

2011 Fall Edition

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Dunwoody



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City of Dunwoody  
General & Special Election  
November 8, 2011



Learn about this year's election and the topics  
on the ballot.  
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### **Community Development (678) 382-6800**

- Building and Permitting
- Code Enforcement
- Planning and Zoning

### **Parks and Recreation (678) 382-6850**

- Parks and Recreation Maintenance
- Park Facility Rentals
- Special Event Permitting

### **Economic Development (678) 382-6926**

- Retain, Attract, and Expand Dunwoody Business
- Redevelopment of Commercial Activity Areas

### **Public Works (678) 382-6850**

- Transportation, Streets and Traffic
- General Services
- Capital Planning
- Stormwater

### **Finance and Administration (678) 382-6751**

- Finance and Accounting
- Contract Administration and Purchasing
- Administrative and Facility Services
- Information Technology
- Business Licenses
- Marketing and Public Relations

### **Dunwoody Police Department (678) 382-6919**

### **City Hall Main Number (678) 382-6700**

## Dunwoody Elected Officials



Ken Wright  
Mayor



Denis Shortal  
City Council  
Post 1



Adrian Bonser  
City Council  
Post 2



Doug Thompson  
City Council  
Post 3



Robert Wittenstein  
City Council  
Post 4



Danny Ross  
City Council  
Post 5



John Heneghan  
City Council  
Post 6

## Dunwoody Appointed Officials



Warren Hutmacher  
City Manager



Sharon Lowery  
City Clerk



Brian Anderson  
City Attorney



Trina Gallien  
Municipal Clerk of  
Court

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the City of Dunwoody is to provide the highest quality of life for those who live, work or play in our community and to foster an environment where business can prosper. We will serve all stakeholders in a transparent manner with resourceful, efficient, progressive, and professional leadership.

## **Vision Statement**

Dunwoody is a city located in metro Atlanta, in northern DeKalb County, Georgia. Dunwoody officially incorporated as a city on December 1, 2008. The City of Dunwoody will provide quality service to its citizens and support the largest economic engine in the Southeast by planning in a careful and thoughtful manner. The City of Dunwoody will be inventive, transparent and embrace responsible progress, tempered by the city's rich history and strong desire to maintain a close and vibrant community atmosphere that values family life and the entrepreneurial spirit. The City of Dunwoody will continue to support and nurture a community dedicated to the preservation of family, education, religious institutions, and the environment.

# City of Dunwoody 2011

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-  City Council Meetings
-  Zoning Board of Appeals
-  Planning Commission
-  Sustainability Commission
-  Community Council

Meeting dates are subject to change. Please check the City of Dunwoody website for any date changes and meeting times. [www.dunwoodyga.gov](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov)

Presented By:



## Your Green Tip for the Fall! Keep the Cold Outside!

As the seasons begin to change and your family migrates indoors for the winter, a lot of energy can be wasted to keep your family and your home comfortable. Between 40% and 70% of all home energy is wasted, but we could save about half of that by buying efficient appliances and taking energy-saving measures.

### The 10 Biggest Energy Users

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|------------------|------------------|
| Water Heaters    | Refrigerators    |
| Freezers         | Air Conditioners |
| Ranges           | Clothes Washers  |
| Clothes Dryers   | Dishwasher       |
| Portable Heaters | Lights           |

For more tips turn to page **16**.

# City of Dunwoody

## General and Special Elections

Dunwoody residents will head to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th to elect a new Mayor and three members of City Council. The slate of candidates is as follows:

<b><u>For Mayor</u></b>	<b><u>City Council Post 4</u></b>	<b><u>City Council Post 5</u></b>	<b><u>City Council Post 6</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Dallas</li> <li>• Mike Davis</li> <li>• Gordon Jackson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Callihan</li> <li>• Terry Nall</li> <li>• Robert Wittenstein (Incumbent)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerry de Vallette</li> <li>• Lynn Deutsch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Heneghan (Incumbent)</li> </ul>

*The City of Dunwoody has a Council-Manager form of government. The Dunwoody City Council is made up of six council members and a Mayor each of whom are elected to four year terms. The City Council sets policy for the City while the City Manager and professional staff work to implement policy and handle the day-to-day operations of the City. Council posts 4, 5, and 6 are elected at-large (or citywide) where as Council posts 1, 2, and 3 are elected by their respective districts. The City Council generally meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at City Hall. At these public meetings, the City Council proposes, debates, and votes on legislation governing and/or affecting the City. The Council also approves appointments as provided by the Charter, regulates revenues and expenditures, incurs debt, and approves the final operating and capital budgets for the City.*

In addition, the following questions will be on the ballot for the voters to consider:

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	"Shall land be acquired and remediated for parks and greenspace by the City of Dunwoody through the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$33,000,000?"
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*As detailed in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan and based on national standards, the City's existing park system does not presently include sufficient parkland. The City Council has determined the issuance of general obligation bonds to be the most feasible method to finance the costs of land acquisition for parks and greenspace. If approved, all land purchases would be completed pursuant to the Parks Bond Transparent Procurement Policy as adopted by the City Council on September 26, 2011 which is available on the City's website. If the City issues \$33,000,000 in general obligation bonds, these would likely be paid for through a millage rate increase of 0.75 mills. For the average home in Dunwoody, valued at \$350,000, this would equate to roughly \$10 per month.*

