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New library in Grayson opens

The Grayson Public Library opened its doors on October 28 with a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration attended by the public and officials.

"Residents in the growing city of Grayson have wanted and worked for a library for many years," said District 3 Commissioner **Mike Beaudreau**. *"Countless citizens and hundreds of school children wrote letters of support to library board members and commission members to build a library in Grayson."*

The new library, convenient to downtown Grayson at 700 Grayson Parkway, brings the county's total to 14 branch libraries. Library Manager **Kerry Montz** said, *"The 20,000-square-foot library will be stocked with*



The new Grayson Library, located near downtown Grayson, was funded by the 2005 SPLOST.

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East Police Precinct now open

The new East Police Precinct, located at 2273 Alcovy Road in Dacula, opened in October, and is now the fifth precinct to serve the County.

This new precinct joins four existing precincts in Gwinnett: the North Precinct opened in July 2005 and is located at 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard in Buford; South Precinct, 2180 Stone Drive in Lilburn; West Precinct, 6160 Crescent Drive in Norcross; and Central Precinct, 3125 Satellite Boulevard in Duluth.

The 18,175 square-foot East Police Precinct houses an Intox room, offices for sergeants, detectives, community response team, a chaplain, and the motor squad, DUI, and Accident Investigation units. The facility



The East Precinct provides services to the City of Dacula, unincorporated areas of Auburn, Loganville, Lawrenceville, Suwanee, and a portion of the Grayson area.

also includes a squad room, crime prevention work area, classroom, break room, evidence storage area, and fitness room.

The precinct was housed in the former Dacula City Hall prior to the new East Precinct opening.

"The addition of this precinct will allow us to house a number of different police functions under one roof. By doing this we can serve the public in a more efficient manner," said Chief **Charles M. Walters**.

Call 770.338.7430 for more information about the new East Police Precinct.



Advice from the Tax Commissioner: Sales tax on vehicles purchased in another state

When purchasing a vehicle from a business or dealer located outside of the state of Georgia, sales tax must be paid before you can title or receive a tag for the vehicle. Sales tax is not charged for vehicles previously registered to the same owner in another state or for vehicles purchased from an individual.

The tag office can only collect sales tax for vehicles purchased in another state and cannot collect sales tax on vehicles purchased in Georgia. If you owe sales tax on an out-of-state purchase, there are several ways you can pay the sales tax.

- If the out-of-state business or dealer is authorized by the State of Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) to collect Georgia sales tax and does so from you, you may have nothing further to pay. When visiting a tag office to get your vehicle title or registration, you will need to take the bill of sale from the dealer with you that indicates the amount of sales tax you paid.
- If you pay sales tax to an out-of-state business or dealer not authorized by the DOR to collect Georgia sales tax, you might receive a credit, depending on the reciprocal agreement Georgia has with that particular state. If this agreement does not allow for full credit of the sales tax amount you paid, you will be responsible for paying the difference. In some cases, this could result in paying sales tax twice for the same vehicle. You will need to contact the out-of-state business or dealer to resolve the sales tax payment.
- Pay sales tax directly to a Georgia DOR office. For information regarding DOR locations, visit www.dor.ga.gov.
- Pay sales tax at a tag office. Tag offices accept cash, checks, money orders, cashier's checks, debit cards, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover. Tag offices cannot accept checks made out to Georgia Department of Revenue or the State of Georgia. Payments by check at tag offices must be made out to Gwinnett County Tag Agent.

For more information, contact the Motor Vehicles Department at tag@gwinnettcounty.com or 770.822.8818.

2006 Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were mailed in August with payment coupons and reply envelopes for installment payments. Those making installment payments must be sure to pay the tax amount due in full by Novem-

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Gwinnett Corporate Challenge raises \$27,000 for youth recreation scholarships

The seventh annual Lloyd-Bennett Gwinnett Corporate Challenge brought together 27 companies in Gwinnett for two weeks of sports competition in September to raise funds for youth recreation scholarships. The Challenge included 13 activities including a 5K run, billiards, bowling, golf, kickball, laser tag, picnic games, rock climbing, sand volleyball, table shuffleboard, obstacle course, tennis, and a trivia game night.



Twenty-seven teams participated in the Corporate Challenge, including players from Gwinnett County Government, the Gwinnett All-Stars (shown above).

"The Gwinnett Corporate Challenge grows every year with the number of companies involved and monies raised," said **Kim Joens**, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Recreation Coordinator. "It's a great feeling for the companies and people involved to be able to have so much fun while at the same time being able to give back to the community."

For more information and to find out how you can get involved in the 2007 Gwinnett Corporate Challenge, as a team or a sponsor, visit www.gwinnettparksfoundation.org or call 770.822.8813.

New Snellville Tag Office

Now Open

2845 Lenora Church Road
Snellville, GA 30078

Open 8:30am – 5:00pm
Monday – Friday, with the exception of holidays
Drive Through Available

For more information, call 770.822.8818.

Expansion to Pre-Trial Detention Center opens

Officials cut ribbon September 19 on the new Kenneth L. Wimberly Detention Building, an expansion to the Pre-Trial Detention Center operated by the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department. The 1,440-bed tower holds detainees awaiting trial and includes central laundry, kitchen, and medical facilities designed to handle the additional load of inmates in a proposed second tower to be built when funds are available.

"The opening of this tower will bring us some much-needed relief. We've been at 200 percent capacity and this expansion will bring us back down to 100 percent capacity for the first time in years. I am glad we have finally reached this phase of the project, and soon it looks like we will have to start construction for the second tower to keep up with our exploding growth," said Sheriff **Butch Conway**.

