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solid waste program
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FEATURE

New garbage and recycling program starts July 1

Starting July 1, 2010, residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County will be a part of a new garbage and recycling program that will offer more efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly service. Five haulers have been contracted to serve five different areas of the County. This new plan does not affect city residents. Look for your 95-gallon wheeled trash cart and recycling bin as early as June 1. A smaller, 65-gallon trash cart is available but you must contact your assigned hauler to request it.

Call the Gwinnett County **Solid Waste Call Center** at 770.822.7141 weekdays between 7:30am and 5:30pm with plan questions or contact your assigned hauler with service questions. Visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com to learn which hauler will serve your home and to get a list of the 35 recyclable items.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Clean water under pressure

Gwinnett County's waterways are under pressure from pollution. We all want to have a sparkling clean driveway, parking lot, or building exterior; but unfortunately the creeks and streams in Gwinnett County may end up paying the price. The wash water generated from pressure washing and other outdoor cleaning contains oil, grease, and other chemicals that cause water pollution.

To address this problem, County officials worked with members of the pressure washing industry to develop guidelines that detail how pressure washing wastewater should be managed to prevent water pollution. You can help stop stormwater pollution by selecting one of these pressure washing companies to clean your hardscape. Visit www.gwinnettstormwater.com to view the list of contractors.



Before you leave for summer vacation, follow these tips to conserve water around your home:

- Check the toilets around your home to make sure they're running properly
- Make sure your faucets, tubs, and showerheads aren't leaking and are turned off tightly
- Lock your outdoor spigots; local hardware stores carry locks that can be affixed to spigots
- Shut off the water at your main shutoff valve and drain the system by running a faucet

PUBLIC SAFETY

Backyard pool safety

Backyard swimming pools are a great way to spend time with family and friends during the warm weather months, but pools, spas, ponds, and hot tubs are a huge responsibility when it comes to being safe. It's important to remember that a person can drown quickly in any amount of water. Gwinnett County firefighters responded to over 20 incidents of near drowning and other water-related emergencies in 2009 alone. Future injuries and deaths can be prevented by following these simple water safety rules:

- Never allow children to enter the pool or spa area unsupervised; lock all doors, fences, or gates that surround the area when not in use
- Never allow anyone to swim alone
- Provide rescue equipment around the pool in an easy to access location
- Post and enforce pool rules such as no running near the swimming pool
- Monitor the weather before going out to swim
- Post emergency numbers by the telephone
- Never swim while intoxicated

For more information on swimming pool safety and preventing water-related emergencies, please contact the Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction – Education Section at 678.518.4850.

★ 2010 General Primary ★ July 20, 2010

Early/Absentee Voting

May 28 – July 16, 2010 • Voting Hours • 9:00am to 4:30pm
Gwinnett County Elections Office
455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200 Lawrenceville, GA

Satellite Advanced Voting

July 12 – 16, 2010 • Voting Hours • 9:00am – 7:00pm
Centerville Community Center: 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville, GA 30039
George Pierce Community Center: 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee, GA 30024
Dacula Activity Building: 2735 Old Auburn Road, Dacula, GA 30019
Lucky Shoals Community Center: 4651 Britt Road, Norcross, GA 30093

For more information, e-mail absentee@gwinnettcounty.com or call 678.226.7210.

Satellite offices will NOT be open for runoff elections.

★ Poll Officials Needed ★

Information and applications are available at:
www.gwinnettcounty.com

For information, e-mail: pollofficials@gwinnettcounty.com or call 678.226.7210.

CHECK IT OUT

Check out these new DVDs for kids – just in time for summer vacation! These selections and other are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, www.gwinnettpl.org.

Gilad Kids in Motion – Fun in the Sun!

Blast Off! A Kid's Introduction to the Space Program

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival

Curious George Goes to a Birthday Party

The Tooth Fairy

SPLOST

SPLOST: West Gwinnett Bikeway extends to Duluth

The Board of Commissioners approved agreements with the City of Duluth and the Georgia Department of Transportation to fund an extension of the **Western Gwinnett Bikeway** on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from Summer Chase Drive to Pleasant Hill Road. The City of Duluth will provide approximately \$475,000 for construction of the project and the state will provide up to \$970,000 in federal funds.

