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National County Government Day 2006

What: Open House

When: Saturday, April 29, 2006
11:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Dacula Activity Building
2735 Old Auburn Road
Dacula, GA 30019

Gwinnett County will hold its annual National County Government Day Open House at the new Dacula Activity Building this year.

Expect to find all of the same great information and free kids' activities, which will include inflatables, pony rides, face painting, and more!

Free refreshments will be available while supplies last.

County departments will set up informational displays and representatives from each department will be on hand to answer any questions.

The Dacula Activity Building is located at 2375 Old Auburn Road, adjacent to Dacula Park.

For more information about National County Government Day, call the Gwinnett County Communications Division at 770.822.7135.



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Around Gwinnett



Officials will gather on April 15 at 10:00am for the grand opening of the new Dacula Branch Library and you are invited to join them! The new branch is located adjacent to Dacula Park on Dacula Road.

The Dacula Branch is the Gwinnett County Public Library's 13th branch. The 19,992-square-foot facility will include children, teen, and adult sections and more than 65,000 books and magazines, along with other library resources.

The library's collection includes more than 200 downloadable music titles;

Officials celebrate grand opening of Dacula Branch Library



Features at the new library include quiet study space, 23 computer catalog and Internet terminals, and four computers with educational software in the children's area. Wireless Internet access is also available inside of the branch.

adult, teen and children's read-a-long book/CD combinations of the classic and popular titles for each age group/reading level; and a parenting

resource collection with a special needs focus, including titles on parenting children with autism.



Advice from the Tax Commissioner: How to apply for a replacement title

Gwinnett County residents can apply for a replacement Georgia vehicle title at any of the five tag offices in Gwinnett. If a Georgia title has been misplaced, mutilated, or voided, the current titled owner of that vehicle should bring the following documents to a tag office to get a replacement:

- The mutilated or voided title; if the title itself is not available, bring information about the vehicle (year, model, make of vehicle, and the vehicle's identification number or tag number); Georgia titles are void if someone uses white out or marks through printed information on them
- A valid Georgia driver's license or a government-issued picture ID card showing the owner's current name and address
- A power of attorney, if the current titled owner cannot be present
- The vehicle's current odometer reading
- An original lien release from each lien holder recorded on the original title

A replacement title costs \$8. Normally, a replacement title will arrive in the mail in 7 to 10 business days. For same-day service, you can go to the Georgia Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division, which is located at 1200 Tradeport Boulevard in Hapeville. (The Georgia Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division charges \$10 for the same-day service.)

For more information, call the customer service line at 770.822.8818 or send an e-mail to [tag@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto>tag@gwinnettcounty.com).

Mobile home tax payment deadline: May 1, 2006

Mobile home tax bills were mailed by January 15, 2006, and the payment deadline is May 1, 2006. For additional information regarding mobile home taxes, call customer service at 770.822.8800 or send an e-mail to tax@gwinnettcounty.com.

Gwinnett Glows moves downtown in 2006

Changes are in store for one of Gwinnett's greatest traditions. The Gwinnett Glows Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the Historic Courthouse Square in downtown Lawrenceville this year. Keep an eye out for details.



Medicare prescription drug plan information

Gwinnett officials have partnered with the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services to consolidate the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan information. The team created an information piece to help citizens with the Medicare prescription drug plan process. Information is available online at www.gwinnettseniorservices.com. Click *Medicare Help*. There you will find listings for computer access, information sessions in Gwinnett, and enrollment assistance information. Also, the site has a frequently asked questions page with helpful information about the new Medicare plan.

Trained volunteers will soon be available to offer assistance with the enrollment process. If you are interested in being a volunteer, call the Gwinnett Senior Services volunteer coordinator at 770.822.8837. All volunteers must have a wireless laptop.

The deadline to enroll in the Medicare prescription drug plan is May 15. Call 1.800.Medicare for more information.



"Challenge yourself to adventure" at summer camps

Challenge yourself to an adventure this summer at one of Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's summer day camps.

Spring is here and school will be out before you know it. Don't miss out on exciting summer camp opportunities! Summer camps and activities are available for children ages 4 – 16.

Summer camps run from June 5 through August 10, with opportunities available for full- or half-day camp focusing on topics such as arts, sports, skating, aviation, hip-hop, dance, choreography, cartooning, drawing, drama, inline skating, paintball, heritage and history, outdoors and photography, and more. Some camps offer pre- and post-camps for parents who need to drop off and pick up children outside of regular camp hours.

Have fun and learn something new while "Challenging Yourself to Adventures" at one of the day camps. Camps are located throughout Gwinnett County. Camp fees range from \$50 to \$125. For a complete listing of camps offered at parks throughout Gwinnett County, visit www.gwinnettparks.com and click *Gwinnett LIFE* or call 770.822.8840.

Firefighters collect more than \$70,000 in annual Give Burns the Boot® drive

Gwinnett County firefighters collected the highest dollar amount during the 2005 Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation Give Burns the Boot® drive.

Thanks to the generosity and support of Gwinnett residents, firefighters collected

more than \$70,000 during the drive, which was held last May.

To learn more about the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, visit www.gfbf.org. Be sure to support the 2006 Give Burns the Boot® drive!

Dog gone? Chips reunite pet, owner

by David Knope, Staff Writer

Did you know that the Gwinnett County Animal Shelter scans all incoming animals for implanted microchips? If your stray, lost, or missing pet has one, the shelter can reunite you quickly and easily.

