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Community celebrates grand opening of McDaniel Farm Park

County officials and community members celebrated the grand opening of McDaniel Farm Park on Saturday, October 9 with an official ribbon cutting and opening day festivities, including hayrides, storytelling, games, and more. The popular bluegrass band, the Skillet Lickers, entertained audiences throughout the day.

Everyone enjoyed demonstrations in blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, plowing, and horse care. Some

even learned how to make ice cream "the old-fashioned way." Animal and farm life exhibits were on display from the Lanier Museum of Natural History, Gwinnett Extension Service, and the 4-H Club. Local artists were on hand painting pictures of the beautiful scenery at the park.

McDaniel Farm Park, located at 3251 McDaniel Road in Duluth,

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McDaniel Farm Park aims to preserve farming traditions of Gwinnett County during the 1930s. A volunteer demonstrates blacksmithing techniques to community members at the grand opening.

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Residents and visitors of Lake Lanier probably haven't noticed anything different about the lake, and Gwinnett County Department of Public Utilities (DPU) wouldn't have it any other way. The new Shoal Creek Filter Plant was designed and built to be as unobtrusive and environmentally sensitive to the surrounding area as possible. DPU is quietly pulling water out of Lake Lanier from nearly 40 feet below the lake's surface, and the water is turned from lake water to drinking water at the Shoal Creek Filter Plant.

The Shoal Creek Filter Plant works in unison with the Lanier Filter Plant, giving the County a back up in the event that one of the plants was to



Mike Staley of the Department of Public Utilities explains the ozonation process to local media representatives who toured the facility during an open house.

fail. Both the Lanier and the Shoal Creek facilities use ozonation disinfection. This rare process is used by less than one percent of filter plants in the country and offers significant advantages in disinfecting raw water over the use of chlorine.

The plant currently has the capacity to produce 75 million gallons per day (MGD), and is scheduled for expansion in 2015. The necessary infrastructure to expand the plant is already in the ground, making the expansion less disruptive to the surrounding community. After the expansion, the plant will

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Wanted: 20,000 Medical Reserve Corp volunteers

The Gwinnett County Department of Health is recruiting citizens to form a medical reserve corps in Gwinnett County. The goal is 20,000 volunteers. The national medical reserve corps initiative includes AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps, and Citizen Corps. Citizen Corps volunteers will work locally to make sure their families, homes, and communities are prepared in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Who is eligible to serve in the Citizen Corps?

- Volunteers who possess non-medical skills and diverse training backgrounds
- Volunteers who are active, inactive, or retired health care professionals
- Public health professionals

Citizen Corps members will participate in emergency response planning, assist with ongoing public health activities and events, and attend training once a month, in order to be better prepared to assist public safety personnel in case of an emergency.

Why should I volunteer for the Citizen Corps?

- Volunteers receive the opportunity to serve the community and its citizens in a time of need
- Volunteers and their family members will be among the first to receive vaccinations or antibiotics during a bioterrorism event or disease outbreak
- Volunteers receive free continuing education opportunities

President George W. Bush formed the medical reserve corps in response to the outpouring of volunteer support in the days following September 11. The corps serves as a way to organize and fully utilize the generosity of local volunteers. For more information on becoming part of the Medical Reserve Corps, contact **Leticia Mathis** at lamathis@dh.state.ga.us or 770.339.4260 x235.

Reminder: Property tax installments due

If you are paying your property tax bill in installments, the second installment is due November 15. If not paid in full by the due date, a five percent penalty will be added based on the unpaid installment amount. Beginning November 16, interest accrues at one percent per calendar month or any part thereof (12 percent annually).

For more information, call Tax Talk 24 at 770.822.8800 or visit our Web site at www.gwinnett-tax.com.

Health and Human Services: Senior news

Home Depot to donate accessible toilets to needy seniors

Thanks to Home Depot Supply, a subsidiary of Home Depot, Inc., 50 Gwinnett residences will be equipped with accessible toilets and side grab rails. The supply store is donating and installing the toilets free of charge for local seniors in need of the equipment. These toilets are two inches taller than standard ones. Home Depot Supply employees will volunteer their time to install the toilets and grab bars.

Prospective recipients must own their homes and must have demonstrated a need for an accessible toilet. If you know of a senior citizen who could benefit from this generous offer, contact the Senior Services volunteer coordinator at 770.822.8837.

Happy Birthday Meals on Wheels



Catherine Montgomery works hard sealing meals for local seniors. The healthy, balanced meals are delivered to home-bound Gwinnett seniors.

The national Meals on Wheels program will celebrate its 50th birthday this year, and Gwinnett County has a special birthday guest. Atlanta Falcons player Keion Carpenter will deliver meals to Gwinnett seniors.

The first meal delivery program in the U.S. started in Philadelphia in 1954. Today, nearly 20,000 federally funded and privately sponsored Meals on Wheels programs exist in the United States. Gwinnett's program delivers 70,000 meals to more than 300 senior clients in the county.

In the past year, Gwinnett County's Meals on Wheels program added 10 new delivery routes and 250 new volunteers, reducing the client waiting list from 80-plus to fewer than 15. If you are interested in volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program, call 770.822.8837.

Suwanee Outback Steakhouse

The Suwanee Outback Steakhouse raised more than \$6,000 for Gwinnett County's Meals on Wheels program with its 5th annual Outback at Work charity lunch event for local businesses. Outback Steakhouse donated 400 lunches to raise money for the Meals on Wheels program in Gwinnett County. Over the past four years, the Outback projects have generated more than \$30,000 for the program. The funds have enabled the senior services program to receive four fully equipped Meals on Wheels vehicles.



