



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals

Department of Planning & Sustainability
178 Sams Street,
Decatur, GA 30030

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Planning Department Staff Analysis



Juliana
Njoku

Director

N8. Case No: A-26-1248252

Commission District 05 | Super District 07

Parcel ID(s): 16 062 05 033

Applicant: Marizu Ogbuehi / Wise Auto Brokers, LLC;
Owner: Marizu Ogbuehi / Wise Auto Brokers, LLC;
Project Name: Wise Auto Brokers Nonconforming-Use Appeal
Location: 5667 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Requests:

1. Appeal the July 7, 2026 administrative determination recognizing a legal nonconforming automobile-brokerage use
2. The appellant asks to continue operating primarily as an auto dealer, including vehicle display and inventory activities described in the July 30 letter of intent.

Staff Recommendation: Affirm staff decision

STAFF FINDINGS:

The July 7, 2026 determination reviewed County permit/application records, occupational-tax and corporate records, tax filings, financial records, business activity, and other materials concerning Wise Auto Brokers at 5667 Redan Road.

The determination concludes that the record supports prior authorization and continued operation of an automobile brokerage. It distinguishes an auto broker, which negotiates or arranges vehicle transactions, from an automobile-sales use involving onsite retail sales, vehicle display, or inventory storage. The Department found insufficient evidence that used-car dealership or onsite vehicle sales were legally established at the property.

The appellant's July 30 letter describes operating at the location since 2014, refers to a small-car dealership, asks to operate mainly as an auto dealer, and mentions displaying inventory. The letter does not identify a specific factual or legal error in the determination and does not include documentary evidence of County authorization for onsite vehicle sales.

APPEAL STANDARD AND PRELIMINARY FINDINGS:

1. Decision and timeliness.

The appeal challenges the July 7, 2026 nonconforming-use determination. Because the application is signed July 30, staff must confirm whether a timely appeal or notice of appeal was filed within the ordinance period before the Board reaches the merits.

2. Presumption and burden of proof.

Administrative decisions are presumed valid, and the appellant bears the burden of showing error. The submitted letter requests broader auto-dealer activity but does not rebut the Department's record-based distinction between automobile brokerage and onsite automobile sales.

3. Scope of the recognized nonconforming use.

The determination recognizes continuation of the documented automobile-brokerage use subject to Article 8. It does not recognize or authorize used-car dealership, onsite vehicle sales, vehicle display, auto repair, auto wash, detailing, inventory storage, or another separate automobile-related use.

4. Alleged administrative error.

On the current record, the appellant has not identified an erroneous document, omitted County approval, or other evidence establishing that onsite vehicle sales were lawfully authorized and continuously maintained. A request to operate primarily as a dealer or display inventory would expand beyond the use documented in the administrative record.

5. Preliminary conclusion.

If the appeal is timely, the present application does not meet the burden to show error in the July 7 determination. If the appeal was not timely filed, the Board should address timeliness before reaching the merits.

FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS:

The administrative record summarized in the July 7 determination supports a legal nonconforming automobile-brokerage use but not onsite automobile sales. The appellant's letter seeks dealer and display activity without supplying evidence that those activities were lawfully established and continuously maintained.

The filing dates also create a threshold timeliness question that must be resolved. The unrelated Brookside Parkway variance letter in the compiled packet has no bearing on this appeal and was not used in the analysis.

Therefore, staff preliminarily recommends denial and affirmance of the July 7 determination if the appeal is timely; otherwise, dismissal as untimely.

Staff Recommendation: Affirm Staff Decision

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) APPLICATION
to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, Georgia

Subject Property Address: 5667 REDAN ROAD

City: STONE MOUNTAIN

State: GA

Zip: 30088

Parcel ID Number(s): 16-062-05-033

Acreage: _____

District: 16

Land Lot: 033

Block: 05

Parcel: 16-062-05-033

Commission District(s): 4

Super District: 7

Type of Hearing Requested (check one):

- ☐ VARIANCE (from Development Standards causing undue hardship upon owners of property.)
- ☐ SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (to Reduce or Waive off-street parking or loading space requirements.)
- ☒ OFFICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS.

