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ers is the Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted June 17 to advertise a revenue neutral millage rate of 10.911

mills. This is nearly 1 mill less (0.87 mills) than the 2014 millage rate of 11.781.

The county set the advertised rate at its June 5 County Commission meeting, but the commissioners left open the door to reduce the millage rate even further once the new budget is adopted. However, advertising the 10.911 means the millage rate is capped at that amount but it could be less if the commissioners so desire.

Residents are assured of a 7 percent reduction in the millage rate of 11.781. How much of that reduction is eaten up by an increase in the valuation will depend on the individual revaluation. The amount of

Fulton assessments may be appealed

Anyone who disagrees with the county's assessed property value has the right to file an appeal with Fulton County. To get the details on the appeals process go online at www.fultonassessor.org.

tax collected will be revenue neutral or a little less than collected in 2014.

Every year, Fulton County is required to publicly advertise the maximum proposed millage rate for the current year.

Commissioner Bob Ellis said it is important to note that this will not necessarily be the final millage rate that will be applied in 2015. At the meeting, the Board of Com-

missioners discussed reducing the millage rate further if the digest allows.

It will also depend on the county's mid-year revenue and expense projections for the remainder of 2015, Ellis said.

The budget should also include a 4 percent cost of living allowance (COLA) for the 5,200 lowest paid employees that will cost \$8.8 million and a 2 percent raise for all employees.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA

FOR

ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR CITY PARKS

RFP 15-110

The City of Alpharetta is accepting proposals for **ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR CITY PARKS** including, but not limited to, labor, materials, and equipment to replace light bulbs, contactors, connectors, wiring, fuses, breakers, etc. for Park lights on the ball fields, parking lots, tennis courts, swimming pool area, building security lights, gyms and gymnastic center. The location of the work is within the City of Alpharetta, Georgia.

The Request for Proposal document will be available online **Thursday, June 11, 2015**, under the tab "Bids Online" on our website, www.alpharetta.ga.us.

Proposals are due on **Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the City of Alpharetta Finance Department, 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009.

For information, please contact **Debora Westbrook** at the City of Alpharetta Finance Department via email at purchasing@alpharetta.ga.us or 678-297-6052.

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FOR

FY 2016 MILLING AND RESURFACING

ITB #16-001

The City of Alpharetta is accepting bids for **FY 2016 MILLING AND RESURFACING** including, but not limited to, maintaining traffic control measures, milling existing pavement, installing tack coat, installing asphaltic concrete surface course, laying temporary striping, performing cleanup, and related work. The location of the work is at various locations within the City of Alpharetta, Georgia.

All construction shall conform to the State of Georgia Standard Specifications for the Construction of Transportation Systems, 2013 Edition. Only contractors that have been pre-qualified with the Georgia Department of Transportation to perform this class of work shall be allowed to submit bids. Please submit your Georgia Department of Transportation qualification specification letter with the package.

The Plans and Project Manual will be available online **Thursday, June 25, 2015** at <https://www.ebidexchange.com/alpharetta>.

The bid opening will be held on **Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM** at the City of Alpharetta Finance Department, 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009.

For information, please contact **Stephanie Cochran** at the City of Alpharetta Finance Department at 678-297-6052 or via email at purchasing@alpharetta.ga.us.

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snesbitt@dot.ga.gov
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(678) 512-3200

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**City of Johns Creek Board of Zoning Appeals, Public Hearing:
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

**City of Johns Creek Council Chamber
12000 Findley Road, Suite 300
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097**

The following Variance proposals located within The City of Johns Creek are scheduled for Public Hearing as stated above.

Case Number: V-15-007
Petitioner: Bryan Warren
Present Zoning: R-4 - Conditional
Property Location(s): 11405 Frazier Fir Lane
Variance Request: To encroach up to 13 feet into the 35-foot front yard setback for additions.



