South DeKalb County residents to make healthy choices that support their best quality of life. We do this by increasing access to healthy food and active living opportunities and by promoting community building and environmental changes that sustain a culture of health. PAHL envisions South DeKalb as a thriving area where residents can easily access healthy food and communities are safe for outdoor physical activity; residents are readily connecting to each other and to county resources. The whole environment of South DeKalb County makes healthy living an easy choice for all residents.

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