***PLEASE REVIEW THE FILING GUIDELINES ON PAGE 4.**

FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN SCHEDULING DELAYS.*

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

☒ Owner

☐ Agent

Signature



7/30/26

Date

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) APPLICATION FEE:
\$300.00

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Email plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov with any questions

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Zoning Board of Appeals Application



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APPLICANT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION PAGE

Applicant Name: MARIZU OGBUEHI

Address: 5667 REDAN ROAD City: STONE MOUN State: GA Zip: 30088

Telephone: 7709646500 Email: wiseauto4040@gmail.com

Owner Name: MARIZU OGBUEHI

Address: 5667 REDAN ROAD City: STONE MOUN State: GA Zip: 30088

Telephone: 6784991082 Email: mogbuehi@gmail.com

Subject Property Address: 5667 REDAN ROAD

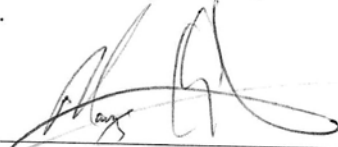
City: STONE MOUNTAIN State: GA Zip: 30088

District(s): 16 Land Lot(s): 033 Block: 05 Parcel(s): 16-062-05-033

Zoning Designation: C-1 Zoning District(s): C-2

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainability Department, Current Planning/Zoning Division, to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

☒ Owner ☐ Agent

Signature of Applicant: 

Date: 7/30/26

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

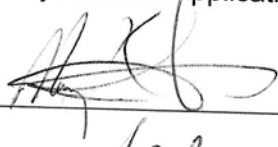
I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to inspect the premises of the Subject Property.

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property subject to the application.

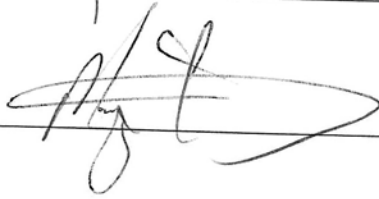
DATE: 7/30/2026

Applicant
Signature:



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5667 Redan Road
Stone Mountain Ga. 30088
July 30th, 2026

TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

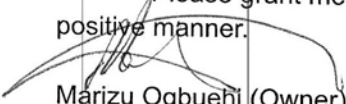
LETTER OF INTENT

My name is Marizu Ogbuehi. I am the owner of Wise Auto brokers LLC.. I have been operating in this location since 2014 as a full car detail shop and an auto broker/dealer. My intention is to be allowed to continue operating in this same location but mainly as an auto dealer.

I have served my community here in Dekalb as an upstanding business, I've hired over 100 young residents of the community, I've paid my yearly taxes every year, and I've contributed to my community by making donations to families in my community. I've worked with Dr. Rashad Richey and the Department of Juvenile Justice to hire young troubled people of color to give them a chance at becoming positive contributors of society and teaching them necessary skills that will hopefully translate as they enter adulthood. I registered with the Department of Labor to send young people who were having trouble finding employment. We have been making a positive impact in this community for over a decade. I will greatly appreciate your approval and renewal of my license .

I have a clean paved lot and I plan to display reliable cars for sale with service contracts and/or warranties. I have an open office space and also a large waiting room with a clean bathroom.

Please grant me the necessary license(s) to continue to operate and serve Dekalb county in a positive manner.


Marizu Ogbuehi (Owner)
5667 Redan Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
(770) 964-6500 Office
(678) 476-1700 Fax

Chief Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Director

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Juliana Njoku

July 7, 2026

Mr. Maurice Ogbuehi
Wise Auto Brokers LLC
701 Pine Bark Road
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087

RE: Nonconforming Use at 5667 Redan Road

Dear Mr. Ogbuehi:

Please accept this letter as an official determination regarding the non-conforming use automobile-related use at 5667 Redan Road.

Based on a review of DeKalb County permit/application records and the documents submitted by the applicant, the Department has determined that the County record supports prior authorization of an auto broker office use at the above-referenced property. However, the Department has not identified evidence that DeKalb County previously authorized the property for a used car dealership or onsite vehicle sales.

For purposes of this determination, an auto broker is defined by Article 9 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance: *Automobile brokerage*: The business of providing services for the purchase or leasing of a vehicle, whether non-commercial or commercial, which includes, but is not limited to helping clients find the desired vehicle, negotiate the price or lease contract, manage paperwork associated with the sale or lease, or secure financing for the sale or lease of the vehicle. An automobile brokerage is not a dealership and does not sell or lease vehicles. The brokered vehicles are not stored on the same lot as that on which the business office is located.