<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	"Shall the park system of the City of Dunwoody be improved by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$33,000,000?"
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*As detailed in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan and based on national standards, the City's existing park system does not presently include sufficient recreation facilities and opportunities. The City Council has determined the issuance of general obligation bonds to be the most feasible method to finance the costs of making improvements to the City's existing park system. If the City issues \$33,000,000 in general obligation bonds, these would likely be paid for through a millage rate increase of 0.75 mills. For the average home in Dunwoody, valued at \$350,000, this would equate to roughly \$10 per month.*





<input type="checkbox"/> YES	"Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Dunwoody to exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law' as it may be amended from time to time?"
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

*The Redevelopment Powers Law enables local governments to embark on projects that will foster public/private partnerships and spur economic growth. If approved, Dunwoody would be granted the authority to sell bonds to finance infrastructure and other redevelopment costs within a specifically defined area. Unlike general obligation bonds, these bonds would be secured by a tax allocation increment, which is the increase in property tax revenues resulting from the redevelopment activities taking place within the Tax Allocation District (TAD). Tax increment financing allows cities to charge the costs of constructing public facilities and infrastructure directly to the businesses that use them rather than the public at large. In return, the businesses benefit from the construction of facilities that might not otherwise be available to them. If approved, the City could designate a specific geographic area that has the potential for redevelopment, but is presently economically or socially distressed. As public improvements and private development take place in the area, the taxable value of property in the area increases. The City collects the total revenues, putting the increase in revenues as a result of new development into a special fund to pay off the bonds that financed the public improvements, while the remainder goes back into the city's general fund. The TAD is dissolved when the bonds have been retired and any other public financing has been repaid.*

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	"Shall the governing authority of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 P.M. and 11:30 P.M.?"
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

*Presently alcohol cannot be sold on Sundays outside of restaurants. If approved, the City would be permitted to license retailers to sell malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits on Sundays.*

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	"Shall a special one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes continue to be imposed in DeKalb County for not longer than 20 quarters, beginning July 1, 2012, to raise not more than \$645,000,000 in the aggregate for the purpose of (A) developing sites for constructing and equipping new schools, support facilities and athletic facilities; (B) making additions to, acquiring or renovating and equipping existing schools, support facilities and athletic facilities and greenspace associated with such facilities, and demolishing portions of existing structures in connection therewith; (C) making system-wide renovations, additions and improvements to bus and parent pick-up driveways and facility parking lots and purchasing school buses, school-related vehicles and other transportation equipment; (D) making existing lease/purchase payments with respect to the acquisition of new and existing schools and support facilities; and (E) modernizing technology and making system-wide technology improvements, including the acquisition of computers and similar technology for students and staff; not to exceed \$607,384,422 for the DeKalb County School District, \$18,115,116 for the City Schools of Decatur and \$19,500,462 for the Atlanta Independent School System, all as more fully described in the Notice of Election? If imposition of the tax is approved by a majority of the voters within the DeKalb County School District, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the DeKalb County School District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the above projects of the DeKalb County School District and if the tax is approved by a majority of the voters within the City of Decatur, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Decatur in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the above projects of the City Schools of Decatur?"
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	



*A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or SPLOST authorizes the collection of a penny sales tax on any purchase made in DeKalb County. Monies collected would be used to pay for capital improvements including building improvements, new schools, classroom additions, technology, and transportation needs. If approved, this would serve as a continuation of the current SPLOST for education that was previously approved by DeKalb County citizens.*

Voters are required to show one of the following forms of picture identification when they appear in person at the absentee/advance poll, or at the poll on Election Day:

- A Georgia driver's license which was properly issued by the appropriate state agency
- A valid Georgia voter identification card or other valid identification card issued by branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state or the United States provided such identification card contains a photograph of the voter
- A valid United State passport
- A valid employee identification containing a photograph issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United State government, any state, county, municipality, board or authority
- A valid United State military identification card with a photograph
- A valid tribal identification card with photograph.

This year, absentee/advance voting will only be held at the DeKalb County Voter Registration and Election Office, located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, Georgia 30032 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For those voters who will go to the polls on Election Day, simply go to your designated polling place (don't forget your photo I.D.) to cast your ballot.

If a run-off election is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

# Volunteer Day 2011

Have you ever wanted to be a part of making Dunwoody a better place to live? Well, this November is your chance! The City will be holding its Third Annual Clean up Dunwoody Day on Saturday, November 5, 2011 beginning at 7:00 AM. For additional information about the program please visit [www.nacofc.org](http://www.nacofc.org).



The volunteers will begin at North Atlanta Church of Christ to be broken up into teams and given their assignments for the day. Assignments will include trail clearing, bridge installation, undergrowth clearing, and other parks beautification projects throughout the City's park system, including a stream clean-up in Brook Run Park.

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers after the hard day's work. To sign-up or get more information, please visit [www.nacofc.org](http://www.nacofc.org) or contact Parks & Recreation Manager Brent Walker at 678-382-6857 or [brent.walker@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:brent.walker@dunwoodyga.gov).

## Clean, Shine, Fix Dunwoody 2010





# Paving the Way

The City will continue repaving efforts on residential streets in October after spending much of August and September repaving some of the major roadways in Dunwoody. The City has completed repaving on sections of Tilly Mill Rd, North Peachtree Road, North Shallowford Rd, Peeler Rd, Peachford Rd, and Perimeter Center North since August. In residential areas, the neighborhoods of Kings Down Way, Chateau Court, Eidson Road, North Peachtree Court, and Christopher Court have been completed.