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CITY OF JOHNS CREEK

RFQ-15-216-3

RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATION SERVICES

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Ocee and Northeast Spruill Oaks host July 16 programs

Shadow puppetry tells Hero's Journey

The Hero's Journey, literature's renowned storytelling template, will be told through shadow puppetry at Ocee at 11 a.m. Hero and heroine tales from around the world will be shared. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited.

Art for kids

At 2 p.m. professional art educators will hold an instructional art program for elementary age students. Spots are limited to 20. Ocee is located at 5090 Abbotts Bridge Road. For information call 770-360-8897.

Craft your goals

Also at 2 p.m. Northeast Spruill Oaks invites the community to plan ahead and set goals at a vision board-crafting event. Northeast Spruill Oaks is located at 9560 Spruill Road. For information call 770-360-8820.

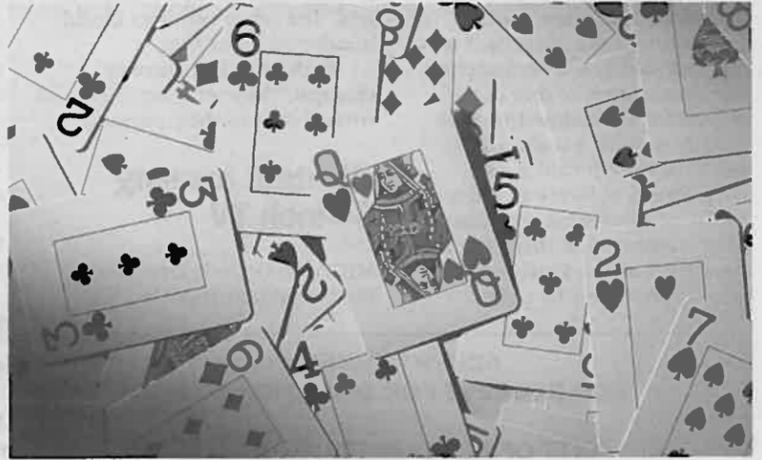
-Hillary Hunnings

Junior bridge camp hosted at Ocee Library

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. - Learn bridge at the Atlanta Junior Bridge camp. Camp runs from July 20 to July 24 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is free and open to ages 8 to 18. Pre-registration is required.

To inquire and or reserve a spot contact Karen Christian via phone at 770-998-9723 or email kschrist2@yahoo.com. Ocee library will host the camp. The library is at 5090 Abbotts Bridge Road. For information call 770-360-8897.

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REQ #15-216-1

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was. He also allegedly admitted to drinking numerous beers before heading out to get food. The man was arrested and charged with DUI, reckless driving, criminal trespass, driving with an open container of alcohol and striking an object.

Missing: golf clubs, bag

MILTON, Ga. – Someone stole golf clubs out of a Freemanville Road resident's car June 30.

The victim told police they first noticed something amiss

when their electric driveway gate did not work properly. Someone had unplugged it. A search of the home and the vehicle showed that a set of golf clubs, valued at \$800 in a \$150 bag, was reported missing.

Frisbee golf discs fly away

MILTON, Ga. – Someone made off with nearly 60 Frisbee golf discs. The Hopewell Road victim told police he placed his Frisbee golf duffel bag and discs in the carport of his home. He went on a trip for a few days. When he returned July 3, the discs and bag were missing. They are valued at \$20 apiece and all had the victim's name and number on them.

What a steal!

MILTON, Ga. – A Walmart employee was suspected in stealing nearly \$120 in clothing from the store. According to store workers, the 19-year-old Decatur resident finished her shift June 27 and proceeded to the clothing section. There, she selected shirts, shoes, dresses and a swim suit before heading to a register. She also picked up a bottle of water. At the register, a fellow employee allegedly pretended to ring up the items and placed them in a bag. The suspect paid \$4.19 for some items and left without paying for the rest.

She was later arrested for shoplifting.

Library:

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center," he said.

Alpharetta's arts center sits in historic Crabapple, surrounded by the city of Milton. Many residents are unaware of its existence.

"That library, the architecture lends itself to an arts center," Mitchell said. "The visibility of that building would create a thriving arts center."