This determination is based on the following records and submitted materials:

- DeKalb County permit/application record for Application No. 899562, identifying Wise Auto Broker at 5667 Redan Road, processed in 2015, with the milestone listed as Issue CO and the occupancy classification listed as D-OFF.
- DeKalb County permit/application records for related 2015 plumbing permits associated with 5667 Redan Road / Wise Auto Broker.
- Georgia Department of Revenue Sales Tax Certificate of Registration for Wise Auto Brokers, LLC, listing 5667 Redan Road as the business location, with an effective date of March 2, 2015.
- Articles of Organization and Georgia Secretary of State records for Wise Auto Brokers LLC, showing formation in 2014 and active/compliant status with annual registration through 2026.
- Submitted federal tax returns, profit and loss statements, and financial records for Wise Auto Brokers reflecting business activity during 2023, 2024, and 2025.
- Current County application records indicating continued automobile-related business activity

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at the subject property.

The County records reviewed by the Department document the established *Automobile brokerage use*. Accordingly, the property may continue to be used for an auto broker, subject to the requirements and limitations of Article 8 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance.

However, there is insufficient documentation to show that an auto sales use was legally established. Therefore, this determination does not recognize or authorize a used car dealership, onsite vehicle sales, vehicle display, vehicle inventory storage, outdoor vehicle sales area, auto rental inventory, auto repair, car wash, auto detailing, or any other separate automobile-related use not otherwise permitted or previously authorized. Please see related definitions, including *Automobile sales*: A business establishment that engages in the retail sale or the leasing of new or used automobiles, small passenger trucks, motorcycles, or other passenger vehicles. Such merchandise may be stored on the same lot as that on which the business office is located. An automobile sales dealership may be located in an automobile mall. See Automobile mall, Automobile brokerage. The submitted County records identify an auto broker office use, but do not establish that DeKalb County approved a used car dealership use involving vehicles kept, displayed, stored, or sold onsite.

Please note that a nonconforming use shall not be re-established after discontinuance or abandonment for six (6) consecutive months, unless the cessation of the nonconforming use is a direct result of governmental action impeding access to the property. Vacancy or non-use of a building for six (6) continuous months, regardless of the intent of the owner or tenant, shall constitute discontinuance or abandonment under this subsection. In addition, a nonconforming use shall not be enlarged, expanded, moved, or otherwise altered in any manner that increases the degree of nonconformity.

Any proposed used car dealership, onsite vehicle sales, vehicle display, vehicle inventory storage, or other use beyond the established auto broker office use shall be subject to the current requirements of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, including all applicable zoning district standards, supplemental use standards, parking, site design, permitting, business licensing, and Certificate of Occupancy requirements. Based on the Department's review, the submitted materials do not establish that the subject property has legal nonconforming status for a used car dealership or onsite vehicle sales use.

Please note that this determination applies only to the auto broker office use described above and does not attempt to remedy any other issues of compliance as it relates to the aforementioned property. Any new, expanded, or intensified use shall be subject to full compliance with the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance. Please retain this letter for your property records and submit it with future building, occupancy permit, Certificate of Occupancy, or business license applications.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Department of Planning & Sustainability.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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Current Planning/Zoning Manager (she/her)

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APPEAL TO STAFF DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL USE OF PROPERTY

Chair and members of the Board:

Thank you for your time and consideration reviewing my eligibility.

My name is Marizu Ogbuehi. I own Wise Auto Brokers located at 5667 Redan Rd, Stone Mountain, Ga 30088. I've owned this property for almost 13 years and this business has been very beneficial to the community. My goal has been to set a positive example for the residents and business in the community by establishing a social enterprise primarily focused on giving healthy alternatives to the youth. I have been a resident of Dekalb county since I was 6 years old and never left. I graduated from Towers High School with honors in 1999 and went on to attend Georgia State University where I majored in business management. I am here today to respectfully request a Special Use Permit to allow the continued use of my property for proper storage and display of vehicles that we warranty and sell. I am appealing the denial of the property use on that address for the following stated reasons:

Physical Conditions of the Site:

The ordinance was drafted for 3 main reasons:

- *Limit onsite vehicle storage to protect the integrity of the community.
- *Maintaining the aesthetics of the neighborhood.
- *Ensure the safety of the community.

We have not only embodied those goals but we have surpassed expectations.

We keep a maximum of only 30 cars on the property and the property is just under an acre.

The vehicles displayed are all well maintained and are all in good working condition. The arrangement of the cars are neat and orderly and actually makes the area more appealing. This area is classified as a commercial redevelopment corridor and vehicle display and sales are essential for the economic renewal and vitality of the community. The property is over 400ft from the nearest residential community with a forest buffer in between so there would be no disturbance or interference with community peace. That distance and buffer ensures the maintenance of the integrity of the surrounding residential communities.

