

The East Point Volunteers 2019 Honorees

The information contained in the document below was emailed to me. The information was copied from the official program. After reading the list of honored “**Volunteers**”, I have great concerns about the criteria used to select them. I am certain that most residents would have a hard time identifying any of the recipients for “**Volunteer Work**” that occurred within the City limits of East Point that is not related to their elected positions, jobs or paid for by the City to sponsor certain events (Main Street Board and the Farmer’s Market). However, I guess you could consider ministers providing prayers before Council Meetings as a volunteer service. Since the City paid for this banquet and trophies, CM Gordon and CM Saucier should be required to provide the criteria used for their selection. No criteria can change the fact that this event is a clear violation of the State Gratuity Clause and an ethics violation.

I made two comments in **blue**.

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Attached is a copy of the East Point Volunteers 2019 Honorees hosted by Council members Stephanie Gordon and Nanette Saucier. Maybe if the city official can stop wasting taxpayer money, we can get more streets paved and just maybe we can hire more police officers. How many streets have been paved in your neighborhood?

Building Bridges Award:

Congressman John Lewis- 5th Congressional District (GA)
Congressman David Scott- 13th Congressional District (GA),
Representative William Bodie- State District 62 (GA)
Representative Kim Schofield-State District 60 (GA)
Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr.- Fulton County District 5
Solicitor Keith Gammage- Fulton County

Beacon of Light Award:

Pastor Rand Burton-Christian Church at East Point
Associate Pastor Kristopher Hosey-Christian Church at East Point
Pastor Olu Brown- Impact Church
Rev. Tonjie Clark- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor Earl L. Calloway- St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church (**Pastor Calloway has made his church available to neighborhood association meetings, campaign debates, and public meetings for years.**)
Rev. Fleming Thompson- East Point First Mallalieu United Methodist Church

Unsung Hero Award:

Sissy Lang- East Point Farmer's Market

Tina Dharman-The Community of East Point Social Media ([A private chatroom hardly qualifies as a volunteer organization whose racist and sexism postings ended in a failed court lawsuit against me.](#))

Fitzgerald Smith- East Point Community Advocate

Tal Stansfield- East Point Main Street Associate

Dornelius D. Mayes- Men of Intelligence Association

Gordon Draves- East Point Historical Society

Daphne & Walter Jordan- Advocates for Slider Crime Legislation

Charlotte Cagel- East Point Pension Board

Helping Hands Award:

Jerell Shearin- Georgia Spartans

Armond Dowedell- Unite for Youth, Inc.

Rafiq Ahmad- Emerging 100 Black Men

The invoices do not include the money spent on food for the Banquet at the Four Points Hotel at Camp Creek.