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OOOOH, AAAAAHHH: The fireworks won't explode over Lawrenceville this Fourth of July, as the County Commission has cut off funding for the celebration. However, other communities through Gwinnett will have the traditional Fourth (or Third) of July celebrations. Here is a scene from a 2007 July Third fireworks display in Sugar Hill. Enjoy your Fourth of July holiday.

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TODAY'S FOCUS

Though drought over, we all need to conserve our water

By TEDDY RUSSELL

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Special to GwinnettForum.com

DACULA, Ga., July 3, 2009 -- The drought is officially over! Georgia is back in a normal rain cycle with annual rainfall over 50 inches per year.



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Water restrictions have been reduced from the highest level (4) to a non-drought level which allows outdoor watering on an odd/even daily basis with no time restrictions. Is it time to go back to using the irrigation systems and running water just as we had in the past? Wrong. Let me strongly urge everyone to remember the pains we just experienced and manage water more efficiently.

Lake Lanier was not much better off in May of 2009 at a level of 1068 feet above sea level compared to May of 2007 at a level of 1065. Communities, local businesses and government entities need to come together with smart solutions for the future.

In landscaping, there are so many things that can be done with the irrigation systems and controllers in regards to pressure regulation, design and efficiency. Outdoor and indoor water use should be addressed on both the commercial and residential sectors.

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transportation that helps to reduce traffic and emissions.

- **Environmental Preferable Purchasing:** when purchasing products, the City will consider environmental impact as well as cost.

The new policies, notes Rogers, aren't meant to be written in stone, but rather serve to encourage city staff and residents to be aware of how our decisions and actions have a real impact on the environment. An important component of Suwanee's green community commitment will be to share information with citizens through the city website (www.suwanee.com) and educational materials.

The City of Suwanee hopes to attain Green Communities certification by later this year. Says Rogers: "We're working to make Suwanee, literally, a cooler place to live."

New London Theatre schedules run of *Pirates of Penzance*

New London Theatre will present Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* opening July 10 and continuing through August 2.

The Pirates of Penzance is a classic musical of Fredric and his servitude as a pirate, his love for Mabel, his loyalty to the Pirate King, and the plot against the Major General. The musical is being directed by Scott Rousseau and produced by John Berio.

Performances will be July 10-12; July 17-19; July 24-26; and July 31-August 2. Friday and Saturday show times are 8 p.m., while Sundays are 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 on the day of the show. The first Sunday show is \$10 online or at the door. Tickets can be purchased either online through the website or at the theatre box office. Shows are performed at New London Theatre 2485 East Main Street, Snellville. For more information, visit www.newlondontheatre.org.

NOTABLE

Gwinnett Place included in Atlanta Regional study

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has included greater Gwinnett Place in its Lifelong Communities study aimed at extending and enhancing the life cycle of metro area communities.

Planners, designers and other professionals evaluated Gwinnett Place and five other areas throughout metro Atlanta with a focus on producing combined transportation, housing and healthy living features benefiting aging residents and future generations. The Lifelong Communities program ultimately produced recommendations regarding housing, pedestrian accessibility and other quality of life standards.

Joe Allen, executive director of the Gwinnett Place CID, says: "We are pleased that our area was considered for this one-of-a-kind focus. The ARC is applying resources to produce viable options for those master planning communities to meet the changing needs of residents as they age. There have been some dynamic alternatives produced through the Lifelong Communities effort."

The ARC's leadership recently received a presentation on Lifelong Communities from renowned planner Andres Duany, founder of Duany, Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). Duany discussed the results of an intensive nine-day study effort focused on Gwinnett Place, Boulevard Crossing (Atlanta Beltline), downtown Conyers, Fayetteville, Mableton and Toco Hills.

Learn about Lifelong Communities online at www.atlantaregional.com/html/4921.aspx.

Medical Center expanding interventional radiology program

Gwinnett Medical Center's Interventional Radiology program is expanding with the addition of a new physician and advanced technology that will raise the level of care it provides the community. Brandon Kang, M.D., a board-certified interventional radiologist, is joining the staff. He comes to Gwinnett after having been a professor at Emory University's Interventional Service. He was awarded America's Top Radiologist by the Consumer's Research Council in 2007 and 2008. In addition, Dr. Kang earned