The remaining streets to be completed this year are:

Roberts Drive	Ralston Court
Kingsland Court	Strasburg Court
Bentbrook Drive	Trowbridge Drive from Ball Mill Drive to Vernon Lake Drive
Bentbrook Court	Hensley Drive
Durrett Court	Holliston Court
Durrett Way	Manhasset Farm Court
Foxcreek Court	Fleur De Lis Court

Paving on Roberts will be limited to the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please be patient and safe as we continue to work to improve Dunwoody's streets.

Progress updates will be provided through the city's Facebook and Twitter feeds. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 678-382-6850 or [public.works@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:public.works@dunwoodyga.gov). For more information, please visit the Dunwoody website:

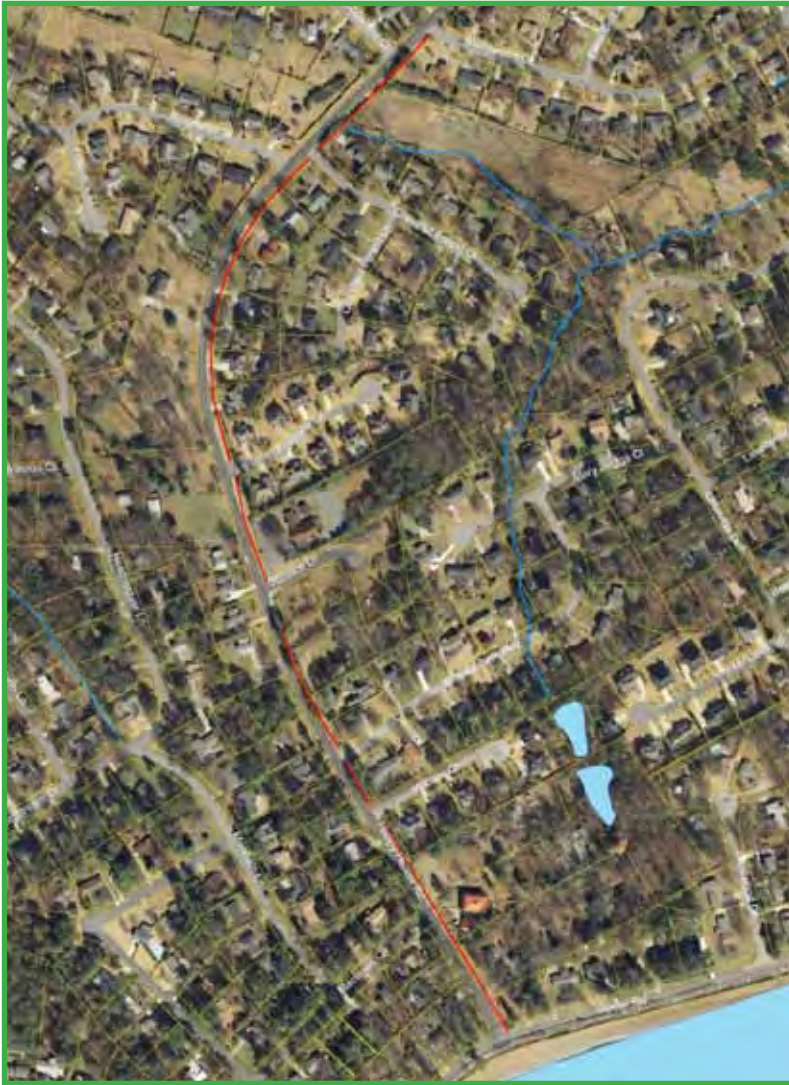
[http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Departments/Public\\_Works/City-WidePavementEvaluation.aspx](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov/Departments/Public_Works/City-WidePavementEvaluation.aspx)





# Where the Sidewalk Ends

Construction is set to begin in October for new sidewalks on Valley View Road and Happy Hollow Road. The City began implementing its sidewalk improvement plan with the construction of segments at six locations earlier this year. With the completion of this current project, Dunwoody will have completed nearly 2 miles of new sidewalk planned in the City!



**Happy Hollow**



**Valley View Road**

## Stormwater Inventory Update

The City has now located and assessed the condition of the entire storm water system in the City. The storm water system consists of 10,289 structures including manholes and 131 miles of pipe that carry rain water from streets and developments into our streams.

Due to age, many of the pipes in the City's system will need to be replaced in the coming years. The City will use the information gathered from the condition assessment to develop a five-year capital improvement plan for stormwater infrastructure.



# Multi-Family Property Update

In April of 2010, the City began an inspection program for multifamily housing units within the city limits. Our Code Compliance Team visits the structures to determine potential property maintenance code violations. The team compiles the inspection data into one concise report illustrating issues and violations on the respective property and presents it to the property management.



The City of Dunwoody and Building Inspection Department is pleased to announce the completion of the first year of the Multi-Family Residential Code Compliance program. The first complex was inspected on June 30, 2010 and to date we have completed inspections on exteriors of 13 multi-family properties in Dunwoody. The team continues to make progress inspecting the 49 multi-family properties in the City of Dunwoody.

Of the 13 properties we have inspected and provided reports on, 8 of those properties are 100 % complete and approved. The other properties that are primarily rental units have all had the interiors inspected by a third party and have passed the minimum standards for the interior property maintenance. This year each of the properties will have to submit 20% of the units inspection reports.

Some properties have been identified with several hundred violations where some we have inspected have been found with surprisingly few issues. A lot of it depends on the age of the complex and the maintenance team taking care of the property.

The program provides an avenue for our code compliance officials to work with these complexes to diligently address life safety, maintenance issues, grading and landscaping issues. To date many of the properties have reported back repair costs ranging from \$28,000 to several million dollars.

