



## MADISON ELECTRIC PRODUCTS COMES TO DULUTH

A large distribution center recently opened on North Berkley Lake Road in Duluth. A 55,000 square-foot warehouse will serve as the Southeast hub for Madison Electric Products. It will house more than 2,000 different products.

"We are glad to be in Atlanta," said MEP's Director of Operations, Kirk Pace. "This new location was strategically chosen to enable us to make service to our customers as simple as possible."

The new location will result in jobs for 10 to 12 new employees from the area. Founded more than 80 years ago in Cleveland, and still headquartered in northeast Ohio, the company serves a variety of investors and businesses. There is a coast-to-coast network of sales agents and distribution centers, as well as offices in California and Shanghai, China.

The company held a grand opening ceremony recently to mark the milestone.

## ALDI OPENS IN LILBURN

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held at 396 Pleasant Hill Road in Lilburn to celebrate the grand opening of the city's first ALDI location.

The Lilburn store features high ceilings, natural lighting, and was built with environmentally friendly, recycled materials. There are also energy saving light bulbs and refrigeration features, which will ensure that customers enjoy a shopping environment that is simple and easy to navigate.

"We look forward to introducing Lilburn shoppers to ALDI, where they can find the majority of their average weekly shopping list items among our exclusive brand products," said Thom Behzt, Jefferson division vice president for ALDI. "We are committed to bringing ALDI customers the highest quality products at the lowest possible price."



**Andy Brandt** is the Gwinnett Gladiators head coach and general manager.



**Judy Waters** will retire in August from the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia.



**Randy Redner** will become Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia.



**Jill Edwards**, Wells Fargo, has joined the Gwinnett Place CID Board.

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## GAINESVILLE GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM

The new Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville opened in May, celebrating years of planning and development of one of North Georgia's most beautiful landscapes aimed at connecting visitors with both the natural world and cultural amenities.

A short distance up I-985 beyond Gwinnett's northern border, this extension of the renowned Atlanta Botanical Garden, represents the

\$21 million initial phase that will include a contemporary visitor center, 2000-seat amphitheater, a train garden and five acres of display gardens featuring nationally recognized plant collections. Future plans call for an interactive children's garden, a native plant conservation nursery, and a student training and education center.

A horticultural operation has long been established

on site, including a state-of-the-art greenhouse and a 3-acre conservation nursery, the largest in the Southeast. When fully developed, the Gainesville Garden will allow the Atlanta Botanical Garden to broaden its plant conservation efforts with endangered species.

For operating hours, visit [atlantabg.org](http://atlantabg.org).

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## COMMON PRESENTATION MISTAKES

**THE SLIDES ARE NOT YOUR PRESENTATION**  
the slide show should only be used as an accompaniment to your talking

**POORLY CHOSEN DESIGN TEMPLATE OR THEME**  
choose a design that is appropriate for your audience

**BEING TOO VERBOSE**  
short, concise presentations are often more powerful and will keep your audience's attention

**IGNORING PLANNING**  
know your subject well enough to answer any and all questions



Gwinnett native **Chuck Robbins** to become CEO of Cisco Systems Inc.



**June Towery**, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, joined the Gwinnett Place CID Board.



**Amy Bray** joins Rubin Lublin, LLC as senior counsel and supervising attorney for newly expanded real estate-related practice areas.



Norcross City Councilman **Andrew Hixson** has joined the Gwinnett Village CID Board.