Photography Program Directory Judith Pishnery will conduct the information sessions, with additional faculty members and staff present to answer questions and conduct tours. Current photography students will also be on hand to meet with those attending. A selection of current student and alumni work will be on display and there will be demonstrations of studio lighting for portraiture and of digital printing.

The Open House is in Building 100, Room 302 of the Lawrenceville campus. No registration is necessary.

## Grayson concert on June 13 to benefit two charities

Grayson is becoming known for bringing some of the best music to Grayson Community Park, making it a premier destination for those who love music of all genres performed by top artists in the Southeast. On June 13, musical artists will find their way to Grayson for *Gimme Shelter*, an evening concert to benefit two causes: Partnership Against Domestic Violence and the Grayson Children's Fund.

The concert is from 6 until 10 p.m. This is a 21 and over event; tickets are on sale now. Grayson area restaurants will be on site cooking up a multitude of dinner options that night; beer and wine will also be sold at the venue. No outside food or beverages will be allowed in the gate. Tickets are \$25 and \$40 for VIP tables. For more info, go to www.GimmeShelterConcert.com.

Cindy Wilson, of the B-52's, is the headline artist for the *Gimme Shelter Benefit Concert*. She'll be joined on the stage by Donna Hall of Wet Willie, Tommy Talton of Cowboy/Gregg Allman Band/Tommy Talton Band, legendary guitarist Barry Richman, soul sisters Sandra Hall, Caroline Aiken, Diane Durrett, Melissa Massey and Deborah Reece, Lil Al of the Lee Boys and Anne-Marie Perry. Freddy's Finest will serve as the rhythm section for all of this amazing talent and other VERY special guests are expected.

- \* The **Partnership Against Domestic Violence** works to end the crime of intimate partner violence and empower its survivors.
- \* The **Grayson Children's Fund** began in 2005 and has served over 500 Grayson youth with anonymous Christmas gifts and back to school supplies, as well as providing for families in need in our community. Administered by volunteers, 100 percent of all donations are spent on the children and families.

NOTABLE

## Gwinnett Place CID expands its boundaries with 8 percent jump

An eight percent growth in the total assessed value of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (GPCID) is coming as a result of an expansion of the district, approved by the Gwinnett County Commission recently.



The additions of properties are along Satellite Boulevard and along Steve Reynolds Boulevard and Shackleford Road.

Joe Allen, executive director of the Gwinnett Place CID, says: "We are excited to welcome our new commercial property owners as members of GPCID.

Because of their investment, we can continue to lead the efforts to expedite mobility, quality of life and economic improvement strategies for the benefit of the businesses, employees and guests in Gwinnett's central business district at Gwinnett Place."

Zac Gruber of Banyan Street Capital, owners of Satellite Place, a half million square foot Class A office park which anchors the Gwinnett Place district, says: "It is because of the CID's efforts and proven success in redeveloping the area that our organization chose to join the District. We are committed to the area through our investment into Satellite Place and looking forward to working with the Board of the Gwinnett Place CID to help invite change and promote the neighborhood."

This \$47 Million expansion brings the estimated total value of the GPCID to \$591,520,600. GPCID first expanded its geographical boundaries in 2007 and again in 2014. The CID now has these statistics:

- Expansion Total Value: \$47,122,900.
- Total Number of Individual Commercial Property Owners: 178.
- Total Number of Parcels: 240.
- Estimated GPCID Total Value: \$591,520,600.

## FEMA providing new mobile app for hurricane season

As the 2015 hurricane season begins, the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) has launched a new feature to its mobile app to help be prepared and stay informed about severe weather. The free feature allows you to receive weather alerts from five locations you select anywhere in the country, even if the phone is not located in the area. This tool makes it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening your family and friends in other areas.

Visit FEMA's <u>www.ready.gov/hurricanes</u> for step-by-step information and resources for what to do before, during and after a hurricane.

In addition to this upgrade, the app also provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers, and tips on how to survive natural and manmade disasters. The FEMA app also offers a "Disaster Reporter" feature, where users can upload and share photos of disaster damage. The app defaults to Spanish language content for smartphones that have Spanish set as their default language.

The latest version of the FEMA app is available for free in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices.