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## Meet Lorraine Green, District 1 Commissioner



**Lorraine Green**, who joined the Board of Commissioners in January has been active in her community and previously served on the Gwinnett County Planning Commission.

Green is president and owner of an environmental engineering firm. She graduated from Georgia Tech with both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in engineering, and

is a registered professional engineer. While her past community involvement and knowledge of the community will prove helpful in her new role as district commissioner, she considers her strongest asset to be her professional background which taught her the importance of collaboration and overcoming various obstacles to achieve a goal.

Green intends to spend the next four years serving the constituents of District 1 and also supporting County employees in carrying out their duties. "I had been involved in

community and homeowner issues, so it was a natural progression for me to run for office," she said.

When she is not wearing her commissioner hat, Green loves being a mom, playing tennis, and fishing. "I love being with my kids. When the stress and pressure seem like too much, I just get away with my family," she said. "They really bring me back down to earth." Green has been a resident of Gwinnett for 17 years and lives in unincorporated Gwinnett County with her husband Bob and their two sons.

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## Citizens enjoy new Web site features

Gwinnett County has a new Web site! Live streaming video of TV Gwinnett is available on the new site, as well as a collection of on-demand videos on various County topics. A new search feature makes navigating the site more convenient and an alert feature helps citizens monitor the Web site for content changes.

"The new site is an important step towards providing more County services online," said **Joe Sorenson**, Communications Division Director. "While the site does include many features that improve site navigation, the most significant changes are the 'invisible' architectural improvements that make secure online business transactions possible. We look forward to offering additional online services for citizens in the coming months."

While citizens will still be able to navigate the Gwinnett County site the way they always have, those who choose to register and create a user profile will be able to take advantage of all of the new features. When creating a user profile, the option is available to sign up to receive various County publications as they become available.

A user profile provides for a more "personal" experience on the Gwinnett County Web site, allowing the user to customize the type of information seen after log in.

The Web site will be undergoing some

fine tuning during the first month of its launch and users may experience occasional slow response times.

Find an introduction to all of the new features on the County's Web site, [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).



## DOT public meeting: Indian Trail Road at Jackson Creek and Lawrenceville Highway

On Thursday March 3, 2005, the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting on the above-mentioned projects. Improvements at the intersection of U.S. 29/ Lawrenceville Highway at Indian Trail Road would include adding dual left turn lanes for all approaches to the intersection, improving the traffic signal, and adding pedestrian facilities. Discussion on a new bridge that would replace the current bridge on Indian Trail Road over Jackson Creek will also be on the agenda.

The meeting will be held from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Central Baptist Church, 4550 Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn. The design will be presented in an informal setting. Representatives from the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation will present designs and displays, answer questions, and discuss the projects. For additional information, call 770.822.7400.

## Gwinnett County invites you to its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House

Saturday, April 9, 2005  
11:00am – 3:00pm  
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center  
75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville

Come learn how your local government works for you. Booths will feature the valuable programs and services provided by County departments and courts:

Adopt-a-Stream	Motor Vehicle and Property Tax
Community Services	Planning and Development
Corrections	Police
Courts	Public Utilities
Elections	Sheriff
Fire and Emergency Services	Transportation
Human Resources	And more!

**FREE** kids' activities and music, pony rides, petting zoo, characters, face painting, and more!

**FREE** refreshments for the first 2,000 people.

For more information, call 770.822.7180.

## Tax Commissioner Katherine Sherrington sworn in for sixth consecutive term

In December 2004, Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner **Katherine Sherrington** was officially sworn in to office to serve her sixth consecutive term. Chief Deputy **Jerry Kemp** was also sworn in at the ceremony.

First elected in 1984, Sherrington was the first woman to be elected as a Tax Commissioner in Gwinnett County. She is active in many community and civic organizations, and in 2002, was voted Best Local Elected Official by readers of *Gwinnett Magazine*. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1971 and earned her master's in Public Administration from Georgia State University in 1993.

*"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Gwinnett County for the past 20 years,"* said Sherrington. *"Our staff has worked diligently to improve the services that we provide to Gwinnett citizens, and I look forward to challenging our staff to accomplish even greater levels of service over the next four years."*



*Superior Court Judge Jim Oxendine (center) performed the swearing in ceremonies for both Sherrington (left) and Kemp (right) in his chambers at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.*

## Gwinnett Parks offers lifeguard training

A **Lifeguard Training Course** will be held March 14 – 26 on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 5:00pm – 9:00pm and on Saturdays from noon – 6:00pm. Training will be held at the Mountain Park Aquatic Center in Stone Mountain. Additional Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training courses will be taught through May at Bogan, Collins Hill, and Mountain Park Aquatic Centers. Please call 770.564.4686 for more information.



## Advice from the Tax Commissioner: Avoid hassle, verify vehicle insurance ahead of time

Georgia motor vehicle owners and lessees are required to maintain vehicle liability insurance coverage in order to legally drive a vehicle in the state of Georgia.

To ensure compliance with insurance coverage requirements, the state developed an online insurance database that informs tag offices and law enforcement officers whether or not a vehicle is properly insured. Tag offices are required to confirm through the database that a vehicle has valid insurance coverage before the vehicle can be registered, issued new tags, or have any existing tags renewed or transferred.

Verifying your insurance compliance is easy using Georgia's online insurance database at [www.dmv.ga.gov/motor](http://www.dmv.ga.gov/motor). You will need your vehicle identification number (VIN) and your title/control number. Both numbers can be found on your tag receipt or title document.

If you find no information on your vehicle (using the link "Acceptable Proof of Georgia

Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance") on the state's Web site, contact your insurance company immediately. Only your insurer can add, delete, or modify insurance information in the state's database.

You will also find additional information about insurance issues, including penalties, fines, lapse of insurance coverage, registration suspensions, and registration reinstatements on the state DMVS Web site.

### Reminder

To avoid insurance lapse fees when you sell or otherwise get rid of your vehicle, you must cancel your vehicle's registration before you cancel the vehicle's insurance coverage.

Visit [www.dmv.ga.gov/motor](http://www.dmv.ga.gov/motor) for more information.

### Check it out!

Great new books for the *Armchair Scientist!* Explore these fascinating topics – many featuring exciting new research and discoveries – including weather phenomena, studies of the mind, and the origins of the universe.

*13 Dreams Freud Never Had: The New Mind Science*, by J. Allan Hobson

*The Fly in the Cathedral: How a Group of Cambridge Scientists Won the International Race to Split the Atom*, by Brian Cathcart

*Big Bang: The Origin of the Universe*, by Simon Singh

*Postcards from the Brain Museum: The Improbable Search for Meaning in the Matter of Famous Minds*, by Brian Burrell

*Kepler's Witch: An Astronomer's Discovery of Cosmic Order Amid Religious War, Political Intrigue and the Heresy Trial of His Mother*, by James A. Conner

*Our Affair With El Niño: How We Transformed an Enchanting Peruvian Current Into a Global Climate Hazard*, by S. George Philander

*Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie*, by Barbara Goldsmith

*Weighing the Soul: Scientific Discovery from the Brilliant to the Bizarre*, by Len Fisher

*Einstein 1905: The Standard of Greatness*, by John S. Rigden

*Mind Hacks*, by Tom Stafford and Matt Webb

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## Pet Corner



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You can find lots of adorable cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens at the Gwinnett County Animal Shelter at Highway 316 and Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville. Adoption counselors are available to help you find the perfect pet to fit your lifestyle. The Animal Shelter also offers selected dogs for adoption at the Lawrenceville PETsMART on Sunday afternoons from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. For more information, please call 770.339.3200.

If you would like to see photos of cats and dogs currently up for adoption, check out [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

Singer/Songwriter Claude Diamond will perform at the Gwinnett History Museum as part of the Coffeehouse Nights series, **Grounds 'n' Sounds** on March 11. The doors will open at 8:00pm, and the music and fun begin at 8:30pm. Admission is \$5. The museum is located inside the Lawrenceville Female Seminary in downtown Lawrenceville. Call 770.822.5178 for more information, or to request "Java Jottings," the monthly newsletter devoted to the museum's Coffeehouse Nights.

