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UPCOMING

May Technology Forum to air issues on security, privacy

The nation's legal system works largely because it relies on principles that have withstood the test of time. New information technologies are starting to have a dramatic effect on how these principles work in practice, creating situations with a vastly different balance between security and privacy than was originally intended. There are present examples involving e-mail, border searches, and cloud computing, that the courts and Congress are working through. Greater challenges will be seen in the future as technology and policy evolve.

Gwinnett Technology Forum will discuss these ideas at their May 19 meeting at Gwinnett Tech's Auditorium in the Busbee Center at 7:30 a.m. Attendees will learn the issues around the intersection between privacy rights and technological change.



The speaker will be Tom Cross, manager of X-Force Advanced Research for IBM. This group of information security experts are engaged in a daily effort to identify, analyze, and mitigate computer security vulnerabilities. When Cross isn't fighting computer crime, he spends time thinking and writing about policy issues, and speaks regularly about privacy rights and technology.

There is no charge to attend, but attendees need to register online at www.gwinnettchamber.org/gtfregistration.

Suwanee Memorial Day weekend features concert

The City of Suwanee will commemorate Memorial Day Weekend with patriotic music, song, and a parachute demonstration by members of the Silver Wings. The Gwinnett Community Band and the Sugar Hill LDS Choir will perform in a free concert, sponsored by the Gwinnett Daily Post, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Town Center Park. Members of the Silver Wings, the Command Exhibition Parachute Team that is part of the U.S. Army Infantry based at Fort Benning, will drop in -- literally -- around 7:30 p.m., weather permitting.

The concert is free, but attendees are asked to bring a canned good to be donated to a local food bank. Bring your picnic baskets, blankets, chairs, and canned goods, but no alcohol please. Comprised of enthusiastic amateur musicians from throughout metro Atlanta, the Gwinnett Community Band has entertained thousands locally and performed nationally as well. The 60-member Sugar Hill LDS Choir also has performed throughout the metro Atlanta area.

Gwinnett Reading Festival moves to Duluth for October 17

The Gwinnett Reading Festival will celebrate its third year with a new venue: Duluth Town Green in downtown Duluth. The Gwinnett Reading Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The festival is a free event open to the public to encourage reading and to promote literacy. Readers, authors, and educational vendors join together in a community-wide celebration of reading for all ages.

NOTABLE

Gwinnett wins four ARC grants, including light rail study

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) recently awarded \$85,000 in grants to aid in funding the transportation studies of four Gwinnett County groups. Grants were awarded to the City of Norcross, the Gwinnett Village and Gwinnett Place Community Improvement Districts (CID), and the City of Suwanee.

Dan Reuter, land use division chief for the Atlanta Regional Commission, says: "The Gwinnett jurisdictions are undertaking excellent work focusing on redevelopment and new transit in the I-85 corridor and the ARC is happy to support these efforts."

The Gwinnett Village and Gwinnett Place CIDs applied jointly for assistance with their light rail transit (LRT) feasibility study and were awarded \$30,000 from the ARC. The study will



examine the cost and possible routes for a LRT line on the I-85 corridor that would connect Norcross, Gwinnett Village, Indian Trail Road, Gwinnett Place and terminate at the Gwinnett Arena. The study will evaluate population density, travel patterns and connectivity to major activity centers along the corridor. Coupled with the ridership projections, these findings will allow the CIDs to develop a plan for successfully advancing the project.

Chuck Warbington, executive director for Gwinnett Village CID, says: "The I-85 corridor is one of the most congested corridors in the Metro region. Our goal is to transform the CID areas into urban centers, and in order for that transformation to be possible we have to think about alternative modes of transportation."

The ARC awarded the City of Norcross \$35,000 for a study to address the parking needs in the growing downtown and to complement the newly created Lillian Webb Park. The study will focus on current and future parking requirements in downtown Norcross; possible locations for a parking structure and lots; the effect growth and parking will have on downtown traffic; and a review of Lillian Webb Park in regards to pedestrian safety and the effect of creating one-way streets around the park.



Steven Bush, economic development manager for Norcross, says: "This parking study will address the last component of the 2001 Norcross Town Center LCI Study. We are excited to have this opportunity to continue our efforts to grow downtown Norcross."

The City of Suwanee received \$20,000 for a Buford Highway transportation feasibility study to examine Buford Highway from McGinnis Ferry Road to the entrance of George Pierson Park.



Buford Highway bisects the City of Suwanee's Downtown area. The current design of the highway is not sensitive to the City's goals of making Buford Highway pedestrian friendly. The study is a necessary step to ensure that Buford Highway will be a context sensitive pedestrian friendly design, while still accommodating current and anticipated vehicular traffic. If properly improved, Buford Highway will unite Suwanee's Historic Old Town Area with its new Town Center.

The ARC issued a total of \$204,000 in grants for LCI supplemental studies. Other groups that received LCI funding include: the City of Griffin, Spalding County, the City of Forest Park, the City of Monroe and the City of Palmetto.

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John Forsyth was early secretary of state from Georgia

One of the most accomplished statesmen in Georgia's history, John Forsyth led a political career that lasted more than 30 years. He was born in Fredericksburg, Va., on October 22, 1780, to Fanny Johnston Houston and Robert Forsyth. He attended the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University), where he graduated in 1799.



Forsyth

After his college graduation, Forsyth moved to Augusta, where he was admitted to the bar in 1802. That same year he married Clara Meigs, the daughter of Josiah Meigs, the first president of the University of Georgia. In 1808 he was elected attorney general of Georgia, which launched his political career.

In 1813 Forsyth was elected as a Jeffersonian Republican to the 13th U.S. Congress. He remained in the House of Representatives until November 1818, when he was elected to fill the U.S. Senate seat of George Troup. Forsyth stayed in the Senate for only two months. On February 17, 1819, he