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**WINNERS:** The Aurora Theatre's Barbara Award winners for the year are long-time benefactors Sandra and Clyde Strickland. From the left are Anthony Rodriguez, Sandra Strickland, Clyde Strickland and Ann-Carol Pence on the red carpet. Read the complete story below. (Photo by: Glenn Martin.)

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persuade them to develop a project more acceptable to our community. We are also seeking parties who might be interested in partnering with the proposed purchaser to change the nature of the development. These efforts will continue until there is no time left to us.

The article in the Patch states that the apartment plans will have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and will ultimately need the City Council's approval to proceed. This is just not true. If the plans meet the building and zoning code requirements, the city will be obligated to issue a development permit. We don't have the ability to reject a permit application if all the codes have been met. You can be assured that we will do everything that we can, legally, concerning this property. But also understand that we are just as disappointed that there are limitations to what we can legally do.

## State-approved Gwinnett Place area as opportunity zone

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), in partnership with Gwinnett County, Gwinnett Place CID and Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development, has approved an Opportunity Zone in the Gwinnett Place area. The incentive, which is available for new or existing businesses that create two or more new net jobs to Georgia, offers the State's maximum job tax credit-\$3,500 per job-and additional credits to be used against the business's income tax liability and state payroll withholding.



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Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash says: "We congratulate Gwinnett Place on this achievement and look forward to the positive economic impact the zone will have on our community. The implementation of this Opportunity Zone will strongly benefit local businesses and will continue to put Gwinnett at a competitive advantage in its recruitment efforts."

Designed to foster job growth and revitalization, Opportunity Zones assist areas with a strong economic base, but in need of redevelopment, by providing tax incentives to generate the creation of new jobs. Opportunity Zones allow businesses located within its boundaries to enjoy the waiver, abatement or exemption of certain state taxes, while promoting additional investment into the community.

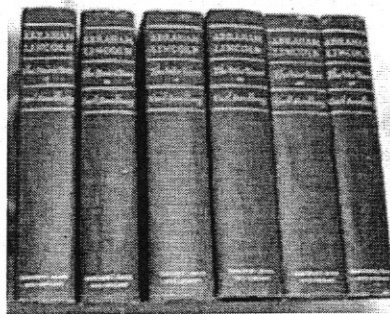
To become eligible for the tax credit incentives offered through the Gwinnett Place Opportunity Zone program, a business is first required to submit a formal application and receive eligibility approval from the DCA, while also creating and maintaining two or more net new jobs for the State of Georgia. Since the OZ designation is retroactive to the beginning of 2012, companies that added jobs in the OZ in 2012 are also eligible to receive the tax credits.

### RECOMMENDED

#### *Lincoln*

By Carl Sandburg

"The massive six volume masterpiece biography was a Christmas gift. It's a daunting, 3,500 page treatise on the life of Lincoln, from the Prairie Years to his time as president. Yet now after I have finished the first volume (up to 1850), I can report why this is such a distinguished treasure to read: the lyricism of the writing of Sandburg propels you to the next chapter. It's more than a story of Lincoln, though in itself that part is wonderful. But it is also a social history of the time, giving you not a glimpse, but an understanding of what each element of that period means. Sandburg writes beautifully, though long, to make sure the reader understands. You see why this work is held in high esteem by scholars everywhere. The task now is to finish the other five books, but the effort is more looked forward to, than daunting, with one book under my belt."--eeb



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**BRIDGE WORK:** Work is underway on the diverging diamond interchange on the Pleasant Hill Road bridge in the Gwinnett Place CID. This scene projects what the interchange will look like when work is completed in the fall of 2013. So far, the primary work has been on the ramps, with the interchange now 10 percent complete. This scene looks west toward Gwinnett Place. The construction work will be done by ER Snell Contractor Inc. of Snellville, and will cost \$4 million. For more details, got to [www.gwinnettplacecid.com](http://www.gwinnettplacecid.com).

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