Many of these upgrades and repairs fall outside of the general permitting process and have resulted in minimal permit fees; however, this program is for the betterment of the community as a whole and the safety of all citizens. It is truly amazing to see the change in some of the communities; some things are barely noticeable while others are extensive and amazing. We are very pleased with the overall cooperation with all of the complexes and we applaud those that have exceeded our requirements.





# Training is Part of the Game



Earlier this year the State of Georgia adopted a new version of the International Residential Code with state additions and amendments. This Code, coupled with the state amendments, increased the projected efficiency of homes more than 30% over previous editions of the Energy Code.

In order to ensure the City's Code Officials are well versed in the new Code requirements the City of Dunwoody, Decatur, and Chamblee, with the assistance of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), brought a residential and a commercial training event to the city regarding the new Code.

The course was designed to cover the REScheck compliance software, Georgia field compliance inspection checklist, associated residential energy code field guide and field guide video, and the Department of Energy's "Score and Store" tool for logging code compliance data.

The course included classroom training and field work. The training provided code officials with hands-on experience using the code compliance tools in an actual code inspection of a home under construction. The two homes used for the on site training were in separate stages of completion; one was pre-drywall and the second was a finished home.

Brian Dennis of Lot One Homes allowed us to walk one of his homes that was under construction, off Happy Hollow Road at Adams Park. Mr. Dennis was very receptive and interested to see the areas of his home that exceeded the new standards and areas that changed and need different construction methods.

Bill Grant of Bill Grant Homes allowed us to use his finished home in Boxwood as the finished product. The finished home was tested using a blower door and a duct blaster, testing methods that are now required to be performed by the builder. Mr. Grant was notified his home, which was constructed under the previous edition of the Code, passed the current testing standards that have been implemented by the state.

The City would like to thank all those that participated including Mr. Grant, Mr. Dennis, Decatur, Chamblee, and Southface. We look forward to bringing other training opportunities to the community.





# The Dunwoody Code

The City has been involved in a whirlwind of planning over the last two years. Since incorporation, the City and community have created the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Dunwoody Village Master Plan, and the Georgetown / North Shallowford Master Plan. Each of these plans captures our community's vision for the future including recommendations regarding the character of the different areas of our City, how the land is used and what things should be allowed or zoned to occur on the land.



Based on these plans, our existing Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Ordinances no longer align with our community's vision for the future. A comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Ordinance will bring these key documents into conformity with our each of the newly adopted plans, our community's vision for the future, and modern best practices.

Our elected officials have dedicated themselves to fulfilling the community's vision for the future of Dunwoody by allocating funds for a comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning and Land Development code. The City has partnered with consulting firm, Duncan Associates, for this multi-year project.

Duncan Associates is a nationally recognized leader in assisting local governments in updating their zoning and development regulations. Their time-tested five-phase work plan calls for meaningful and ongoing public engagement throughout the process. Duncan Associates has just entered their preliminary information-gathering stage and is thoroughly analyzing our existing plans, regulations, and on-the-ground conditions. Over the next several months, Duncan Associates will be conducting preliminary "listening sessions" to discuss existing regulations and to solicit input on needed updates, revisions, and new provisions.

Following the initial data collection and research phase, we will host a number of public meetings and launch the interactive project website in early 2012. We hope that you will join and participate (dates TBA) during this exciting process! Please call the Community Development Department with any questions (678) 382-6800.

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Dunwoody understands the importance of recycling, but sometimes it can be confusing. The Dunwoody Sustainability Commission is ready to help answer your recycling questions!

Here are a few common questions:

**Why should I pay for curbside recycling in Dunwoody?**

**Why can't I use my own bags instead of buying DeKalb County blue bags for recycling?**

**How do I know that my recyclables are really being recycled?**

In 2005, the DeKalb County commissioners felt that mandatory recycling programs would not be well supported. It was hoped that when citizens could see the ease and benefits of curbside recycling that eventually all would join in.

The volume of curbside recycling has increased over six years, and now DeKalb County must look at how to finance an increasing recycling program. People have noticed that garbage decreases as their recycling increases.



The blue bags and blue bin were chosen by DeKalb Sanitation for uniformity. Sanitation workers need to have an easily recognizable container to pick up recyclables.... otherwise they may recycle your garbage! The uniformity helps with recycling in public places such as park and office buildings as well.



DeKalb Sanitation recycling trucks go directly to SP Recycling at Forest Park where they are off-loaded. They do not get diverted to a substation or to the Seminole Landfill. Tours of that facility can be arranged through DeKalb Sanitation Dept. at 404-294-2900.

Instructions on fees, pick up days, items that can be recycled and how to sign up can all be found on the DeKalb Sanitation web site: [Sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:Sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us).





### **Registration**

At sign-up, there is a one-time fee of \$15 for a blue bin. That fee is refundable if and when the bin is returned.

A box of blue bags costs \$15 and will last at least two years...usually much more. These items are delivered to your door with all the instructions for recycling.

### **Pick Up Schedule**

Wednesday is recycling pick up day. The blue bin is for paper. Plastic containers (including bottles, emptied, rinsed and with caps on), rinsed glass containers, and cans go into the blue bag. There is a triangle with a number in the center on most plastic containers. DeKalb County Recycling accepts all numbers, one through seven.

The DeKalb County government is currently reevaluating all their programs. If you have ideas for a more efficient, more enhanced, recycling program let your voice be heard!

Commissioner Kathie Gannon who began the Recycling Task Force in 2005 would like to hear from you. Her email is [kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:kgannon@co.dekalb.ga.us), and her web site is at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com).