Onsite vehicle storage is not detrimental to the community. The lot is surrounded by commercial-zoning so all residential properties are distant from the property. In fact, the area is very much car dominant in both business and transportation. There is an abandoned mechanic shop (Redan Transmission) directly across the street from the lot, storing several abandoned vehicles. On the left of the business, there is a

junk yard and a truck storage lot. Directly to the right, there is a tire shop, paint shop, rim repair shop, and there are cars, in plain sight, that are inoperable on those lots. My business has been operating on this property since 2015. During this time, the property has always been well maintained and extremely clean.

According to the latest random GOOGLE MAPS satellite data taken in May of 2026, if you pull up the images of Wise Auto and look at the surrounding business, you will clearly notice that our parcel is one of the most aesthetically pleasing properties in the area. We maintain a very professional and clean environment. Directly next door there is an insurance agency (State Farm Angela Holloway), attorneys office, daycare, tax agency, and pharmacy. I have been operating here since 2015 and the property has always been well maintained and extremely clean.

As far as safety is concerned, I partnered with Dr. Rashad Richey and the Department of Juvenile Justice to help the troubled youth in the community. I've hired over 100 young people of color, mostly felons, giving them jobs and opportunities to become positive contributing members of society. We teach them important life skills to take with them once they transition from my business. The skills include; how to interview for a job/career, how to properly speak to adults/customers, alternatives in earning money, and how to overall conduct themselves to become positive contributing members of society. These opportunities and skills are necessary in the development of under-privileged young people. As far as employees and patrons are concerned, we maintain a strict dress code and we set behavioral expectations for our customers and patrons. We do not allow 'hanging out', loitering, use/sale of any illegal substances etc...That has been the constant standard for the past 12 years and my neighbors can attest to this claim.

Additional reasons for request

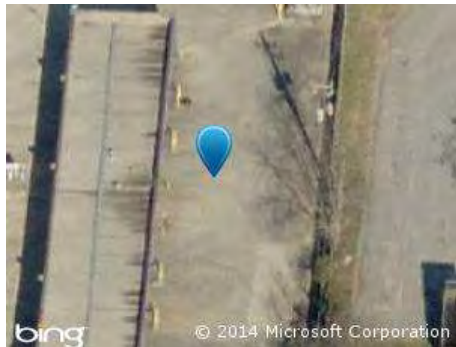
1. This permit is to allow me to legally continue storing my vehicles on the lot as part of my sales operations. This business has been operating for 12 years without any issues. The Hidden Hills overlay put restrictions in this area in 2004 (22 years ago), before there were major economic changes in the community.. There was an unprecedented mortgage crisis that damaged the Hidden Hills community 2 years after it was put in place.. Most of the residents left the area leaving over 80% of the homes in foreclosure or facing foreclosure. The prices of all the homes lost tremendous value and people with strained incomes began to move into the now cheap homes. The HOA left a lot of the subdivisions and a once thriving community became plagued with crime, abandoned homes, and vacant businesses. In fact, according to McIntosh State Bank, the property I own was condemned for 8 years before I bought it in 2014. This is a real example of how the mortgage crisis, other major technological changes in the area, and the evolution of the needs of the residents in this community caused a turned a thriving upper-middle class into an eager but needy lower/poor class. When I bought the property it was a complete eye-sore. There was no electricity, the lot was overgrown with weeds, no running water, and the lot was a hub for crime. Since ive acquired it there have been no violent incidents and the lot is clean and the business provides opportunities for dozens of residents in the community.
2. Over these last two decades, there has also been a shift in commercial re-zoning, new land developments, and modifications to the area to suit the current needs of the community.
3. There have been no traffic issues and no spill over parking into the street.
4. The lot is fenced in, well lit, well maintained. There are 28 security cameras recording all activity and the activity of the surrounding businesses where some of them have come to sort footage of unsure activities in their lot..

5. The lot is surrounded by commercial zoning businesses and most of them are mainly car dominant as you can see from the google map..
- (g). There is a storage facility, and a lot of other mushroom businesses besides it .
- (h). There are also two busy gas stations , a Family dollar store, and a new gas station being built beside it.
6. We operate within the spirit of the law. We have been paying corporate taxes and payroll taxes every single year since inception. This community not only patronizes us, they support our business as we have employed some of their children and helped them grow. Based on the above, I respectfully ask the Board to grant this Special Use Permit so I can continue to honorably serve this community and help bring it back to its peak of economic vitality.

I thank you for listening and I sincerely thank you for your time today.