What is non-point source pollution?

by Charlotte Sutphin, Department of Public Utilities

During rainstorms, pollutants are washed from the streets and sidewalks through storm drains and directly into our streams, rivers, and lakes. This pollution, commonly known as non-point source pollution, accumulates in our waterways where it threatens the water we use for both recreation and drinking.

Common non-point source pollutants include trash, sediment, vehicle fluids (oil, gasoline, etc.), pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, and all other harmful substances that are carried as runoff into storm drains. Although, as individuals, our contributions to this pollution may seem minor, the combined effects over a large area like Gwinnett County can be quite serious.

What can you do to help stop non-point source pollution?

- Do become aware of what is entering the storm drains near your house or office

- Do maintain your vehicle to prevent oil leaks
- Do wash your car on a grassy area or at a professional car wash
- Do purchase less toxic cleaners and household chemicals and make sure waste is disposed of properly
- Do pick up after your pet
- Do landscape your yard with native vegetation that requires less water, fertilizer, and pesticides

In addition, look out for polluters in your area and report problems to the 24-hour call center at 678.376.7000. Be ready to provide as many details as possible. These are just a few of the ways you can help prevent non-point source pollution.

For more information, call Gwinnett County's Storm Water Management Division at 678.376.6929 or visit their Web site at www.gwinnettstormwater.com.

Check it out!

It's time to start thinking about that holiday cooking, just in time for Thanksgiving. The following books are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library to provide readers with great entertaining ideas for the holidays.

Betty Crocker Complete Thanksgiving Cookbook, by Betty Crocker

Vegetarian Times Complete Thanksgiving Cookbook, by the editors of Vegetarian Times

Thanksgiving 101, by Rick Rodgers

Thanksgiving: Festive recipes for the holiday table, by Kristine Kidd

Christmas Sweets and Holiday Treats: Forty vintage recipes for festive cookies, confections and other delights, by Allison Kyle Leopold

Chuck Williams' Thanksgiving & Christmas, by Chuck Williams

A Southern Thanksgiving: Recipes and musings for a manageable feast, by Robb Forman Dew

The Thanksgiving Cookbook, by Holly Garrison

Thanksgiving Dinner, by Holly Garrison

Thanksgiving Dinner, by Kathryn Blue

The Thanksgiving Book: An illustrated treasury of lore, tales, poems, prayers and the best in holiday feasting, edited by Melinda Corey

This list was provided by the Gwinnett County Public Library. Call or visit your local branch for additional selection assistance, or check out the GCPL Web site at www.gwinnettpl.org.

Pet Corner



Meet Red. Red was severely injured when she was hit by a car, but Gwinnett County employee Don Jascomb adopted Red and nursed her back to health. Now Red has a new lease on life and Don has a new loyal companion.

There are other wonderful pets that need a loving home. If you would like to see photos of cats and dogs currently up for adoption, check out www.gwinnettcounty.com. You can also visit the shelter on Hi-Hope Road and Ga. 316 in Lawrenceville or call 770.339.3200.





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

Take advantage of **Parents Night Out** on November 12 from 6:00pm – 11:00pm at Pinckneyville Community Center in Norcross. Get your holiday shopping out of the way while we entertain your kids with arts and crafts, games, and pizza. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$10 per child. Call 770.417.2200 for more information.

Seniors are invited to enjoy an afternoon of **Bingo**, refreshments, conversation, and lots of prizes at the Mountain Park Activity Building on November 12 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The cost is \$2 per person. Call 770.822.5414 for more information.

The Gwinnett History Museum will celebrate **History Day** on November 13 from noon – 2:00pm. There will be a lecture series on the history of Christmas and Victorian Christmas traditions. The cost is \$3 per person. The Gwinnett History Museum is located in the Lawrenceville Seminary Building in Lawrenceville. For more information, call 770.822.5178.

Don't miss the Gwinnett Parks Foundation's **5K Road Race** on November 13 at Tribble Mill Park in Grayson. The registration fee is \$15 for pre-registered racers and \$20 for those registering after November 5 and on the day of the race. Visit www.gwinnettparksfoundation.org for more information.

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with family and friends at the 17th annual **Lighting of the Tree** ceremony on the square in downtown Lawrenceville on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. Festivities will begin at 5:00pm, with the tree lighting ceremony at approximately 6:00pm. Be sure to stay for the arrival of Santa Claus! For more information, call 770.822.5450.

McDaniel Farm Park

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has been restored to depict a typical 1930s subsistence farm in Gwinnett County. One of the original tenant farmhouses on the property has been restored, as well as the barn, well house, chicken coop, and blacksmith shed. The natural beauty of the park can also be experienced through 2.5 miles of paved multi-purpose trails, a picnic pavilion, and a large informal play area.

For more information about McDaniel Farm Park, call 770.814.4920.

Shoal Creek Plant

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produce 150 MGD of drinking water for Gwinnett citizens.

The facility was dedicated on October 22, and a public open house was held on October 23. For more information on the Shoal Creek facility, visit the Lanier Community Outreach and Liaison Web site at www.lancool.com. LANCOOL is a community outreach project designed to keep the public informed about the Shoal Creek project.



Indoor Swimming Venues

It may be chilly outside, but you can still enjoy swimming at one of Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's **indoor aquatic centers**. The following hours will be in effect through Memorial Day:

Bogan Park Aquatic Center

770.614.2063

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 7:00am – 8:50am
11:00am – 3:00pm
Tues., Thur., Fri. 11:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Indoor Leisure Pool

Monday, Wednesday 3:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday 3:00pm – 8:30pm
Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center

770.237.5647

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 9:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday 6:00am – 9:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Mountain Park Aquatic Center

770.564.4650

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 6:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am – 9:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Warm/Instructional Pool

Monday – Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

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