Ultimately, it will be up to the City Council to decide its purpose. For Douglas, he would prefer the city preserve the building, no matter the use.

"It would be a shame to lose that. It's an icon of the community," Douglas said. "It's different from everything surrounding it and anything else in the downtown area."

The old Alpharetta library is closed as the catalogue is moved to the new library, down the street.

The new Alpharetta Library will open July 30 at 11 a.m. It is located at 10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta 30009.

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"This reduction is a result of significant improvements in the structure and operations of Fulton County since January.

"It has been a total team effort, and I am proud of the new tone of our Board of Commissioners and the collaborative synergy that has been developed during the past six months."

Hausmann says the reductions are possible because the county is putting new and better management systems in place to make government more efficient. These should

continue and will allow further reductions in the future.

"That's my hope, anyway," she said. "The new commission had definitely had a different attitude toward our financial management, and I'm very happy about that."

Ellis agreed with Hausmann that more reductions can be achieved.

"It would have been nice to get it back to 2013 rates, but it is a reduction and a good place to wind up at a fiscally sound place this year and put us in a good position to bring things down a little more [in 2016]," Ellis said. "It demonstrates we're making some progress and bringing some efficiencies to bear and being more sound

with our money."

The commission will build on this next year.

The budget will not have to be adjusted. This is a fairly conservative budget, so Ellis said there should not be any aggressive cuts in the last half of the fiscal year.

Unfilled jobs of more than 6 months have allowed the county to recapture salaries and provide more of a cushion.

"Some contingency funds have not had to be used. So our expense side looked better. On the revenue side everything was fine also," he said. "All in all, the expense side was not as bad and the revenue is better."

No cuts are anticipated

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LIZ HAUSMANN
District 1 Commissioner

even with the millage rate reduction.

The new reduced property tax rate will be reflected in the

Fulton County portion of tax bills that will be distributed in August with payment due Oct. 15.

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STORMWATER ORDINANCE REVISION
RFQ # 16-1003

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WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN
LONG INDIAN CREEK
RFQ # 16-1002

The City of Alpharetta (City) is accepting Statements of Qualifications for the **Watershed Improvement Plan - Long Indian Creek** project from qualified consultants to provide services to the City.

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DEATH NOTICES

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James Howard Camp, 87, of Cumming, passed away July 19, 2015. Arrangements by Ingram Funeral Home.

Angelo Dios, 75, of Cumming, passed away July 17, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

Joe Ezell, of Roswell, passed away July 20, 2015. Arrangements by Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.



Charlene Grissom, 62, of Cumming, passed away July 19, 2015. Arrangements by Ingram Funeral Home.

Thomas Hemingway, 81, of Cumming, passed away July 19, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

Inez C. Stewart Howard, of Milton, passed away July 17, 2015. Arrangements by Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.



Kathy Marie Jolly, 57, of Cumming, passed away July 18, 2015. Arrangements by Ingram Funeral Home.

Elizaveta Mihailovskaia, 88, of Cumming, passed away July 18, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

John Ward Morton, 54, of Cumming, passed away July 13, 2015. Arrangements by McDonald and Son Funeral Home.

Michael Alex Pratt, 50, of Cumming, passed away July 21, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

Judy Shidley, 62, of Cumming, passed away July 10, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

Nancy Jane Thierman, 83, of Cumming, passed away July 21, 2015. Arrangements by Byars Funeral Home.

Charles Auston Vandergrift, 82, of Cumming, passed away July 16, 2015. Arrangements by Ingram Funeral Home.

SNAP:

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increase dipped to 3.10 during 2012 to 2013, but SNAP households upped to a 40.22 percent increase.

Johns Creek

In Johns Creek SNAP households' percent increase completely surpassed total household percent increase from 2009 to 2013.