Marizu Ogbuehi
(Owner of Wise Auto Brokers)

5667 Redan Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30088, Dekalb County



N/A	2,400	30,492	\$470,000
Beds	Bldg Sq Ft	Lot Sq Ft	Sale Price
N/A	1986	CARWASH	07/10/2006
Baths	Yr Built	Type	Sale Date

Owner Information

Owner Name:	Mcintosh State Bank	Tax Billing Zip:	30233
Tax Billing Address:	Po Box 3818	Tax Billing Zip+4:	0079
Tax Billing City & State:	Jackson, GA		

Location Information

Subdivision:	Redan Management Corp	Carrier Route:	R003
Township:	Unincorporated	Neighborhood Code:	9119
Census Tract:	233.14	Zoning:	C2

Tax Information

Tax ID:	16-062-05-033	Lot No.:	33
Parcel ID:	16 062 05 033	% Improved:	29%
Alt APN:	1944261	Tax Area:	04
Block No.:	5	County Tax:	\$4,417
Legal Description:	139 X 225 X 138 X 225 0.72AC		

Assessment & Tax

Assessment Year	2012	2011	2010
Assessed Value - Total	\$88,960	\$88,960	\$88,960
Assessed Value - Land	\$62,720	\$62,720	
Assessed Value - Improved	\$26,240	\$26,240	
YOY Assessed Change (\$)	\$0	\$0	
YOY Assessed Change (%)	0%	0%	
Market Value - Total	\$222,400	\$222,400	\$222,400
Market Value - Land	\$156,800	\$156,800	\$156,800
Market Value - Improved	\$65,600	\$65,600	\$65,600

Tax Year	Total Tax	Change (\$)	Change (%)
2010	\$3,946		
2011	\$4,333	\$387	9.81%
2012	\$4,417	\$85	1.95%

Characteristics

Land Use - Universal:	Carwash	Effective Year Built:	2002
Land Use - County:	Commercial Lot	Stories:	1
Lot Acres:	0.7	Building Sq Ft:	2,400
Lot Area:	30,492	Gross Area:	2,400
# of Buildings:	1	Ground Floor Area:	2,400
Building Type:	Car Wash Drive Thru	Exterior:	Concrete Block
Year Built:	1986	Condition:	Good

Features

Building Description	Building Size
Concrete Pav	7,440

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Property Detail

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Last Market Sale & Sales History

Recording Date:	08/02/2006		Price Per Square Feet:	\$195.83	
Settle Date:	07/10/2006		Document Number:	18990-580	
Sale Price:	\$470,000		Deed Type:	Deed (Reg)	
Recording Date	10/26/2009	03/13/2007	08/02/2006	07/29/1994	07/27/1994
Sale/Settlement Date	10/06/2009	02/08/2007	07/10/2006		07/22/1994
Sale Price	\$285,300		\$470,000		\$224,400
Nominal	Y				
Document Number	21702-348	19753-696	18990-580	8269-421	8266-295
Document Type	Foreclosure Deed	Quit Claim Deed	Deed (Reg)	Security Deed Of Tr (Mtg Ga)	Warranty Deed
Buyer Name	Mcintosh St Bk	Dekalb Car Wash Inc	Dekalb Car Wash Inc	Peach State Bank	Redan Management Corp
Seller Name	Dekalb Car Wash Inc	Branch Bkng & Trust Co	Redan Management Corp	Redan Management Corp	Redan Car Wash Inc
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Sale/Settlement Date	01/01/1993	10/01/1992	01/01/1987		
Sale Price					
Nominal					
Document Number	7599-340	7599-333	5717-679		
Document Type	Deed (Reg)	Deed (Reg)	Deed (Reg)		
Buyer Name					
Seller Name					

Mortgage History

Mortgage Date	08/02/2006	10/26/2004	07/29/1994
Mortgage Amount	\$480,000	\$1,289,665	\$390,000
Mortgage Lender	Mcintosh St Bk	Branch Bkng & Tr Co	Peach St Bk
Mortgage Code	Conventional	Conventional	Conventional
Mortgage Type	Resale	Refi	Resale