### **School Recycling**

The Recycling Committee, a branch of the Dunwoody Sustainability Committee, has made a commitment to increase recycling participation in the City through increased education and connection to resources. The Committee has recently involved parents and students of Dunwoody schools to work on a school recycling program. The program was implemented at the start of the school year and is underway, and the students are enthused to be a part of the movement.

Interested parents and Dunwoody citizens can get more information about their school's recycling program by sending a message to the following email addresses:

Chestnut School:	<a href="mailto:pta-president@chesnutcharter.com">pta-president@chesnutcharter.com</a>
Dunwoody High School:	<a href="mailto:dannycanfly@yahoo.com">dannycanfly@yahoo.com</a>
Austin Elementary School:	<a href="mailto:kragals@gmail.com">kragals@gmail.com</a>
Vanderlyn Elementary School:	<a href="mailto:srudd@hotmail.com">srudd@hotmail.com</a>
Georgia Perimeter College:	<a href="mailto:Gerald.Pollack@gpc.edu">Gerald.Pollack@gpc.edu</a>
Peachtree Middle School:	Peachtree Middle School web site
Kingsley Middle School:	<a href="mailto:Karin_M_Markey@fc.deklb.ka2.ga.us">Karin_M_Markey@fc.deklb.ka2.ga.us</a>
Dunwoody Elementary School:	D.E.S. web site

Dunwoody Sustainability Commission Recycling Committee can be reached through Dunwoody Sustainability Commission at: [Sustainability.commission@Dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:Sustainability.commission@Dunwoodyga.gov) or [bobbi12@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi12@gmail.com).





## Other Recycling News

The City of Dunwoody will begin collecting cell phones, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, laptops, and digital cameras from the public at City Hall. Items will be recycled, and the funds received from the program will be used for other sustainability events around the community. The collection program should begin late October 2011. Please call 678-382-6811 for more details.

With the implementation of school recycling complete, the Recycling Committee would like to begin encouraging commercial recycling in the City. If you would like to join the efforts, please call 678-382-6811 for more details.

The City of Sandy Springs has private recycling collection. To get a list of their licensed private haulers go to [SandySpringsga.org/Approved-Solid-Waste-Haulers](http://SandySpringsga.org/Approved-Solid-Waste-Haulers) or call Keep North Fulton Beautiful at 770-551-7766. KNFB runs a recycling center on Morgan Falls Road, Sandy Springs. For daily hours and acceptable materials, go to their web site at [www.keepnorthfultonbeautiful.org/recycling.html](http://www.keepnorthfultonbeautiful.org/recycling.html).

The public is invited to attend Sustainability Commission meetings and input is invited at the end of each meeting. The Commission meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:45 AM in the City Council Chambers, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, GA 30346. The Commission members are appointed by the Dunwoody City Council. For more information about the Sustainability Commission, visit the City web site at [www.dunwoodyga.gov](http://www.dunwoodyga.gov).

Recycling Drop Off Location	Address	Items
Atlanta Paint Disposal Drop-off Program-Doraville	2784 Woodwin Rd Atlanta, GA 30360	Paint
Best Buy	Perimeter Location	Batteries, cables, cameras, cords, CD's, DVD's, cases, giftcards, remote controls, video game controls, wires
Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowe's, Office Depot, & Radio Shack	All local locations	batteries (rechargeable), cell phones
CVS	All Local Locations	medicine, empty medicine bottles
Goodwill	All local locations	Household items, computers, printers
Nike Reuse a Shoe; Vanderlyn	Nike Store Lenox location	Tennis shoes (NO cleats, crocs, flip-flops, sandals, or dress shoes)
Publix	All Locations	foam trays, plastic bags
Staples, Best Busy, Vanderlyn	All Local locations	printer cartridges
Target Optical, LensCrafters, Sunglass Hut	All Perimeter Locations	eye glasses



# Green Tips for Fall

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## Inexpensive solutions for Fall:

**Cover your air conditioner:** If you can't remove your window unit, consider covering it both inside and out. Besides protecting your air-conditioning unit, these covers also help keep cold air from entering your home through the space around the air-conditioner and can be a great way to lower utility bills.

**Caulk it:** Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering the home create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system. Most caulking products cost under \$10; rope caulk, one of the easiest types to apply, sells for about \$4 for 40 or 50 feet.

**Block drafts:** Draft blockers are foam plates that fit behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts that enter through those spaces. You can get a packet of 10 for about \$3 and they're easy to install with just a screwdriver.

**Install heat reflectors:** These are thin sheets that fit behind radiators, to reflect heat away from the wall and into the room, thereby maximizing each radiator's energy efficiency.

**Upgrade your thermostat:** Changing your thermostat to a programmable one allows you to control the temperature in your home at different times of the day without you being home. Keep the heat off when you're out of the house and set it to turn back up before you get home. Some also have a second set of settings for weekends, when people usually spend more time at home. The thermostats range from \$90 to \$175, but can save 12% or more on your energy bill and pay for itself within three years.

**Reflective Window Film:** Place these thin, plastic sheets directly on the inside of window panes and glass doors. The film reflects inside heat back into your home, reducing the amount that is conducted outside through windows. The film costs about \$10 a window and is easy to put on -- it adheres to the window directly, or with the help of water from a spray bottle.

**Storm Window Kits:** It can be expensive to have storm windows installed throughout your house, but there is a less-expensive way to weatherproof home windows. Storm window kits consist of plastic film or sheets to cover the window. Attaching the plastic is done with tape or tacks. Prices range from about \$3 to \$10 per window.

