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## SPLOST: County breaks ground on Fire Station 30



The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held a groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 30 at 1052 Ozora Road in Loganville on March 24.

The new site is 15 acres and will feature three drive-through equipment bays and 46 parking spaces along with an office area, living quarters for firefighters, and a community classroom that will hold 49 people.

*"Fire Station 30 will reduce the response time from seven minutes to five minutes, which will not only help to lower homeowners' insurance rates, but enhance our service to the residents and businesses in the growing Loganville area,"* Chief **Steve Rolader** said.

CRS Building Corporation will construct the \$2.2 million dollar facility. The nearly 13,000 square-foot station is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2010.

*"This new fire station is part of a vision for the future—to put the physical facilities in place close to where people are moving in the county,"* District 3 Commissioner **Mike Beaudreau** said.

Funds for the fire station construction are coming from the SPLOST program.

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## Healthy lifestyle program coming soon to TVgwinnett

Gwinnett County's Health and Human Services Division is producing a new television program that engages, informs, and entertains its viewers: **Growing in Gwinnett**. The show includes interactive segments that incorporate exercise, cooking, and an interview, and is the first program of its kind on TVgwinnett, the County's government access cable television station.

Producer **Melanie Miller** says, *"Growing in Gwinnett is unique because it truly represents diversity in Gwinnett County as the show's talent is made up of people from Hispanic, Caucasian, African-American, and Asian descent."*

The show is hosted by **Adrienne Noble**, who also serves as information and referral specialist in Health and Human Services. Noble conducts interviews with experts on a particular topic related to the show's theme.

The program also features **Virginia Watson**, a nationally-certified personal trainer and deputy fire marshal.

Watson leads the exercise segment of the show, which provides helpful fitness techniques to viewers. The cooking segment is conducted by **Inés Beltrán**, family and consumer sciences agent with the County's Extension Service, who serves up healthy meals and offers information about good nutrition.

The show's tag line—*Celebrating, Educating, and Inspiring*—is the goal for everyone involved with **Growing in Gwinnett**, as they present timely topics that concern both younger and older generations of people.

A new episode will focus on various topics such as volunteerism, finances, and education and air each month. Gwinnett cable customers can access TVgwinnett on channel 23 or 25—depending on the cable provider. TVgwinnett programming is also available streaming and on demand at [www.tvgwinnett.com](http://www.tvgwinnett.com), where viewers will also find a program guide.

**Growing in Gwinnett:  
Celebrating, Educating, and Inspiring**

department of water resources

## Protecting Our Resources

### Save money by maintaining your stormwater pond

Do you live in a subdivision or own property in Gwinnett County that has a stormwater pond? Was this pond built with a stormwater permit? If the answer to both of these questions is yes, you are the fortunate owner of a stormwater management system that enhances the quality of stormwater runoff. These systems are referred to as BMPs, or Best Management Practices.

To prevent the need for more costly repairs, you should do proper and routine maintenance on your stormwater pond to retain its original, permitted volume. Recommended routine maintenance includes keeping the vegetation cut low so that the pond may be accessed for regular inspections, promptly repairing any erosion, removing debris and collected sediment, and keeping the outlet structure free of debris and in good repair.

The Stormwater Utility was implemented in 2006 to maintain and improve the publicly-owned stormwater drainage system to reduce flooding, fulfill regulatory requirements, and reduce pollution carried

by stormwater runoff to local waterways in unincorporated Gwinnett County. The utility consists of approximately 1,313 miles of stormwater pipes and 111,510 stormwater structures. Privately-owned and maintained BMPs play a major role in meeting those goals.

Developments with BMPs permitted in 2000 – 2005 could qualify for credits up to 30 percent on the stormwater service fee if the BMP has been maintained according to the maintenance agreement and after a current volume certification from a State of Georgia Registered Professional Engineer has been accepted by the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources (DWR). The amount of the credit will be determined by the design and the effectiveness of the BMP as determined by the DWR Stormwater Division, and will be valid for the following five billing years.

If you have any questions about Stormwater Pond Maintenance, please call our office at 678.376.7193 or you can e-mail comments or questions to [swservice@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:swservice@gwinnettcountry.com).

## Advice from the Tax Commissioner

### Tag office closed for computer system maintenance

The North Gwinnett Tag Office, 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard, Buford, will be closed Saturday, June 13 while the Georgia Department of Revenue conducts computer system maintenance.

The maintenance period will take place from 7:00pm on Friday, June 12 to 6:00am on Monday, June 15. During this period, Internet and telephone tag renewals will not be available. Contact the Tax Commissioner's office for more information.