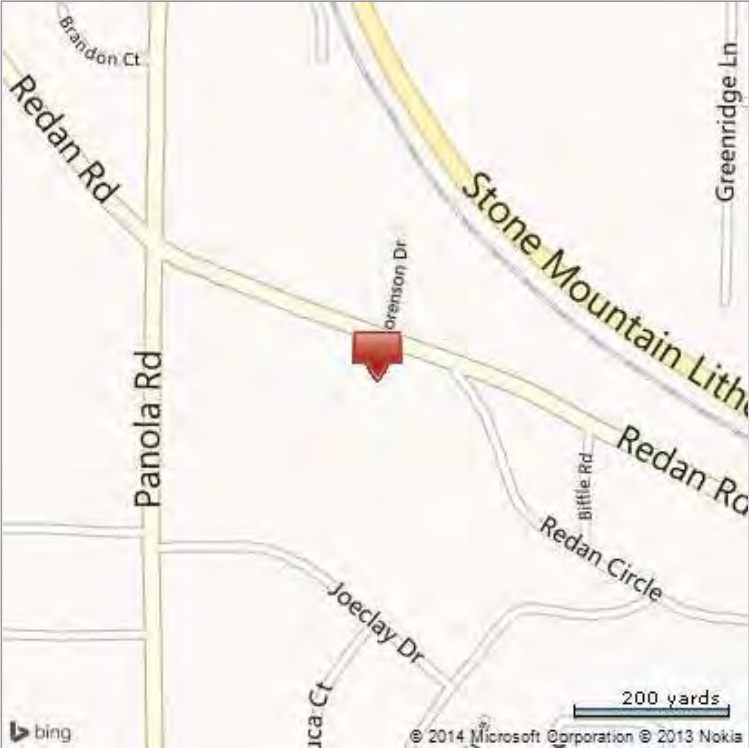
Foreclosure History

Document Type	Notice Of Sale
Recording Date	09/10/2009
Original Doc Date	07/10/2006
Original Book Page	18990000582

Property Map



*Lot Dimensions are Estimated



FOR SALE

Former Carwash

.72 Acres

BANK OWNED



5667 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Features

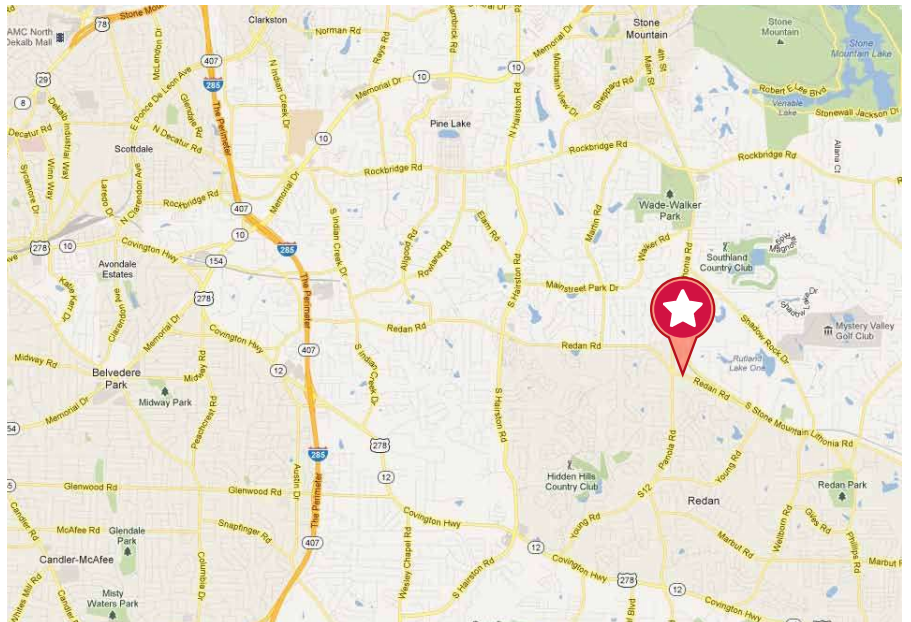
Closed Self-Service Car Wash

.72 Acres

Zoned C-2 (General Commercial District)

High Visibility

Asking Price: \$60,000



NAI Brannen Goddard

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violent crime on the corner of Redan and Panola since 2013

The intersection of **Redan Road and Panola Road** in DeKalb County, Georgia, has been a frequent hotspot for violent crime, particularly gun violence, over the past decade. Local residents and community leaders have frequently vocalized their frustrations regarding recurring shootings, drug activity, and loitering at the gas stations situated on this specific corner. [\[1, 2, 3\]](#)

Major Violent Incidents Since 2013

The intersection has seen several notable shootings and homicides, largely concentrated around the commercial properties on the corner: [\[1\]](#)