**Weatherstripping:** Create a tight seal around all your windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside. Weatherstrips are plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames with a self-adhesive backing. Prices vary, but average about \$5 per window or door.

**Need More Help?** The Home Energy Saver allows you to enter information about your home and compute what specific changes would result in energy and environmental savings.

[www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov](http://www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov).



# GPC Increases Resources for STEM Education

By Roger Barnes



Georgia Perimeter College has been awarded four grants to enhance the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs at the college and address the national shortage in students earning degrees in STEM majors.

These grants bring Georgia Perimeter a guaranteed \$2.6 million in STEM initiatives over the next five years with a potential of \$3.5 million if GPC is successful in reapplying for an annual USG STEM grant. The grants will be used for tutoring, scholarships, course materials, student recruiting and new administrators for STEM-related majors: engineering, computer science, biology, math, chemistry physics and geology.

From the National Science Foundation, GPC was awarded a \$1.5 million Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) grant. GPC was one of three colleges to receive this grant that more than 200 colleges nationwide applied for.

STEP will be used for a pre-college bridge program and to support students from their initial enrollment at GPC to their transfer to a four-year institution.

Also from the NSF, GPC received a five-year \$598,000 Educate and Nurture Leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math grant. This ENLISTEM grant provides scholarships for gifted students working on a degree in a STEM major.

The University System of Georgia awarded GPC a one-year \$310,000 STEM grant. The USG grant funds GPC's Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement club and also provides mini-





grants that instructors can use for special classroom projects. This grant also allows GPC to hire an executive-level administrator to coordinate all the college's new STEM initiatives.

GPC also learned that the NSF renewed a five-year, \$4.9 million Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation grant that Georgia Perimeter College shares with six other University System of Georgia institutions. This grant allows Fort Valley State University, Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State, Savannah State University, Southern Polytechnic State University, the University of Georgia and Georgia Perimeter to recruit, tutor and educate minorities and under-represented groups who have an interest in pursuing a degree in a STEM major.

National interest in STEM education is spurred by reports from the NSF pointing to a shortage of U.S. students completing STEM-related degrees. GPC is aggressively positioned as a frontrunner in reversing this trend.

"The goal (of the ENLISTEM grant) is to remove financial barriers to student success and provide support," said Marjorie Lewkowicz, Dunwoody Campus math professor. "For example, as freshmen, participants will receive ongoing intensive advisement and will meet with a faculty mentor on a bi-weekly basis. During the sophomore year, the focus will be on transfer advising. A major objective of the ENLISTEM program is to ensure that participants transfer to a four-year institution and continue on to a baccalaureate degree once they graduate from GPC."

The four grants give Georgia Perimeter an unprecedented role in addressing the shortfall in students earning STEM degrees, said GPC President Dr. Anthony S. Tricoli.

"Georgia Perimeter now has the resources to make a difference in the nation and in all the communities we serve as we prepare students from a wide diversity of backgrounds with a variety of tools for success," Tricoli said. "Whether they're looking for scholarships, tutoring, peer mentoring or more lively instruction, GPC should now be considered a top choice for students desiring a place to build a solid foundation in STEM-related knowledge and understanding before moving on to a four-year college."

Tricoli noted that GPC has been the leader in students transferring to Georgia Tech through the state's Regents Engineering Transfer Program.

"This is a testament to the outstanding work our instructors have done here in preparing our students to move on to four-year colleges as STEM majors and continuing to be successful once they leave GPC," Tricoli said.

# Georgia Perimeter Symposium Celebrates WWII Veterans

By Rebecca Rakoczy



In recognition of the men and women who served in World War Two, Georgia Perimeter College Dunwoody Campus will salute WWII veterans with a weeklong educational symposium, November 7 to 10. The symposium is free and open to the Dunwoody community and will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with all events held in NC-1100 on the Dunwoody Campus.

"Because of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served in World War II nearly 70 years ago, we are able to experience the unprecedented freedoms we enjoy today," said Dunwoody Campus history professor Thomas Graham, one of the event's organizers. "As the number of WWII patriots is rapidly decreasing, it's important that we recognize their contribution to our country."

The symposium will include a series of faculty panel presentations, guest speakers, films and displays. The selected topics include: "Economics of War," "Great Speeches of WWII," "Sociological Impact on American Society," "How WWII Impacted Scientific Discoveries," "Fly Boys of WWII," "Children of War" and "Life as POW, Internment of Holocaust Survivor." Films will include "The King's Speech," "Inglorious Basterds," "Saving Private Ryan" and others.

Each GPC campus will host the same presentations but on different days. Visit [www.gpc.edu](http://www.gpc.edu) to check the dates of events on the Dunwoody Campus.

The week will culminate with a USO-style dinner, program and swing dance, nostalgically reflecting the Big Band Era of the 1940s held in the Clarkston Campus Gym.

Tickets are \$50 for dinner and dance; free for WWII veterans. Tickets for the program and dance only are \$15; \$10 for GPC faculty and staff, and \$5 for non-GPC students. Proceeds from the event support the GPC Military Outreach Initiative. Students are free with GPC ID. For tickets, go to [www.giving.gpc.edu](http://www.giving.gpc.edu) or call 678-891-2555.

"GPC is committed to supporting and honoring returning military men, women, veterans and their families with their educational and career goals," said GPC President Dr. Anthony Tricoli. "Our goal with the GPC Military Outreach Initiative is to assist each student in the transition process, ensuring that they have the tools to succeed academically, so they can graduate and join the workforce, or transfer to another institution to achieve their career goals. Through the college's Military Outreach Center, we offer an array of resources and support services that help military students achieve success."

