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County offices
closed May 30:
Memorial Day

FEATURE

Memorial Day Ceremony honors Gwinnett's military heroes

The public is invited to Gwinnett County's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2011, at 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. This event is held each year to honor the county's past and present military heroes and public service personnel. Members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and honor guard units from the Gwinnett County Corrections, Fire and Emergency Services, Police and Sheriff's Departments, and the Lawrenceville Police Department will take part in this event.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial, located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville, honors all Gwinnett residents who died in the line of duty in military or public service. For more information about the Fallen Heroes Memorial, visit www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Let's talk toilets

Toilets are the main source of water consumption in the home, accounting for nearly 30 percent of residential use. Over the course of your life, you will likely flush the toilet 140,000 times! Toilets manufactured before 1980 can use up to seven gallons of water per flush. Replace one of those old water hogs with a new 1.28 gallon model and you can save thousands of gallons every year.

Concerned that low-flush toilets don't perform well? At first, manufacturers only modified the toilet's valves and floats to reduce water consumption without changing the design of the tank or bowl. Now toilets use a variety of advanced technologies to ensure single-flush, clog-free performance. To be certain you are getting a top rated model, look for the WaterSense label. It certifies that the toilet went through a laboratory testing process and met rigorous criteria for both performance and efficiency.

Gwinnett County water customers may qualify for rebates of up to \$100 for replacing old, inefficient toilets. Details are available at www.northgeorgiawater.org/html/315.htm or by calling 404.463.8645.

You can also bring your old and broken toilets to the Department of Water Resources Central Facility to be recycled for free. You must remove the toilet seat and any plastic parts, including handles. Drop off the toilet at any time to 684 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. After business hours and on weekends, access is only available from the Hosea Road entrance. For more information, visit www.gwinnetth2o.com or call 678.376.6722.

Lawn Care with Integrated Pest Management Workshop

June 16, 2011 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Attendees can apply for a stormwater utility fee credit

Hosted by: Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
Stormwater Management Division
Presented by: Robert Brannen
Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Service

Please pre-register by sending an e-mail to dwrswreg@gwinnettcounty.com and include name, address, and telephone or call 678.376.7126

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police named DUI agency of the year

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) awarded the **Gwinnett County Police Department DUI Task Force** the *2010 Statewide DUI Agency of the Year award*. This award was presented to the DUI Task Force at the seventh annual Golden Shield Banquet in Atlanta.

M.A.D.D. also recognized the individual efforts of the officers and awarded them with M.A.D.D. pins based on the number of DUI arrests they made the previous year.

The following officers were recognized: Corporal M.J. Blute, Corporal C.A. Deming, Officer A.M. Kingsley, Officer W.M. Rundles; Officer J.T. Tait; Officer M.K. Wyman, Officer S.C. Mycols, and Officer J.N. Cyphers.

CHECK IT OUT

Check out these great new resources for job searches and career building. These selections and others are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, www.gwinnettpl.org.

The Girl's Guide to Kicking Your Career Into Gear: (Ebook), by Caitlin Friedman

Find a Job Through Social Networking: Use LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Blogs, and More to Advance Your Career, by Diane Crompton and Ellen Sautter

New online resources

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center: a browsable database of sample resumes, training videos, internship opportunities, and more

Job and Career Accelerator: an interactive, personalized product that matches users to specific job fields

SPLOST

SPLOST-funded park wins restoration award

Freeman's Mill Park won the Excellence in Restoration from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. The award was presented at the 34th annual Preservation Awards ceremony in Macon on April 1. The park's highlight is an old gristmill that resides along the banks of the Alcovy River in Lawrenceville.



"This year's winners represent a tremendous dedication to restoring and revitalizing Georgia's historic buildings and communities," said **Mark C. McDonald**, president of The Georgia Trust. *"We are proud to honor such deserving projects."*

The County purchased the mill and surrounding property with funding from the Georgia Greenspace Program and the 2005 SPLOST program. The County recognized the historical significance of this landmark and committed to preserving it for future generations. The first phase of park construction raised the historic mill five feet to get it above the regulated floodplain. Construction also included a new foundation and retaining wall, restoration of the water wheel and windows, a new roof, and repair to the siding and doors.

Freeman's Mill Park also includes a playground that replicates the gristmill, picnic pavilion, half-mile multi-purpose trail, parking, and restroom facilities.

AROUND GWINNETT

County hosts workshop for potential vendors

The Gwinnett County Purchasing Division will host the fifth annual **Supplier Symposium** on June 8, 2011, from 8:00am to noon at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center:



Attendees will meet buyers and contracting officers from the Purchasing Division and other metro Atlanta agencies to take advantage of networking opportunities designed to create relationships, understand County purchasing processes, and obtain information on current and upcoming projects. Attendees will also participate in presentations and roundtable discussions that will help acquaint present and potential suppliers with the County's procurement procedures.

"During this symposium, suppliers will become more knowledgeable about the County's procurement procedures and learn what's new in doing business with Gwinnett County, which will increase competition and encourage more suppliers to do business with Gwinnett County," Purchasing Director **Roslyn Forstot** said.

The symposium will begin with a morning presentation that will focus on building vendor relationships. Participants will later break into smaller groups for roundtable discussions on cost negotiations, hot topics, and contracting with Gwinnett County.

To register for the symposium, visit www.gwinnettcounty.com and select Supplier Symposium under the Purchasing link. Current projects open for bidding are also available under the Purchasing link along with explanations of bidding procedures.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Gwinnett County tag office May holiday hours

The Memorial Day holiday is Monday, May 30, and all Tax Commissioner offices will be closed. The day following a holiday is typically very busy, so plan accordingly. For more information, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or call 770.822.8818.

County offices closed:

Memorial 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 May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on May 31. 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

June 3 • 10:30am – 1:00pm
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Free! Kids' Fishing Day

June 4 • 9:00am – 1:00pm
Jones Bridge Park
4901 East Jones Bridge Road, Norcross

Family Fun Day

June 4 • 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center
2200 Collins Hill Road, Lawrenceville

Watermelon Cutting for Seniors

June 10 • 11:00am – 1:00pm
Mountain Park Depot
5050 Five Forks-Trickum Road, Lilburn

Free! Ready to Roll Biking and Skateboarding Event

June 11 • 10:00am – 1:00pm
Duncan Creek Park
3700 Braselton Highway, Dacula

The Great Cardboard Boat Race

June 11 • 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Dacula Park Pool
205 Dacula Road, Dacula

An Engaging Affair Bridal Show

June 12 • 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Adventure Camps

Exciting, themed summer camps with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation for preschool through age 14. June 6 – July 29, weekly rates and tuition assistance available. To register, visit www.gwinnettparks.com or call 770.822.8840.

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