- **July 2025 (Chevron Gas Station):** A man in his 20s was shot multiple times and killed in the parking lot of the Chevron station in the 1200 block of Panola Road. [\[1\]](#)
- **October 2024 (Shopping Center / Gas Station):** A triple shooting occurred outside a small shopping center on the 1200 block of Panola Road. A 21-year-old man was killed, and two bystanders (a man and a woman) were wounded in the crossfire. A suspect was arrested later that December. [\[1\]](#)
- **August 2022 (Chevron Gas Station):** A 64-year-old man was shot multiple times while sitting in his car. He attempted to drive away to escape the gunfire but crashed into a telephone pole at the intersection due to the severity of his injuries, later dying at the hospital. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **May 2022 (Valero Gas Station):** An argument between two men escalated into a shootout, resulting in the death of a 25-year-old man. The victim himself had outstanding warrants for an armed robbery and shooting that took place at the exact same Valero gas station just months earlier in February 2022. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **April 2021 (Citgo Gas Station):** A late-night shootout in the parking lot left two men dead. Investigators recovered at least 15 bullet casings from the scene. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **January 2015 (Nearby Panola Road Residence):** A home invasion and armed robbery just off the intersection resulted in a quadruple shooting, leaving one man dead and three others severely injured. [\[1\]](#)

Community Impact and Law Enforcement Responses

Due to the pattern of consecutive murders, community members noted that the area experienced upwards of ten homicides over a multi-year span centered heavily around the local Chevron and BP/Valero stations. [1]

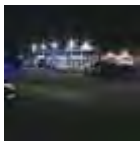
In response to the persistent violence, the DeKalb County Police Department and local officials implemented safety initiatives targeting the intersection. These included cracking down on private property loitering and passing stricter business crime safety ordinances. By late 2021, police reported a temporary 63% drop in violent crime directly surrounding the corner's primary gas stations due to increased enforcement, though high-profile violent incidents have still occasionally occurred since then. [1, 2, 3, 4]

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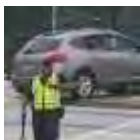
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If you are looking for specific records, I can help you look up **how to request official police precinct logs** from the DeKalb County Police Department or find **local community safety meetings** in the Hidden Hills area. What specific details do you need? [1]

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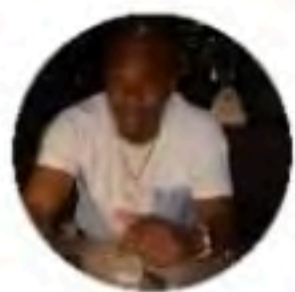


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Maurice Ogbuehi is with **Gloria Williams**.



Dec 19, 2014 · 

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 You, Natasha Ugo Hackett and 66 others

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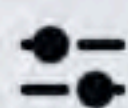
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Anthey Brown shared a memory.

Jul 10, 2020 ·



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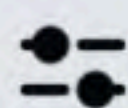
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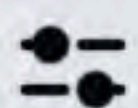


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Feb 15, 2019 ·



Will Porter my brother this is real!

Maurice Ogbuehi my successful brother who faced major adversity at such a young age but still persevered and now able to create job opportunities for others also a great role model I would love to hear something positive about us from you.... 100