Sponsors for both the educational symposium and The Stage Door Dinner and Dance are The CRS Group at Merrill Lynch and the GPC Foundation.



# GPC Dunwoody Opens Sara Larson Lecture Series for Community and College

By Roger Barnes

Georgia Perimeter College's Dunwoody Campus Humanities Department offers the Sara Larson Lecture Series. The series is open to the public and focused on culture, ethnicity and history.

"Sara Larson is a professor emerita here at GPC who served for many years as the chair of the Humanities Department on the Dunwoody Campus but is now retired," said Louise McKinney, assistant professor of English, Dunwoody Campus. "She has remained very active in keeping our students connected to great writers and speakers. We decided to name the lecture series after her as we honor her contributions to the college.

All presentations in The Sara Larson Lecture Series will be held on GPC's Dunwoody Campus in Building C-1100 auditorium. Each presentation will be followed by a lively question-and-answer period (and book signing in some cases). The series is free and open to the community.

## **Who Are The Cajuns?**

11:30 a.m., Thurs., Oct. 27

Louisiana author, lawyer and cultural activist Warren Perrin sketches a fascinating portrait of this often-misperceived culture. Co-sponsored by the Canadian Consulate.

## **The "Twilight" Talks**

11:30 a.m., Thurs., Nov. 17

GPC professor Reginald Abbott and professor Hank Eidson of Dunwoody's English Department consider the Stephanie Meyer vampire-inspired saga just in time for "Breaking Dawn," Part I, the latest movie sequel.

## **Two Views of Stone Mountain**

10 a.m., Thurs., Dec. 1

Atlanta historian George Coletti, and photographer Larry Winslett take an informed look at our local geographical icon. Hosted by GPC professor Paul Hudson and librarian Lora Mirza, authors of "Atlanta's Stone Mountain."

# GPC Brings "A Midsummer's Night Dream" to Dunwoody

By Roger Barnes

Romance and mayhem abound as Georgia Perimeter College brings Shakespeare's classic comedy "A Midsummer's Night Dream" to the Dunwoody campus. The play, which chronicles the mishaps of Theseus, Hippolyta, four young Athenian lovers and a group of amateur actors who are manipulated by fairies, is one of the Bard's most popular works and has entertained audiences for centuries.

Show starts at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11-12-18-19 and 3 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 20 at the Dunwoody Campus auditorium (building NC, room 1100). Tickets are \$10. One ticket is free with GPC ID. For more information, visit [www.gpc.edu/finearts](http://www.gpc.edu/finearts) or call 678-891-3572.



# October 2011 City Calendar

October 06, 2011  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Begins: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall

October 10, 2011  
City Council Meeting  
Begins: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall

October 11, 2011  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Begins: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall

October 13, 2011  
Sustainability Commission Meeting  
Begins: 7:45 a.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall

October 24, 2011  
City Council Work Session  
Begins: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall

October 24, 2011  
City Council Meeting  
Begins: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Dunwoody City Hall



# Dunwoody Parks and Recreation

## October 2011 - December 2011

### Dunwoody Park

**Happenings at Dunwoody Nature Center**  
**5343 Roberts Drive**  
**770-394-3322**  
**[www.dunwoodynature.org](http://www.dunwoodynature.org)**

There are still many great Summer programs to attend at the Dunwoody Nature Center. Learn about our planet, local history, and more!

#### **October 15** **Tree Hug Festival**

Come learn the "ropes" with Peter "Treeman" Jenkins and his team from Tree Climbers International, Inc., will be offering climbs in not one but TWO of our fabulously inviting climbing trees!



#### **November 12** **Holiday Home Decor**

Kathy Kucifer, Floral designer, will present decorative techniques using natural materials during this adult "make and take" craft program.



#### **September 2011 - May 2012** **Homeschool Science Studies**

Hands-on topics are offered that correlate with the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) and grade level expectations. When registering, please inform the DNC staff of any accommodations or other assistance that your student may require so that we may better serve his/her needs. Registration for each class session is due by noon on Monday prior to class. Class minimum required: 4 students.

**July 25-29**



#### **Fall 2011** **Children's Nature Classes**

Explore science and nature through age-appropriate games, crafts, stories, and other seasonal experiments and activities. Choose the dates that fit your schedule.



# Family Fun at Dunwoody Nature Center

5343 Roberts Drive, Dunwoody GA 30338

770.394.3322

## Tree Hug Festival

**Featured activities:** Time reserved Tree Climbs- Rock Wall Climbing - Birds of Prey Shows - Trail Walks - Musical Entertainment, featuring singer Lori Linden.

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



Back by popular demand, this year's Tree Hug Festival is packed with more family fun and excitement, and **one admission price per person does it all!** Just \$10.00 for DNC Members and \$15 for Non-members ages 4- Adult!

Peter "Treeman" Jenkins and his team from *Tree Climbers International, Inc.*, will be offering climbs in not one but TWO of our fabulously inviting tree climbing trees! "Treeman" is the Founder of tree climbing as an organized sport and creator of the tree climbing "culture." He is world renowned for his expertise in the field and is a certified arborist as well. We are very excited to have these experts teaching our visitors "the ropes" of tree climbing! Members and non-members may reserve a timed ticket for their climb when purchasing ticket on-line at <http://www.dunwoodynature.org/do/familyfun.html> **NO LATER THAN October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** Any un-reserved climbs will be available on a first-come, first served basis on the day of the event. Participants **must** be present at least 10 minutes prior to their timed tree climb to gear up! !





