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**SEASON AHEAD:** The poet told us "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" One sure sign of warmer weather are the local farmers markets. The Suwanee market is seeking vendors for the upcoming season. Get more information in [Upcoming](#) below.

Got a green thumb? Do you like to play in the dirt? Are you itching to get your garden planted or maybe you have a winter garden?

If you answered "Oh, yes!" to any of these questions, then you may be interested in applying to be a vendor at one of Gwinnett's oldest and most popular farmers markets. Applications for the 2011 Suwanee Farmers Market are available online at [www.suwanee.com](http://www.suwanee.com) and will be accepted during the annual meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Suwanee City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue. Applications will not be accepted before the annual meeting.

Interested vendors are strongly encouraged to attend the annual meeting, which offers vendors an opportunity to discuss guidelines and provide copies of current state licenses as well as submit applications.

Beginning May 3, the Suwanee Farmers Market, now entering its eighth year, will be open at Town Center Park from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays through August 2 and 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through October 1. Farmers and gardeners with fresh produce will receive first preference, but the market also is open to appropriately licensed vendors offering baked goods; jams, jelly, and honey; meat products; eggs and other dairy products; and plants. Arts and crafts items will not be accepted.

### **City of Duluth connects PIB Greenway with Rogers Bridge Park**

The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the ribbon cutting for the completed early phases of the Rogers Bridge Park Greenway Trail, River Overlook and Bikeway Trail on Thursday, February 3, at 2 p.m. The Greenway Trail and River Overlook is largely funded through State of Georgia DNR grants, and is adjacent to the Chattahoochee River. It represents the beginning of a larger planned trail system that will allow bikers and pedestrians access along the river.

The approximately half mile Bikeway Trail connects Rogers Bridge Park to Peachtree Industrial Blvd and these phases of the trail system through the park extend a distance of about 2,500 feet. The total cost for both projects was \$295,000. Rogers Bridge Park is located at 4291 Rogers Bridge Road.

### **Crime figures drop significantly at greater Gwinnett Place area**

New statistical data released by Gwinnett County Police shows significant decreases in crime throughout greater Gwinnett Place.

The compiled data covers reported incidents occurring from 2007 through 2010 with an overall 33 percent decrease. In virtually every category, a double-digit decrease in crime was realized:

- Robbery - 42%
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 35%
- Theft - 33%
- Burglary (Commercial) - 24%
- Fraud - 19%



During the same reporting period, the number of area traffic accidents also showed a noticeable decrease -- down 41 percent from 2007 to 2010.

CID Board Chairman Mark Williams credited the efforts of Gwinnett Police and the cooperation between the CID and the department's central precinct near Gwinnett Place for the positive results. "The businesses and property owners of greater Gwinnett Place have a strong working relationship with our police force,