Will Porter

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Maurice Ogbuehi

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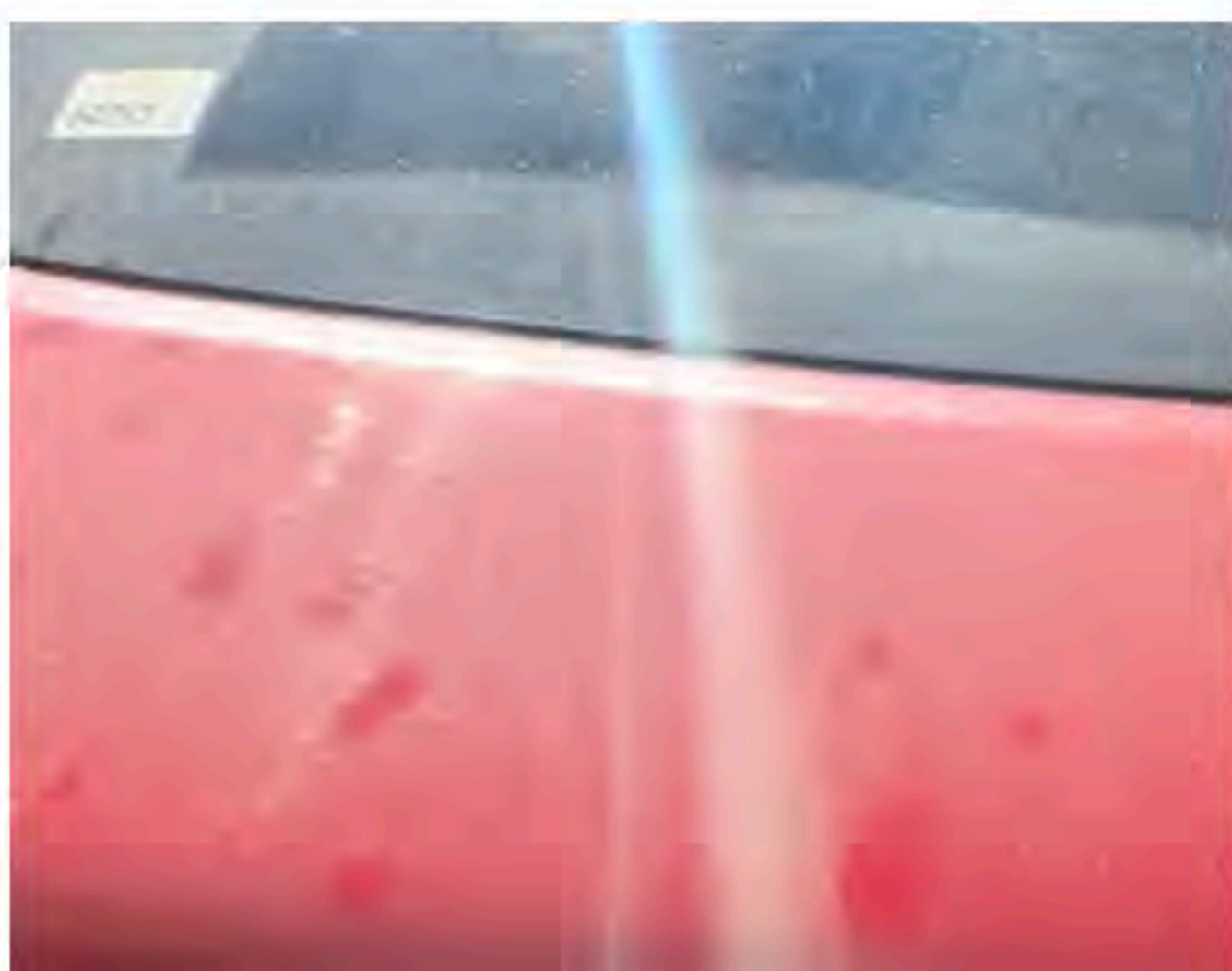
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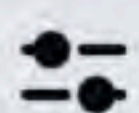
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Sunshine Wood is with **Maurice Ogbuehi**.



May 15 · 🧑🏾🧑🏾🧑🏾

In a world where people talk a lot about what a “real man” is, I’ve had the chance to actually see it. A friend of mine consistently pours into his community, works hard, gives back, and most importantly, reaches back to help the next generation.

He recently connected me with a young man he mentors who owns a moving company, and let me tell you — the service was exceptional. Professional, respectful, hardworking, and truly impressive.

That’s what mentorship and leadership look like. Not just talking about change, but creating opportunities and helping young people build something for themselves. I respect that deeply.

We need more men like this in our communities. 🙌🏾





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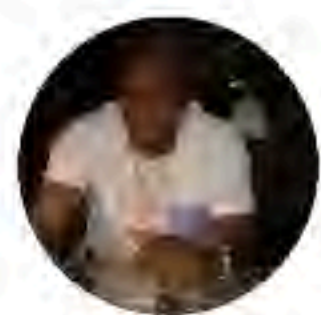
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Maurice Ogbuehi

Nov 24, 2020 ·



So one of my employee's brother died this past weekend. It was a 5 car accident that killed 4 people. I met the guy a couple months back. He was a very nice dude. Just came up to me and spoke to me about his goals and his kids. The family is devastated....trying to figure out what to do with the loss during the holidays....he had 7 kids. I'm going to take care of the funeral arrangements....but I know they will need help beyond that.

So I'm trying to figure out how to help those kids through the holidays...if anyone has any suggestions or contributions or toys, whatever they want to give, please inbox me. We should help each other especially in times of grief.



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Maurice Ogbuehi

May 28, 2020 ·



The biggest way to create change in 2020 is to pull the "black dollar" from one particular major corporation. A grocery store, gas station, bank, something. It has to last for several weeks. If black people all pulled together and said " we're not buying gas from BP... more



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Maurice Ogbuehi

Aug 3, 2017 ·



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