The Western Gwinnett Bikeway consists of a 10-foot wide multi-use path with curb and gutter, improvements to the roadside shoulder, crosswalks, and pedestrian upgrades at intersections. In March, the Board of Commissioners approved a contract with ISC, Inc. for \$882,518 to extend the trail from Pinckneyville Park to Medlock Bridge Road. Funds for this phase were provided by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). This phase is expected to be completed in early 2011 and will tie to existing paths on South Old Peachtree Road, Medlock Bridge Road, and Peachtree Parkway.

A future extension is planned from Pleasant Hill Road to State Route 120 and east to Rogers Bridge Road to connect to Rogers Bridge Trail. Once completed, the bikeway will provide a pedestrian network that connects to the cities of Norcross, Berkeley Lake, and Duluth in western Gwinnett County and Johns Creek in north Fulton County.



AROUND GWINNETT

Treated water goes back into Lake Lanier

Gwinnett County is now returning highly-treated wastewater to its source in Lake Lanier following the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's final approval on May 4. It was almost 10 years ago that the EPD first approved the idea of discharging water from the F. Wayne Hill treatment plant into the lake and the Chattahoochee River. Legal challenges delayed the start of construction on a necessary 9.5-mile underground and underwater pipeline until 2008.



Water Resources can now send up to 40 million gallons per day back to the lake. Currently Gwinnett takes about 70 million gallons a day on average to produce drinking water at two filter plants. The treated water going into the lake is cleaner than the river water that also enters the lake, according to Ron Peters of Gwinnett's Department of Water Resources.

The \$7.2 million pipeline connects to a 716-foot long diffuser designed to mix the treated wastewater with the existing lake water. The County will closely monitor water quality standards in the lake.

Board Chairman **Charles Bannister** said, "It has been a long journey to get to this point but I believe that putting water back into the lake helps us secure a long-term water supply for our residents."

Healthy lifestyle program featured on TVgwinnett

Growing in Gwinnett, produced by Gwinnett County Health and Human Services, includes interactive segments that incorporate exercise, cooking, and timely topics that concern both younger and older Gwinnett County residents.

Catch **Growing in Gwinnett** on TVgwinnett, the County's cable television station. Viewers can access TVgwinnett on channel 23 or 25 depending on their cable provider. TVgwinnett programming is also available streaming and on-demand at www.tvgwinnett.com, where viewers will also find a program guide.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Gwinnett County tag office July holiday hours

The Independence Day holiday is Sunday, July 4, 2010. Tag office work schedules are different during holiday weeks and the day following a holiday is typically very busy. Be sure to check the holiday schedule for changes.

Be first in line – every time; renew your vehicle online at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

County offices closed for Independence Day

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of the county, will be closed July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on July 6. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

EVENTS

Sign up for these and other great activities at www.gwinnettparks.com.

Free! Brown Bag Concert

July 9 • 11:00am – 1:00pm
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Free! Sounds of the Skate Park

July 9 • 7:00pm – 9:00pm
July 23 • 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Duncan Creek Park
3700 Braselton Highway, Dacula

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

July 10 • 10:00am
Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center
4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

Gwinnett Kidz Got Talent!

July 17 • noon – 1:30pm
Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center
100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Ice Cream Social

July 23 • noon – 2:00pm
Bethesda Park Senior Center
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville

Free! B @ the Movies

July 24 • 7:00pm
Tribble Mill Park
2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville

Football 101 Workshop

July 27 • 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

Silent Auction to benefit seniors

Come enjoy live beach music, experience summer fun, and bid on golf and entertainment packages and unique items at the Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services' Silent Auction. The event will be held July 22 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Delmar Gardens of Lawrenceville, 3100 Club Drive. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please contact Jennifer Thilo at 770.923.3100 or Lisa Moffa at 770.822.8774. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

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