From 2009 to 2010 the total household percentage increase was 31.32 percent, whereas the SNAP household percentage increase was

135.55 percent. During 2010 to 2011 total households increased 3.18 percent, while SNAP households increased 19.29 percent. 2011 to 2012 total households increased 2.08 percent, while SNAP households increased 14.12 percent. 2012 to 2013 even saw a 0.16 percent total household decrease, yet SNAP households increased 34.28 percent.

Roswell

Roswell's SNAP household percent increase also completely surpassed its total household percent increase. From 2009 to 2010 the total household percent increase

was 12.19 percent, while SNAP households increased 75.97 percent.

During 2010 to 2011 total households increased only 1.10 percent, while SNAP households increased 34.98 percent.

From 2011 to 2012 total households increased only 1.89 percent, yet SNAP households increased 24.37 percent. From 2012 to 2013 there was only a 1.12 total household percent increase, but SNAP households still increased 27.34 percent.

Households with children under 18 are predominately the face of North Fulton SNAP recipients.

According to the same U.S.

Census American Community Survey Five Year estimates, from 2009 to 2013 Alpharetta saw an average percentage of 73.21 SNAP households with children under 18 from 2009 to 2013.

In Johns Creek the average percentage of SNAP households with children under 18 was 80.26 percent. Roswell's SNAP households with children 18 and under average percentage was 64.258.

Milton

In Milton the average was 48.64. Milton is the only city, of these four North Fulton cities, where the average percentage of SNAP households with one or more person 60 years or older outweighed SNAP households with children 18 and under.

North Fulton free-and-reduced school-lunch data also reflects the need for local childhood food assistance. Some public schools in the area have as many as 30 percent of their student population receiving free or reduced lunches.

"Since 2008, students who participated in the federal school lunch program within our service jurisdiction increased by 41 percent, while in the same period the total student population grew by 8 percent," said Malbrough.

Meanwhile North Fulton Community Charities' Food Pantry aims to alleviate hunger in the community through partnering its staff with local individuals and faith, civic and corporate groups.

"The pantry itself runs with the help of over 120 volunteers each week that fill orders, stocks shelves and manages the incoming donations," said Malbrough.

On a daily basis the pantry can provide 600 cans of vegetables, 300 cans of soup and 100 boxes of cereal.

"So keeping the pantry supplied and stocked is vital to our program," she said.

NFCC supports 5,000 families annually and provides 9 tons of food and nutritional support on a weekly basis.

"Providing the vital food resources requested allows one less family to make the decision between keeping the lights on or purchasing groceries," Malbrough said.

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL FULTON COUNTY P. I. NUMBER 0010418

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: **6/30/15**

The project will widen SR 120/Kimball Bridge Road from 2 to 4 lanes from State Bridge Road to Jones Bridge Road and will include the addition of an 8 to 10 foot enhanced sidewalk on both sides. The improvements include reconfiguring existing operational right-of-way to accommodate four lanes where the existing two lanes create bottleneck conditions. The project also includes operational improvements to medians, turn lanes, and traffic signals, and reconfiguration of the existing pavement and ROW to add two through lanes. The through lanes would connect to the existing four-lane sections and eliminate the bottleneck. SR 120/Kimball Bridge Road within the intersections with State Bridge Road and Jones Bridge Road has previously been widened to the ultimate 4-lane width and this project will connect to those sections. The project has a total project length of 1.25 miles and is located entirely in Fulton County. The project is located in the 1st Land District of Fulton County and Land Lots 121, 128, 129, 153, 156-159, 162-164, 192, 193, 197, and 198.

This project will involve structural overlay of the existing pavement with full-depth widening to accommodate the future 4 lane sections. A 20' raised median will be added to the corridor along with urban outside shoulders including closed drainage systems. The left shoulder will include a 10' enhanced concrete sidewalk and the right shoulder will include a 5' concrete sidewalk. The existing and new drainage structure locations will be evaluated to ensure adequate drainage with minimal impacts to adjacent parcels. The City of Johns Creek will be paying for the Right of Way Acquisition.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

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(770) 528-3238

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

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Johns Creek, Georgia 30097
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Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