Officials have said that the expansion is already inadequate to meet current needs even before it opened. The average inmate population is now almost 2,300 on any given day.

"One of the realities of our growing population is the strain it puts on our judicial system," said Commission Chairman **Charles Bannister**. *"I appreciate the community for voting to fund this much-needed project. While space will still be an issue even after the facility opens, it will*

help relieve the most severely overcrowded conditions."

In 2002, the County opened a 800-bed Comprehensive Correctional Complex to handle minimum and maximum security state and county inmates convicted of crimes and sentenced to full-time incarceration. The facility is operated by the Department of Corrections, headed by Warden **Jim Kraus**.

The Pre-Trial Detention Center is located at 2900 University Parkway in Lawrenceville. The Comprehensive Correctional Complex is located at 750 Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville.

Tax bills

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ber 15. Late payments have a five percent penalty added to the installment amount due. In addition, interest begins to accrue at the rate of one percent per month beginning on November 16.

For assistance, call 770.822.8800, or send an e-mail to propertytax@gwinnettcountry.com

www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com

Check it out!

With the holidays just around the corner, check out one of these books featuring a variety of traditional and healthy recipes to cook up this year.

The South Beach Diet: Parties and Holiday Cookbook, by Arthur Agatston

Paula Deen Celebrates! Best Dishes and Best Wishes for the Best Times of Your Life, by Paula Deen

Happy Holidays from the Diva of Do-Ahead: A Year of Feasts to Celebrate with Family and Friends, by Diane Phillips

Chocolate Holidays: Unforgettable Desserts for Every Season, by Alice Medrich

Essentially Lilly: A Guide to Colorful Holidays, by Lilly Pulitzer and Jay Mulvaney

A Baker's Field Guide to Holiday Candy & Confections: Sweet Treats All Year Long, by Dede Wilson

Saving Dinner for the Holidays, by Leanne Ely

Celebrate, by Sheila Lukins

The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook, edited by Joan Schwartz Michel

Healthy Holidays: Total Health Entertaining All Year Round, by Marilu Henner

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.

Now Open!

**Grayson
Branch Library**
700 Grayson Parkway
Grayson, GA 30017

Pet Corner



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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

Enjoy a fun afternoon of bingo, refreshments, conversation, and lots of prizes at **Senior Tea and Bingo** at Dacula Park on November 3 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 770.822.5414.

Join Mill Creek High School's orchestra, chorus, and band for some sweets, treats, and music at **Dessert with the Arts** on November 10 at 7:00pm at Bogan Park in Buford. The cost is \$10 per couple and pre-registration is required. Call 770.614.2060.

A **Veterans Day Ceremony** paying tribute to Veterans and Gwinnett's fallen heroes will be held on November 11 at 9:00am at the Fallen Heroes Memorial located at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. Call 770.822.6180 for more information.

Wear your uniform or best period costume to the **Veterans Day Dance** on November 11 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville. Celebrate those who served in our armed forces, while dancing to big band swing. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, call 770.822.5414.

Attend the **Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society** meeting on November 13 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm at the Lawrenceville Female Seminary. Call 770.822.5178.

Explore Georgia's prehistoric seas and venture out to the western part of the state in search of fossils on the **Fossils of Georgia trip** on November 18 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. The cost is \$15 per person and pre-registration is required. Trip will depart from Bogan Park in Buford. For more information, call 770.822.5404.

The Gwinnett County Public Library will host a discussion of the book *Richmond Burning: The Last Days of the Confederate Capital*, by Nelson Lankford, at the **History Book Club** meeting on November 20 at 7:00pm at the Gwinnett History Museum, located in the Lawrenceville Female Seminary building in Lawrenceville. Call 770.822.5178 for more information.

Ring in the holidays at the **19th annual Lighting of the Tree** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville on Thanksgiving Day from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. The tree lighting ceremony begins at 6:00pm, and Santa arrives at 6:45pm. Carriage rides will be available from 5:00pm – 6:00pm and again from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Carriage rides are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call 770.822.5450.

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

Art by Laurette Reeves will be on display at Pinckneyville Community Center in Norcross through January 25. A reception to meet the artist will be held from 7:00pm – 9:00pm on November 9.

Dunwoody Fine Arts Exhibition will be on display at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville through November 31.

Exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. Call 770.417.2200 for more information.

Online registration is now available for programs and classes offered by Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. Check out **Gwinnett LIFE** magazine at www.gwinnettparks.com for a complete listing of programs and classes, or pick up a brochure at your local library, park facilities, the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau, or the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. Call 770.822.8840.

November holiday closings

All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day. All offices will resume regular hours on Monday, November 13.

Thursday and Friday, November 23 – 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. All offices will resume regular hours on Monday, November 27.

Grayson library

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approximately 65,000 new books, read-along children's books on CD and other items. Patrons will also have access to the entire library system via courier. The Grayson library will feature 23 public computers with Internet access. Story time for children will begin on Wednesday, November 1 at 11:30am and 1:00pm.

Patrons of the Gwinnett County Public Library check out more than six million items a year, which is about one book every two seconds or 29.3 books per minute. All of the branches are open Mondays – Thursdays, 9:00am – 9:00pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00am – 6:00pm; and Sundays, 1:00pm – 6:00pm. **Virtualville**, the online branch, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The library sees about four million visitors each year at local branches and about two million online.

More information on upcoming programs at all library branches is available online at www.gwinnettpl.org.

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