

SPLOST

Gwinnett approves sidewalks and more

Design improvements to the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard at Buford Highway will be underway soon after Gwinnett commissioners approved three contracts with two Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) in December.

An agreement with the Gwinnett Village CID allows the district to study feasibility and designs to accommodate increased capacity, improve safety, and minimize congestion at the intersection. Resurfacing of Indian Trail Road is covered by a second agreement with the same CID.

The Gwinnett Place CID will add sidewalks on Sweetwater Road, Koger Boulevard, Steve Reynolds Boulevard, Old Norcross Road, Venture Drive, and Pineland Road. Sidewalks on Ross Road will be the result of an innovative pilot project for a combined design/build contract awarded to ISC, Inc., for \$299,180. The County also awarded a construction contract for sidewalks in the Gwinnett Center area on Sugarloaf Parkway and Satellite Boulevard. An agreement with the Georgia DOT for a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant will provide just under \$1.1 million toward the construction cost.

"The money for these projects has been collected through the 2009 SPLOST program, and those funds have allowed us to receive grant funding for one of the projects," said Gwinnett DOT Director Brian Allen.



County offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

All offices, except those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed January 17 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Offices will reopen January 18.

EVENTS

Sign up for these and other great activities at www.gwinnettparks.com.

An Engaging Affair Bridal Show

January 19 • 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse
185 E. Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Kids Night Out

January 21 • 5:30pm – 9:00pm
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

Belly Laugh Comedy Competition

January 21 • 7:00pm
Dacula Park Activity Building
2735 Old Auburn Road, Dacula

Women's Self Defense Workshop

January 22 • 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

Crochet/Knitting Club Social

January 24 • noon – 2:00pm
George Pierce Park
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

Me and My Guy

January 29 • 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center
100 E. Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

Movie Night

January 29 • 6:30pm
Best Friend Park Gym
6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross

Water Resources self-service portal

A new self-service portal has been added to the Water Resources website. Customers can now manage automatic payments and make address and phone number changes to their water accounts. Please visit www.gwinnetth2o.com to see these improvements and stay tuned for future improvements coming soon.

AROUND GWINNETT

Homes around the world exhibit

Take a journey into the homes of people around the world in the exotic, hands-on traveling exhibit entitled *Your House, My House* at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center (GEHC) beginning January 8 and running through April 16.

GEHC will host a special opening day for the exhibit on January 15 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Activities for this fun-filled exhibit include designing and building houses and visiting model homes from around the world to learn how a home's environment can affect its design.

Step inside three model homes: a Mongolian herder's ger, a m'bure from the tropics of Fiji, and a stilt house from a Malaysian fishing village to learn how children in these places might live.

Design your own house using the tools of the trade or make choices on house components using a computer program. Compare different building materials and house features or match houses with environments. Choose from four building materials and construct your own house.

This exhibit is sponsored by Holtkamp Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., and included with GEHC admission. GEHC members are admitted free. For more information, call 770.904.3500 or visit www.gwinnettEHC.org.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Out-of-area emission waivers

As of January 1, 2011, the Georgia Clean Air Force processes all out-of-area emission waivers for Gwinnett County residents. Due to new Clean Air Force requirements, Gwinnett County tag offices **no longer** process out-of-area emission waivers. For an application and other information, visit the Georgia Clean Air Force website at www.cleanairforce.com.

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