

gwinnettcounty connection

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FEATURE

New directors head Support Services, Fire and Emergency Services departments

The County has a new director of Support Services and a new fire chief. Angelia Parham was appointed to head the Support Services department in May. Her 25 years of public and private sector experience includes work with two Fortune 500 companies, CH2M Hill and Exxon, and the City of Roswell. Support Services manages fleet vehicles, facilities, capital projects, land acquisitions, surplus property sales, and the residential and commercial solid waste and recycling program.

After the retirement of Fire Chief Bill Myers, who served for 30 years in the County's Fire and Emergency Services department, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Casey Snyder as Gwinnett's new fire chief. Chief Snyder is a 24-year veteran of the department and began his career in emergency services in 1984.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Stream restoration in Norcross helps improve water quality

Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources works constantly to improve water quality and aquatic habitat in our streams and lakes. There are several projects that the Water Resources' Watershed Improvement Program is undertaking to continue this important effort. One such effort is located at Best Friend Park in Norcross.



Kitchen Creek flows through the park from Old Rockbridge Road to the paved walking trail and Water Resources is implementing a project to improve water quality and in-stream aquatic habitat along 1,000 feet of the stream. The project includes grading the stream, installing rock and log structures, planting native vegetation, and stabilizing the slope. New stormwater infrastructure will also be installed. The restoration measures will result in a more natural looking stream channel and will improve aquatic and riparian habitat.

Watershed improvement is an important part of protecting our drinking water and our recreational water resources. For more information on watershed improvement projects, please visit www.gwinnettstormwater.com/watershedimprovement.

Also, contact the Gwinnett County Stormwater Management Division to report a pollution concern or possible illicit discharge at 678.376.7193.

Department of Water Resources

Free Workshop! Smart Irrigation Workshop

July 18, 2013 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

July is traditionally the month of peak water demand for lawns, gardens, and landscapes, which can lead to higher than expected water bills. By learning to water smarter, homeowners can keep their yards green without wasting water and money. All participants will receive a free outdoor water efficiency kit.

Please pre-register by emailing your name and address to dwrconserve@gwinnettcounty.com or call 678.376.6722.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Why a burn ban?

Open burning in metro Atlanta and larger counties is restricted during the warm weather season. In Gwinnett County, the burn ban takes place from May 1 to September 30.

During the burn ban, you may not burn trees, limbs, or any other yard waste. Specific types of burning is allowed, but only if you get a permit from the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal.

If you live in unincorporated Gwinnett County and need to get rid of yard waste, contact your solid waste hauler to add yard waste pickup service. To locate your hauler, please visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

For more information about the burn ban, please contact the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Reduction Division by calling 678.518.4980 or by visiting www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com.

CHECK IT OUT

Check out these books that have been selected by the Goodreads Book Club. These and other good reads are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, www.gwinnettpl.org.

Heat Wave, by Nancy Thayer

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter, by Tom Franklin

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, by Helen Simonson

Summerland, by Elin Hilderbrand

Every Last One, by Anna Quindlen

SPLOST

Trail extension coming for Ivy Creek Greenway

The Ivy Creek Greenway trail near the Mall of Georgia will soon stretch 4.4 miles after commissioners approved the construction contract for a \$2.2 million extension project in May. The addition of slightly less than three-quarters of a mile of 12-foot wide asphalt trail will feature three wood boardwalks, a 270-foot cable bridge, an overlook platform, and restrooms.

According to Community Services Director Phil Hoskins, school groups visiting the Environmental and Heritage Center will use the recreation trail because it connects to a recently completed nature trail through the nearby F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center site.

Long-range plans call for the greenway to connect to an existing section at George Pierce Park, creating 7 miles of biking and walking opportunities. District 1 Commissioner **Jace Brooks** said, "Greenways are an important extension of our park system and provide a chance for individuals and families to focus on fitness in a natural setting."

Funding comes from a \$1 million state and federal transportation grant and the 2005 and 2009 SPLOST sales tax programs. Astra Group Inc. was the low bidder for the construction, which should be finished by the end of this year.



County offices closed:

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 4 for Independence Day. All offices will resume regular working hours on July 5. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Independence Day is not a trash holiday.

EVENTS

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents.

See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcounevents.com.

Brown Bag Concert

July 5 • 11:00am – 10:00pm

Gwinnett Historic Courthouse

185 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

770.822.5450

radKIDS:

Child Self-Empowerment Program

July 8 – 12 • 9:00am – 11:00am

Sugar Hill Church

5091 Nelson Brogdon Boulevard, Sugar Hill

770.513.5119

Kids' Night Out

July 19 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Mountain Park Park

1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain

678.277.0179

Free! Dog Day at the Park

July 20 • 10:00am – 2:00pm

Lenora Park

4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville

770.978.5271

Vines in the Garden

July 25 • noon – 1:00pm

Gwinnett County Government Annex Building

Fourth Floor, Suite 400

750 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

678.377.4010

AROUND GWINNETT

Updated Water Quality Report available

An updated version of the 2012 Water Quality Report was posted online on May 2, 2013; please visit www.gwinnettwaterwords.com to view the report. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please call 678.376.6700.

Do you have what it takes to join the force?

The Gwinnett County Police Department will host a job fair on Saturday, June 22 from 8:00am to 2:00pm for Police Officer and E-911 Communications Officer positions. The Gwinnett County Police Department is a nationally accredited, full-service department with specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, DUI Task Force, and more. The department offers a competitive compensation/benefits package along with on-the-job training. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply before attending the fair at www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com. The job fair will take place at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center, located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. For more information, please visit www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com.

FOCUS ON: Swift water rescue and aquatics

FOCUS ON is a monthly feature that tells how your county government employees focus on providing high-quality services to you each and every day. This month will feature the swift water rescue team, a group of firefighters who are trained in swift water operations, and the County's aquatics staff, which consists of more than 300 seasonal employees who are trained to ensure the safety of those visiting the aquatics centers and pools. To read more, please visit www.gwinnettcounevents.com.

TAX COMMISSIONER

New motor vehicle title tax: registration requirements

If you have a vehicle under the new title tax system, you still have to renew the registration annually. This includes tag fees, decals, and emissions testing (if applicable). For more information on renewing your registration, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

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