

The Christmas season will see the theatre hosting one of Gwinnett's community theatres, "New Dawn Theatre Company", as they bring their new production of "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" to the stage. 'Virginia' opens on December 16 and plays through December 30.

The 2007 season sees the theatre producing two major shows, "The Woman in Black" and "Glory Road." The first, a thriller, runs January 9 though February 11. The show has played in London since 1989.

The second is the musical 'Glory Road', from an idea by Duluth's own Jamie Heck, with music and lyrics by two New Yorkers, Greg Senf and Gregory Max. The Duluth production will star Beth Chiarelli from the show's New York production.

Along with Shelly Howard, The Sizemore Group, In-Time Productions, Barbizon of Atlanta and myself, we have designed Red Clay Theatre in close collaboration with the City of Duluth. Major construction work has been provided by Realistic Home Solutions. Major sponsors of the theatre include Gwinnett Community Bank, Realistic Home Solutions and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Soon we plan to announce details of our in-theatre bar/restaurant, so keep in touch! We so hope to see you at a show!

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Tuesday was key day as county OK'd high-rise residences

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AUG. 18, 2006 -- Mark August 15, 2006 as a red letter date to remember. That's the date that the Gwinnett Commission approved high rise residential towers in the county. The first two towers approved are to rise near Steve Reynolds Boulevard and Interstate 85, on the southwestern side, in a \$170 million project from Yamasaki Associates Inc.

Each tower will be 25 stories. They will provide living space "upward" for 263 housing units.

Up until now, Gwinnett has limited the height of residential housing to 35 feet. Now as land becomes more expensive, we can expect to see more living towers in the future.



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Actually, two more areas are already being talked about for high rise living, and could be completed even before the Yamasaki towers. Developer George Thorndyke is proposing two more 25 story towers on land at Gwinnett Place, near the former Macys location, now unoccupied.

In addition, Wayne Mason, long associated with a variety of projects all around Gwinnett and now in Atlanta, too, in association with Korean lenders, is considering adding up to several high rises on property across Satellite Boulevard from Gwinnett Place Mall, in a shopping center where Target was previously located. This is projected as a \$600 million project.

Another project already floated, on land near Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Interstate 85 on the former Lucent Technologies site, would include high rise towers.

Up until now, the highest building in Gwinnett has been the 17 story Marriott Hotel at Gwinnett Place.

But soon, we'll have people with the open sky as their immediate outdoors, not yards with plants and flowers. That's something new in Gwinnett, but a portent to what will perhaps be a way of life in the future.

All in all, this has been a significant week. First was the opening of school for the new year, with all the trappings when nearly 152,000 students get together. Then following was the approval of the high rises by the county commission, plus the opening of the Hudgens Early Childhood Center at Gwinnett Tech on Thursday. For today (Friday) it's the ribbon cutting at the opening of Georgia Gwinnett College, as a four-year college begins operation in Gwinnett! We also saw the opening of a new retail center, Avenue Webb Gin, this week. Yes, quite a week.

The most significant of all the week, however, may be the approval of high rise residences in Gwinnett. The county is changing in a significant way....yet again.

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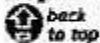


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