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BUFORD

SPLOST funds allow for new playground

Three old playgrounds at Bogan Park will be replaced with new equipment and new safety surfaces over the coming months. Upgrades will include an improved retaining wall, better drainage, shade canopies and benches. The money to pay for it will come from SPLOST.

Work will be phased so that one playground will always remain open, with all playground renovations complete by spring 2010.

DULUTH

CID board member receives recognition

Marcy Adams, vice chair of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID), has received a special award from the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCVB).

Adams was named "General Manager of the Year" by the GCVB during its annual tourism awards and holiday luncheon. Adams manages the Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place on Pleasant Hill Road.

Young professionals group announces new leadership

hYPE Young Professionals announced Nicole Love, Gwinnett Coalition and Akilah Lowery, Slingshot Product Development Group, as the new public relations co-chairs for 2010-2011. The chair position is a direct response to the surge in membership growth from 2008-2009.



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Schools Foundation Fund, Inc., will make the communication possible. The video conferencing system will be installed at the school's new state-of-the-art facility slated to open in August of 2010.

Congress approves funding for new bridges

The U.S. House and Senate have approved transportation appropriations that include funds to assist in replacing two bridges over Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County: Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road.

The funding includes \$1 million for the Pleasant Hill Road project and \$500,000 from U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Decatur) for the Jimmy Carter Bridge. This federal funding continues the momentum to replace the bridges championed by the Gwinnett Place CID and Gwinnett Village CID. Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister said replacing the bridges is critical to help incentivize revitalization in each of the CIDs.

The Gwinnett Village CID has secured more than \$12.5 million for the Jimmy Carter Boulevard Bridge Replacement project, including federal, CID and county SPLOST funds.

LAWRENCEVILLE

New road projects benefit local drivers

Three transportation projects funded by the 2005 and 2009 SPLOST programs have received construction approvals from the Board of Commissioners. "In the midst of a recession, we're grateful to have these SPLOST revenues available so we can continue making needed road and safety improvements," said Commission Chairman Charles Bannister.

The approval of the construction contract for Section 3A of the Sugarloaf Parkway Extension Phase 1 will create a 1.6 mile section of new four-lane