

Security beefed up for holidays at Gwinnett Place

As of Tuesday, November 22, 2011

By **Tyler Estep (874)**

tyler.estep@gwinnettdaily.com

#DULUTH – The holiday shopping season means a greater security

presence in and around Gwinnett Place Mall.

#The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) has contracted extra security forces to expand on their current seven-day patrols in the area, CID executive director Joe Allen said. The extra security, which will continue until the end of the year, will monitor retail centers, high-traffic areas and other Gwinnett Place businesses.

#"We want shoppers and visitors to freely enjoy all that Gwinnett Place has to offer at the holidays," Allen said. "We have received much positive feedback from residents and businesses with the added security presence in the past."

#The security officers will work in cooperation with Gwinnett County police to notify law enforcement of any potential criminal activity, and will use vehicles bearing CID markings while in the area.

#Statistics the CID stated were compiled by Gwinnett police showed that overall crime in the area was down 26 percent over the last year. According to those statistics, assaults (down 42 percent), commercial burglary (down 48 percent), theft (down 24 percent) and motor vehicle theft (down 38 percent) all decreased in the same time period.