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Ruling puts mayor's race back on Pine Lake ballot

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For the third time this term, the citizens of **Pine Lake** will attempt to elect a mayor.

The City Council has decided to hold a second special election for the position after Judge Marvin Sorrells, ruling for the DeKalb County Superior Court, this month set aside a June 28 special election to replace resigned Mayor Neil Copeland.

The election - won by Michael Stuckey by a slim two-vote margin - was challenged last year by opponent Tommie Storms. Sorrells agreed with Storms' argument that confusion concerning the wording **on** the election ballots could have been responsible for three that were filled out or deposited improperly and disqualified. Had the ballots gone Storms' way, she would have garnered a one-vote victory.

Stuckey, mayor for the last six months, maintains that it was voter error, not confusing **ballot** instructions, that led to the ballots being disqualified.

"That's the position of the city and that is my opinion, as well," Stuckey said.

Residents will decide March 21 who will complete the term, which ends next January.

New president at DeKalb Historical: Charlotte Rowell is the new president of the DeKalb Historical Society. Past president of the DeKalb Junior League, she was a leader in the campaign to acquire the Callanwolde mansion for use as a public arts center. Rowell was reared in the East **Lake** area and later was a teacher at schools in East **Lake** and Kirkwood.

Other new officers include: Jimmy Dickey III, vice president of finance; Donna Mancini, vice president of programs; Mari Jo Ford, vice president of resources; Bill Daniel, treasurer; and Joy Manbeck, secretary.

Cable television offers scholarship program. After watching cable television for years, DeKalb students can use it to help pay their way through college. Local cable affiliates GCTV and Scripps Howard Cable TV are members of a six-member consortium that will award 12 ACCESS scholarships across the metro area. Each scholarship is worth \$4,000 for a four-year course of study and is awarded to encourage students who are interested in pursuing business or communications degrees at a Georgia college. A minimum 3.0 grade-point average is required. Deadline for application is March 27, and scholarships will be awarded May 10. Forms are available at GCTV, 2818 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. in Decatur, and at Scripps Howard Cable TV, 3425 Malone Drive in Chamblee.