### License plate transfers

A valid Georgia license plate can be transferred from a vehicle that is no longer owned to a newly-purchased or acquired vehicle for \$5. By transferring a license plate, you can avoid purchasing a new tag for \$20. A standard Georgia tag is not transferable to another owner; however, certain prestige or specialty plates can be transferred. In order to transfer a tag to another owner, you must complete a tag relinquishment form (form T-237) that must be signed by the current and new owner. You can pick up the relinquishment form at any of our five tag office locations or you can download the form from home at [motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/motor.aspx](http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/motor.aspx). Depending on the situation, additional fees may apply. For more information, contact the Tax Commissioner.

### May holiday hours

Please note the changes below and plan ahead. To view the complete tag office 2009 holiday schedule, please visit the Tax Commissioner's website. The opening day following a holiday is typically very busy, so please plan your visit accordingly.

#### Lawrenceville and Norcross Tag Offices

Closed: Monday, May 25, 2009, and Friday, May 29, 2009

#### Peachtree Corners and Snellville Tag Offices

Closed: Monday, May 25, 2009, through Tuesday, May 26, 2009

#### North Gwinnett Tag Office

Closed: Monday, May 25, 2009, through Wednesday, May 27, 2009

### New tag office in Peachtree Corners

The Peachtree Corners tag office has relocated to the Market Place Shopping Center at 6135 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 201B in Norcross.

#### Property Tax Customer Service

770.822.8800 • [tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tax@gwinnettcountry.com)

#### Motor Vehicles Customer Service

770.822.8818 • [tag@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tag@gwinnettcountry.com)

[www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com](http://www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com)

## Corporate Challenge now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year

Join other companies and organizations in fun activities and competitions scheduled from June through September. Monies raised from the Corporate Challenge go toward the Gwinnett Youth and Senior Citizen Scholarship Fund, allowing Gwinnett's youth and senior citizens who may not be financially able to participate the opportunity to attend summer camps, swim lessons, and other recreation classes.

**Flexible packages offered; registration deadline for all teams: May 20**

**Corporate Cup: Includes entry into all 12 activities**

\$850 per team (100+ employees)

\$650 per team (1 – 99 employees)

Sign up by April 30 and take \$100 off Corporate Cup entry fees

**Leisure Cup:** \$350 per team

Laser Tag	June	11 players
Bowling	July	6 players
Trivia	August	6 players
Billiards	September	4 players

**Grand Slam Cup:** \$450 per team

Table Tennis	July	2 players
Disc Golf	August	4 players
Tennis	August	2 players
Golf	September	4 players

**Team Cup:** \$700 per team

Basketball	June	8 players
Kickball	September	11 players
Sand Volleyball	September	6 players

**5K Run:** \$40 per person\* (includes T-shirt)  
Tribble Mill Park – September 19

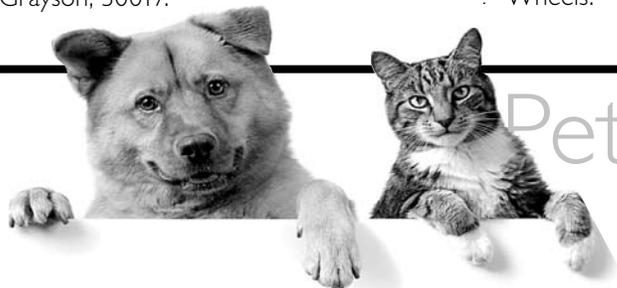
\*Four entries included in Corporate Cup registration

Contact John Register at [john.register@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:john.register@gwinnettcountry.com)  
or 770.822.5454 for more information.

## Crawfish boil benefits Gwinnett County seniors

The Hail Mary Sports Pub is sponsoring a Crawfish Boil to benefit Gwinnett's seniors on May 16, 2009, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. The menu for this event will include crawfish, salad, bread, and beverages. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 a plate at The Hail Mary Sports Pub, 1950 Grayson Highway, Suite 140 Grayson, 30017.

For more information, call 770.963.0205. All proceeds benefit Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services (Friends). Friends is a non-profit 501(c)3, volunteer-run organization dedicated to raising funds that privately support or supplement select Gwinnett County Senior Services programs, such as Meals on Wheels.



Pet Corner  
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If you are looking for a companionable addition to your household, you will find lots of adorable cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens at the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center.

Visit [www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com) to see photos of all the critters currently up for adoption or drop by the shelter located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville or call **770.339.3200**. In an attempt to prevent pet overpopulation, all cats and dogs are spayed or neutered before adoption.