Most vets can now implant a tiny microchip, about the size of a grain of rice, under your pet's skin using an injector similar to a hypodermic needle. It's quick and no more painful to your pet than a getting shot. While one study found tumor growth in one percent of rats tested, implanted chips are considered benign.

The tiny glass tube contains a microchip, antenna, and capacitor. There is no battery, so the device will last at least 25 years. The chip contains a unique 9 or 10 digit number that is registered to you in regional and national computer databases. Animal control officers use a handheld scanner to locate the chip and read the number. Ideally, they can return your pet to you without ever taking it to the shelter.

Traditional collars and tags often come off or are removed by would-be rescuers. Tattoos have been used by breeders and for show dogs, but they are easily missed. Shelters welcome the new chip systems as a way to reduce the growing problem of homeless animals.

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.

To see pictures of cats and dogs currently up for adoption, visit www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com. For more information, stop by the shelter, or call 770.339.3200.



Check it out!

April in Georgia is simply gorgeous, and brings out the nature lover in all of us. Enjoy learning more about the outside world with the following books available at your local branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library:

The Devil's Teeth: A True Story of Survival and Obsession Among America's Great White Sharks, by Susan Casey

Trembling Earth: A Cultural History of the Okefenokee Swamp, by Megan Kate Nelson

Healed by Horses: A Memoir, by Carole Fletcher

Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land, by Janisse Ray

To See Every Bird on Earth: A Father, a Son, and a Lifelong Obsession, by Dan Koeppel

The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed, by John Vaillant

Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder, by Richard Louv

Green Living: The E Magazine Handbook for Living Lightly on the Earth, by the editors of E Magazine

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

Dacula Branch Library Grand Opening

**Saturday, April 15, 2006
10:00am**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

The **Tribble Trot 5K** will be held on April 8 at 7:30am. The paved course winds through the wooded terrain of Tribble Mill Park. Pre-registration is \$15 and race-day registration is \$20. Medals will be awarded to top three runners in several categories. Tribble Mill Park is located at 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway in Grayson. Call 770.822.5404 to register or for more information.

Don't miss the **Eggs-A-Glow Hunt Fest** on April 8 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Dacula Park. Bring a flashlight and basket for this unique egg hunt. There will also be games and refreshments. Call 770.822.5414.

George Hergen will perform at the Gwinnett Historic Museum on April 14 at 8:00pm for **Grounds 'n' Sounds**, part of the Coffeehouse Nights. Doors will open at 8:00pm and the music starts at 8:30pm. Starbucks coffee, drinks, and light desserts will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5. The museum is located inside of the Lawrenceville Female Seminary in Lawrenceville. For more information or to receive the monthly newsletter, Java Jottings, call 770.822.5178.

The Centerville Community Center and the MOMS Club of Snellville is sponsoring the annual **Easter Eggstravaganza** on April 15 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Activities include pony rides, petting zoo, moon walk, clown, face painting, ice cream, and, of course, egg hunts with prize eggs. For more information, call 770.985.4713.

The **Mom and Me Afternoon Tea** on April 16 at the Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park is a special event for senior moms (age 50 and up) and their daughters. Tea and appetizers will be served. Call 770.564.4680 for more information.

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation offers hundreds of **recreation classes for adults and children** this spring and summer, plus **summer camps** for kids age 4 – 18. Registration begins on April 24.

Young fishermen will love the **Catfish Round Up** at the Centerville Community Center on April 29 at 10:00am. The fishing derby is free, and a fishing license is not necessary for kids age 16 and under. There will be additional

entertainment for the kids, so bring your pole and get ready to catch some fish and have some fun. Call 770.985.4713 for additional information.

View **Gwinnett L.I.F.E.** magazine online at www.gwinnettparks.com for a listing of classes and programs, or pick up a brochure at your neighborhood library, park community center, gym or aquatic center, the Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park, Gwinnett Convention and Visitor's Bureau, or the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. For more information, call 770.822.8840.

The Pinckneyville Community Center sponsors **free art exhibits** at the following places:

Paintings by Sallie Reinsel at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse through May 25

In Honor of Black History Month: **Portraits and Paintings, by Ernest Varner** at the Pinckneyville Community Center through April 27

Call 770.417.2200 for more information.

Summer pool hours in effect Memorial Day – Labor Day

Gwinnett County aquatic centers will begin operating under new summer hours beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Admission fees for Bogan, Collins Hill, and Mountain Park Aquatic Centers:

Ages 3 and under	\$2
Ages 4 – 10	\$4
Ages 11 – 54	\$5
Ages 55 – up	\$2

Seasonal and annual discounted rate passes are available. Seasonal passes are valid Memorial Day – Labor Day and Labor Day – Memorial Day (indoor pools only).

Annual passes are valid one year from date of purchase, and can only be purchased at Bogan, Collins Hill, and Mountain Park Aquatic Centers, but are valid at all County pools.

Seasonal Pass	Winter	Summer
Individual	\$75	\$115
Family of 2	\$125	\$190
Family of 3	\$170	\$254
Family of 4	\$200	\$300
Family of 5	\$232	\$350
Family of 6	\$265	\$400

Annual Pass (valid one year from date of purchase)

Individual	\$144	\$216
Family of 2	\$232	\$350
Family of 3	\$313	\$470
Family of 4	\$375	\$565
Family of 5	\$438	\$660
Family of 6	\$500	\$750

Go to www.gwinnettparks.com and click **Aquatics** for more information on pool hours, rules, and annual and season passes.

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