

BUFORD**Robert Harris Homes opens 3+ community**

Robert Harris Homes is pleased to announce the grand opening of its newest Gwinnett County active adult community, Villas at Park Ridge. Welcoming residents ages 55 and older, residences are now being accepted at the gated, maintenance-free community. The 139 ranch condominium homes at Villas at Park Ridge are priced from the mid \$200,000s.

DULUTH**John Willis Homes wins national homebuilder award**

Duluth-based John Willis Homes was recently selected as the silver award winner by the National Housing Endowment Builder Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Service. The award was presented to the company at the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla. on Feb. 13.

Thanks to the win, John Willis Homes was able to give its \$5,000 prize to HomeAid Atlanta, a nonprofit organization that builds transitional housing for temporarily homeless children, women and men in the metro Atlanta area.

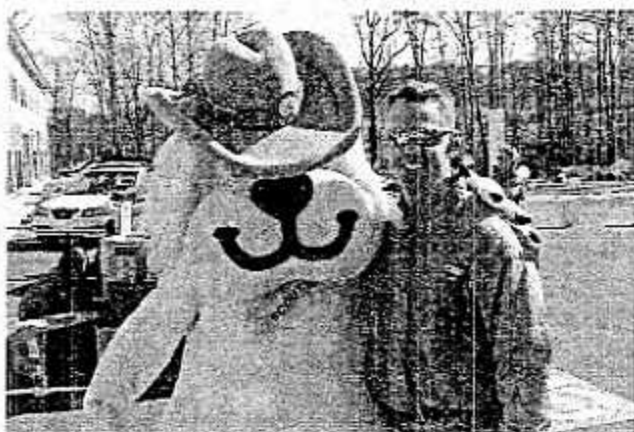
"It's such an honor to be presented with this award," says John Willis, president of John Willis Homes. "Giving back to the community is a responsibility I take very seriously and I am so pleased to be able to donate the award funds to HomeAid Atlanta. I can't think of a more deserving organization."

Duluth to host community appreciation day

A month after opening its new City Hall complex, the city of Duluth will host a festival on Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. According to officials, there will be entertainment, City Hall tours, a bounce house, an inflatable slide, and children's performers such as clowns, jugglers, face painters and balloon artists.

**CID completes new gateways into Gwinnett Place area**

Visitors and residents frequenting the Gwinnett Place area will find new commu-



Camp Bow Wow co-owner Jeff Hahn with mascot

nity landmarks with the recent addition of visual enhancements in key areas.

The Gwinnett Place CID has overseen the installation of two monument-style gateway markers - one at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Old Norcross Road, the other at Satellite Boulevard and Steve Reynolds Boulevard.

The new gateway areas are patterned after the CID's first installation completed at Commerce Avenue and Satellite Boulevard, which features a stone structure bearing the name "Gwinnett Place" in large, individual letters. Similar to the existing structure, the two new monuments will also be wired for subdued evening-time backlighting.

Additionally, landscaping elements accompanying the natural stone look of the additions help accentuate the area and underscore the CID's desire to assist in the improvement of overall appearances.

Three smaller, secondary monuments have been added along Pleasant Hill Road as well as approximately 100 new decorative banners installed on utility poles throughout the area.

The CID contracted with Imagescapes and Architectural Signing to build the monuments while Sky Design, iB+A Inc. and Street Smarts prepared the district's master plan for signage and wayfinding. The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners supplied partial funding for the project.

Bowen Family Homes announces incentive programs

Bowen Family Homes recently detailed its 2008 incentive program. The company will recognize the top six sellers and one randomly drawn agent with a trip for two to the Florida Keys in 2009. The top two homeowners with the most referrals and one randomly drawn homeowner will also receive trips to the Florida Keys.

All agents who close at least one home during the year will be invited to the 2008

Florida Keys tropical-style 2009 Casino Night, which will include live entertainment, casino games and a silent auction. The top six sellers and one randomly drawn agent will win a spectacular trip for two to the Florida Keys.

For more information on the homeowner referral program, visit www.bowenfamilyhomes.com/familyrewards. For information on the agent incentive program, visit www.bowenfamilyhomes.com/realtorrewards.

Gwinnett Certified Teacher Employment Fair set for March 3

Gwinnett County Public Schools will hold a Certified Teacher Employment Fair on Monday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gwinnett Center. Certified teachers, student teachers, winter/spring graduates and those currently enrolled in alternate route certification programs are invited to attend.

Interested individuals should visit the GCPS web site at www.gwinnettk12.ga.us to apply online and to make a reservation. Walk-ins also are welcome between the hours of 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their résumés.

Camp Bow Wow hosts open house

Camp Bow Wow Duluth, a new dog kennel franchise, hosted an open "dog house" last month. The dog care facility located at 1795 Buford Hwy in Duluth is the second Camp Bow Wow campsite to open in the Atlanta area.

"This was a perfect opportunity for families, friends, neighbors, colleagues and dog lovers to check out our camp," says co-owner Christine Hahn, who owns Camp Bow Wow Duluth with her husband Jeff Hahn.

Camp Bow Wow boasts climate-controlled play areas and a variety of security

features including five Camper Cams that allow dog owners to view their pets online throughout the day, 24-hour security monitoring and Certified Camp Counselors who are trained to supervise the dogs while at play. Visit www.campbowwow.com

FLOWERY BRANCH
Georgia Force players take tour of Gwinnett

A number of Georgia Force arena football players visited various locations around Gwinnett County last month. The team sponsored its Fan Blitz on Feb. 22, following the team's final practice of training camp.

The players visited the Gwinnett Arena, Mall of Georgia, Discover Mills mall and various stores and restaurants in Lawrenceville and Suwanee. Force season tickets are currently on sale, starting at \$9 a game. For ticket information, please contact the Force ticket sales office at 1-888-88-FORCE.

LAWRENCEVILLE
The Davis Companies relocate to larger offices

The Davis Companies, a full-service staffing agency has expanded in a new location at 5412 Sugarloaf Parkway, suite 2206, in Lawrenceville.

According to the company, it has experienced tremendous success in the past several years and required a larger facility for its increased clientele.

"This company expansion and relocation is directly due to the continued support of our exceptional clients," says Robert Davis, president and CEO. "Our new facilities will allow us to expand operations as needed, enabling us to deliver the level of service our nationwide clientele have come to expect from us."

The company is headquartered in Marlborough, Mass.

LOGANVILLE
Lowe's to open along Highway 78

A new Lowe's recently began construction at the northeast quadrant of Highway 78 and Brand Road. The new Lowe's store is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2008. The home improvement store will have 117,000 square feet of retail sales space. An additional 32,000 square foot garden center will offer an impressive selection of flowers, bushes, trees and garden supplies "tailored to the Georgia climate and lifestyle."

According to the company, the Loganville store represents an average investment in the community of approxi-