# Dunwoody Parks and Recreation

## October 2011 - December 2011

### **Brook Run Park**

**4770 North Peachtree Road**

**October 29, 2011**

#### **Dunwoody Kids Bike Rodeo**

This event is free and open to the public. Bring the kids for some great fun and learning about safe riding! Kids need to bring their own bikes and helmets. There will be a raffle of door prizes, too!  
Time: 8am - 12pm

### **DeKalb Cultural Arts Center**

**Happenings at the Education Center**  
**5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road**  
**770-394-3447**

**October 28**

#### **Ceramic Bowl Sale 2011**

10th Annual Ceramic Bowl sale. 5pm - 9pm.

**November 7-11**

#### **Watercolor: Still Life, Figures, and Historic Photos**

Come study with Charles Reid in this 5-day intensive Watercolor Workshop; learn how to achieve correct color, edge variety, and tonal value on the first try. Charles will teach you how to simplify and avoid overworking your painting through his approach to figures, still life, and landscape. Registration opens Monday, August 30, 2010

**December 2-18**

#### **Stage Door Players**

##### **"Greetings"**

Andy has a sweet Catholic mother, a sour Catholic father and a severely retarded younger brother named Mickey. When he brings his Jewish atheist fiancé to meet the folks on Christmas Eve, his worst fears about family blow ups are realized. But when Mickey, whose entire vocabulary consists of "oh boy" and "wow," suddenly says "Greetings," everything they believe or don't believe is put to the test.

by Tom Dudzick

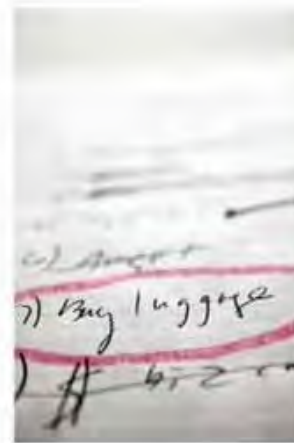
For information and reservations, please call the Box Office at 770-396-1726, or visit [www.stagedoorplayers.net](http://www.stagedoorplayers.net).

**Happenings at the Spruill Gallery**  
**4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road**  
**770-394-4091**

**Through October 29**

**Laura Noel: Subject Matters**

**Remembered: Photographs by Gregg Segal**



**LAURA NOEL:  
SUBJECT MATTERS**



**REMEMBERED:  
PHOTOGRAPHS  
BY GREGG SEGAL**

The Spruill Garden Project includes a vegetable garden created by master gardeners; all harvested food is being donated to food banks. There is also a sculpture garden on display.

Admission is **free**. For more information call 770-394-4019. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm.

# Bike Rodeo



Saturday  
October 29, 2011

WHERE:

Brook Run Park

4770 North Peachtree Road

WHEN:

8AM - 12PM

COST:

FREE

- Safety Tips
- Equipment Checks
- Hands-On Practice
- Helmet Fitting
- Great Give-Aways
- Bring your bikes, trikes, and unicycles!

**Open to Kids of All Ages!**

For additional information please contact Brent Walker at 678-382-6857



# Local and Community Events

## October 2011 - December 2011

**October 15**

### **Fire Safety Festival**

Come out and learn all about fire safety in a fun and kid friendly atmosphere. Check out the Fire Safety House, crafts, fire trucks, and more!

Begins: 12pm - 4pm

Location: Perimeter Mall

4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road



**October 22-23**

### **Dunwoody Music Festival**

Come out for two days of music, fun and more!

Event is headlined by Stars of 80's Rock featuring Jeff Carlisi from 38 Special.

Begins: 10/22 10am - 11pm

10/23 12pm - 11pm

Location: Brook Run Park

4770 North Peachtree Road

Dunwoody, GA

For questions, contact the Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce at 678-244-9700 or go to

[www.dunwoodymusicfestival.com](http://www.dunwoodymusicfestival.com)

**October 22**

### **Family Bike Ride**

Community Bike Ride. The distance of the ride is approximately 3 miles on neighborhood streets in Dunwoody.

Begins: 7:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Ride

Location: Dunwoody Elementary School

1923 Womack Road

Dunwoody, GA

**October 23**

### **Run Dunwoody**

RunDunwoody - Rotary Race to Serve - 5K/1M/Tot Trot and Family Festival

Location: Perimeter Place Center, Perimeter Center West at Perimeter Center Place, Atlanta, GA 30346

Begins: 8am

Contact: Kelly Hundley 404-378-7417

[info@rundunwoody.net](mailto:info@rundunwoody.net)

[www.rundunwoody.net](http://www.rundunwoody.net)

**November 5**

### **Clean, Fix, and Shine Up Dunwoody Day**

3rd Annual Volunteer Day to Fix Up a variety of locations around Dunwoody. This year 700-900 volunteers will be participating. If you see a volunteer be sure to cheer them on!

Begins: 8am

Location: All Around Dunwoody



**November 20**

### **Light Up Dunwoody**

An annual community event to welcome the holiday season, Light up Dunwoody Christmas Village opens at 3:00 pm and concludes with the lighting of the tree at 6:00 pm. Vendors will offer wonderful holiday treasures and refreshments!

Location: Dunwoody Village



**Through November 2**

### **Dunwoody Green Market**

Begins: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Dunwoody Village

1551 Dunwoody Village Pkwy.

Dunwoody, GA