## Check It Out!

Check out these great stories for all the armchair athletes and avid sports fans in Gwinnett:

*Working at the Ballpark: The Fascinating Lives of Baseball People – from Peanut Vendors and Broadcasters to Players and Managers*, by Tom Jones

*The 33-Year-Old Rookie: How I Finally Made It to the Big Leagues After 11 Years in the Minors*, by Chris Coste

*But Didn't We Have Fun? An Informal History of Baseball's Pioneer Era, 1843 – 1870*, by Peter Morris

*We Would Have Played for Nothing: Baseball Stars of the 1950s and 1960s Talk About the Game They Loved*, by Fay Vincent

*Far From Home: Latino Baseball Players in America*, by Tim Wendel and Jose Luis Villegas

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](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

## Memorial Day Ceremony

May 25, 2009 at 1:00pm

Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial  
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA

## Memorial Day Closing

All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed on Memorial Day and will resume regular working hours on Tuesday, May 26.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

Come cheer on your fellow senior athletes while they compete at the **Gwinnett Senior Golden Games**, through May 13. You can visit [www.gwinnettseniorolympics.org](http://www.gwinnettseniorolympics.org) for events, times, locations, and more. Ages 50 and up.

Start the summer with the free **Family Fun Yard Sale**, May 9 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Free games and crafts for the little ones. Concessions will be available. Reservation required for sellers; \$20/space and a table; \$10/space only; call 770.723.9516 to reserve your space. Event held outdoors, rain or shine, at Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

Come out to **Old McDaniel Day**, a day filled with the farm life of yesterday. May 9 from 10:00am – 4:00pm at McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth. Free admission and lots of arts, crafts, and food vendors will be available. Craft vendor's fee is \$50, food vendor's fee is \$100; call 770.814.4920.

**Our Little Hands** (ages 3 – 6) will celebrate Mother's Day with Mother Nature, May 9 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. We will learn about recycling and what it means to our planet. Cost: \$5 per child/\$2 additional sibling. The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 5050 Clean Water Drive, Buford. For more information, call 770.904.3500.

Join our Program Specialist for a **Wildflower Walk** along our trails to discover the beautiful flowers on the property, May 9, 16, and 23; 10:00am – 11:00am, 1:00pm – 2:00pm, 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 5050 Clean Water Drive, Buford. Call 770.904.3500.

Vacation is just around the corner—literally just around the corner when you take a **Gwinnett Staycation**, May 11 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. All ages; pre-registration encouraged. Call 770.822.8873 to pre-register and use code *VRHPC14100* when registering. The Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Take a trip to the **Cartersville Georgia Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds**, May 15. The Cartersville Georgia Museum features

contemporary Western American and Civil War art and presidential portraits and letters. The Etowah Indian State Park Mounds was home to several thousand Native Americans from 1000 AD to 1550 AD. The 54-acre site contains six mounds, a plaza, village area, and a museum. \$25/person (lunch is included). For reservations, call 770.564.4680 and use code *GCSC14202*. Ages 50 and up. Pick up at George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center 8:30am; Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park 9:00am.

Bring the family and enjoy free kids' activities and fun at the opening of Gwinnett County's newest park, **Rock Springs Park**, May 16, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Call 770.822.8840 for more information. Rock Springs Park, 550 Rock Springs Road, Lawrenceville.

Come and test your bowling skills at the **Senior Wii® Bowling Tournament**, May 21 at 1:00pm. All skill levels are welcome. Prizes will be awarded for high score, best single game, low score, and much more. Only \$1/person; pre-registration is required. Call 770.564.4680 and use code *GCSC14264* when registering. Ages 50 and up. Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Come to **Senior Cinema**, May 21 at 2:00pm and enjoy popular movies from the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Bring a friend or make new ones. Ages 50 and up. Call 770.831.4173 for more information.

An evening of live music with **Squat Jazz Band** at the **Moonlight and Music Concert**, May 22 from 8:00pm – 10:00pm. Advanced reservations \$60/table of six; lawn seating is free; call 770.822.5450 for table reservations and use code *GHCH14200*. The Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Celebrate your favorite reptile on **World Turtle Day**, May 23 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Meet turtles from around the world and from your own backyard. Participants will also enjoy hands-on activities, turtle stories, and the latest updates on these important species. Cost: free with paid admission or family pricing at \$15 per family. Gwinnett Environment-

al and Heritage Center, 5050 Clean Water Drive, Buford. Call 770.904.3500.

Travel to Warner Robins and visit **The Museum of Aviation**, now the second largest museum of the United States Air Force. May 28; \$25/person. Please bring money for lunch at the Victory Café and gift shop. Call 404.831.4173 to register and use code *GPC-C14205* when registering. Ages 50 and up. Pick up at George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center 8:00am; Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park 8:30am.

The **Kids Connect Carnival** will feature carnival games, face painting, live entertainment, and fun art activities, May 30 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. \$3/person in advance; \$5/person at the door; ages two and under free. Pre-registration encouraged; call 770.417.2200 and use code *PCC04211* when registering. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross.



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