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Rotary Club of North Fulton shines the spotlight on Alpharetta first responders

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In alignment with President Natalie Hudgins's term service theme, focusing on veterans, first responders and pets, Rotary Club of North Fulton hosted the inaugural First Responders Appreciation Luncheon at Alpharetta City Hall.

Alpharetta City Hall housed the luncheon on Jan 12, catered by Smokejack BBQ, open to city EMS, Fire and Police First responders.

"It is our honor and privilege as Rotarians to honor these men, women and K-9s," said Hudgins.

Members of Fire, Rescue and EMS teams arrived and treated to a barbeque spread.

"It exceeded all of our expectations, we had a good turnout in a beautiful room and the food was good. We will certainly do this every year," said Rotarian Mike Mudd.

K-9 Officer Mattis, a 4-year-old German Shephard, was also in the spotlight at the luncheon.

Mattis, the newest K-9 on the Alpharetta Police force, was the selected recipient of new TAC Vest, because he did not have one yet, according to his partner, Officer Mark Tappan.

Rotary of North Fulton learned of the need through reaching out to the city, according to Rotarian Mike Mudd.

Mattis arrived with Officer Tappan, donning his brand new Tac Vest, courtesy of Rotary Club of North Fulton.

"The Tac vest is bullet proof, so in potentially dangerous situations it protects Mattis from gunfire," said Tappan.

Tappan has been partnered with Mattis since August 2015.

In October, Mattis suffered injuries from falling 30 feet in the midst of a criminal chase.

According to Tappan, Mattis caught one perpetrator, fell and then continued his pursuit of a second.

Only after the second suspect was caught, did the K-9 collapse. Mattis required surgery for a lacerated liver and internal bleeding.

Tappan recalled his K-9 partner was in recovery for one month before returning to duty.

Mattis remained calm and alert throughout the luncheon where he was greeted by many people.

When Hudgins presented a bag of toys to Mattis, which included tennis balls, the favorite according to Tappan, the K-9 quickly altered his focus.



Above, K-9 Officer Mark Tappan and his partner, Mattis, with Rotary of North Fulton President Natalie Hudgin at the First Responders Appreciation Luncheon at Alpharetta City Hall, held by Rotary of North Fulton. Above right, K-9 Officer Mattis, an almost 4-year-old German Shephard, plays with new toys and wears his new TAC vest donated by Rotary of North Fulton Club. / Staff - Lindsay Moscarello



Hudgins took the time to thank all the first responders in attendance for their hard work and efforts.

Rotary Club of North Fulton currently has 31 members, according to Mudd and they meet Tuesdays for lunch.

Mudd is also the club's incoming president and will assume the role on July 1.

While each president sets a theme for activities during his or her term, the consensus was to host this appreciation event annually.

Hudgins credited Mudd's wife, Rachel, for her contribution to planning the luncheon including coordination with the city public safety department.

"Our offer was we wanted to have lunch for as many people as possible. They picked the date and we reserved the room, picked the caterer and more," Mike Mudd said.

In addition to these efforts, Rotary Club of North Fulton has conducted projects with an Alpharetta based nonprofit, Heart for Africa.

Mudd recalled numerous service trips to Africa since collaboration began over 10 years ago.

Over the last year, Rotary of North Fulton has also worked in supporting the Child Development Association, North Fulton Community Charities and the Drake House.

More information is available at www.northfultonrotary.com.

CITY COUNCIL | TSPLOST

Roswell takes steps towards start of Big Creek Parkway project

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The TSPLOST implementation strategy will start with Roswell commuters seeing relief of traffic congestion in a shorter time frame.

Department of Transportation Director

and quicker" project.

Time and resources would not have to be spent meeting guidelines to receive and maintain federal funding.

Councilman Marcelo Zapata inquired about an estimate of federal funding.

Acenbrak responded that an amount could not

to oversee TSPLOST implementation and project management.

A budget amendment was proposed to fund the position, sourced from tax revenue over the designated five year period.

Council passed all TSPLOST related resolutions.

400 to Warsaw Road on the west side of Ga.-400," according to a project overview.

Funding for both phases of the Big Creek Parkway project are projected to be sourced from tax revenue during the first and second quarter of this year.

A full list of projects and more information about TSPLOST is available

City of Roswell
Notice of Public Hearing

Type:	HPC201700022
Date & Time:	Historic Preservation Commission February 8, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Place:	Roswell City Hall 38 Hill Street Roswell, GA 30075
Property Location:	825 Mimosa Blvd.
Land Lot:	385
Petitioner:	JD Moore, Mortz, LLC
Request:	Demolition of a Historic Structure

The complete file is available for public view at the Roswell Planning & Zoning Office, 38 Hill Street, Suite G-30, Roswell, Georgia (770) 817-6720, or contact jmartin01@roswellgov.com. Refer to www.roswellgov.com.

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