Enjoy **Skatefest!** Come out to Pinckneyville Park Skate Complex in Norcross on March 12 from 9:00am – 4:00pm for an exciting day filled with skating demonstrations and skating competitions for teens. The cost is \$15 per person to participate in the competition, and it is free for spectators. For more information on how to enter the competition, call 770.417.2200.

Registration for **Water Exercise Classes** will take place on March 12 from 10:00am – noon at Bogan Aquatic Center, Collins Hill Aquatic Center, and Mountain Park Aquatic Center. Register in-person at the location where you plan to take the class. Class dates run from April 11 – May 7. Call 770.822.8881 for more information.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy free refreshments and entertainment at the **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** at the Gwinnett Senior Center in Lawrenceville on March 17 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The event is free for Gwinnett County senior citizens. Call 770.564.4680 to RSVP.

Dress up in your best clown costume and join **Doodles the Clown** for an evening of magic, face painting, and balloon art at the Mountain Park Activity Building on March 18 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Refreshments will be served and each participant will receive a complimentary keepsake photo. Reservations are required, and the cost is \$7 per person. Call 770.822.5414.

Peter Cottontail is hopping by Bogan Community Center in Buford to join us for **tea, photos, crafts, and an egg hunt** on March 19 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Paid reservations are required by March 10. For more information, call 770.614.2060.

**Registration for swim lessons** will take place on March 19 from 10:00am – noon at the Bogan Aquatic Center, Collins Hill Aquatic Center, and Mountain Park Aquatic Center. Sign up at the pool where you plan to take lessons. The session runs from April 11 to May 5. The cost is \$50 per session for Gwinnett residents and \$65 per session for non-residents. For more information, call the Bogan Aquatic Center at 770.614.2063, or Collins Hill at 770.237.5647, or Mountain Park at 770.564.4650.

Listen in on a **lecture on genealogy** at the Gwinnett History Museum on March 19 from noon – 2:00pm. The cost is \$3 per person. Call 770.822.5178.

Join the **History Book Club** on March 21 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Gwinnett History Museum in Lawrenceville. The group meets each month to discuss a different book relating to Southern history. Call 770.822.5178 for book title and information.

Leave the driving to us on the **VAN GO Art Excursion** as we head to the North Georgia Mountains on March 24 to tour pottery studios. Pre-registration is required due to limited space. The cost is \$10 per person, plus money for lunch at a southern buffet. The van will leave Pinckneyville Community Center at 10:00am. For more information, call 770.417.2200.

*Wine, Women, and Song* will perform at the Gwinnett History Museum on March 25 as part of the **Coffeehouse Nights series, Coffee-Ceili/dh** (pronounced "kay-lee"). Coffee-Ceili/dh features a different Celtic band each month. Doors open at 8:00pm, and the music and fun begin at 8:30pm. Admission is \$5. Call 770.822.5178.

Strap on your running shoes and take part in a **countywide track meet**. Boys and girls, ages 7 – 14 (as of December 31, 2005), may participate in up to three events. Running events include: 50-, 100-, 200-, 400-, 800-, and 1600-meter races. Fields events include: running long jump, standing long jump, softball throw, and shot put. Winners will advance to the Georgia Recreation and Park Association's district and state meet. The registration deadline is March 14. The meet

will take place at Duluth High School on March 26. Call Stacy Fowler at 770.417.2204 for more information or a registration form.

Join the Easter Bunny at the Medlock Pavilion at Pinckneyville Park in Norcross on March 26 from 10:00am – noon for crafts, pictures with the bunny, and a special Easter egg hunt at the **Easter Eggstravaganza**. The cost is \$5 per child, ages 12 and under. Call 770.417.2200 for more information.

Pinckneyville Community Center will host free **art exhibits** sponsored by Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. **Artwork in honor of Black History Month** will run through April 27 at Pinckneyville Community Center. **Drawings and Paintings of Russ Carnes** will run through May 25 at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, with a free "meet the artist" reception on March 3 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. **Paintings by Beth Arnold** will run through March 30 at the Centerville Community Center. For more information, call 770.417.2200.

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