

EVERGREEN

A partnership between the City of Alpharetta, Keep Johns Creek Beautiful, the City of Milton, and the City of Roswell

UPCOMING EVENTS

12.19.12

**Leopold Education Project
PLU Workshop**

Registration Deadline!

See pages 6-7

1.5.13

**Bring One for the Chipper
Christmas Tree Recycling**

See pg 2 for locations and times

1.21.13

Sensitive Document Shredding

9⁰⁰am – 1⁰⁰pm

**Sandy Springs Recycling Center
470 Morgan Falls Rd. 30350**

1.24.13

Joe Lamp'I Seminar

7⁰⁰pm – 8³⁰pm

Milton City Hall

13000 Deerfield Parkway

Joe Lamp'I of Growing a Greener World PBS program will present a workshop open to the public on weedless gardening and how to organically control unwanted wildlife in your yard.

1.24, 1.29, & 1.31.13

**Leopold Education Project
PLU Curriculum Workshop**

4⁰⁰pm - 7³⁰pm

Chattahoochee River

Environmental Education Center

LEP is a conservation and environmental curriculum based on the classic writings of the renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold. Educators have the opportunity to earn 1 PLU. See pages 6-7.

2.2.13

Sensitive Document Shredding

9⁰⁰am – 1⁰⁰pm

Panera Bread

11715 Medlock Bridge Rd.

Centennial High School Dedicates their new Outdoor Classroom!

The Environmental Club at Centennial High School was established over 5 years ago. Since that time, these committed students have accomplished a great deal. Julie Burroughs, the clubs Sponsor and a Mathematics teacher at Centennial High, said, "These students set a great example. They have benefitted our school in many ways while engaging with community non-profit partners and corporations as well as with all levels of government in supporting and modeling initiatives where 'stewardship' means taking "Action"."

On October 24, 2012, their recently completed Outdoor Classroom was dedicated with a small ceremony involving city council members, students, and volunteers. They also celebrated the school's certification as a Schoolyard Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. The beautiful pergola that welcomes visitors to the outdoor classroom was dedicated to honor Anne Kennedy, a North Fulton Master Gardener, and Cindy Eade, a Centennial parent volunteer, who have mentored the students and assisted them with the design and execution of the project. The classroom also contains several handmade picnic tables, a rock garden, and nine raised garden beds currently occupied by autumn vegetables. October 24 was also dedicated as "Julie Burroughs Day".



In addition to the outdoor classroom, Environmental Club students have participated in an annual Rivers Alive cleanup on the Chattahoochee River, organized paint, bottle, and paper recycling events, volunteered their time with local animal shelters and city events, and have won awards for their efforts from Keep Roswell Beautiful and Keep Georgia Beautiful.

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT

2.23.13

Roswell Green Expo
10⁰⁰am - 2⁰⁰pm

850 Hembree Rd, Roswell

Participate in workshops and visit vendors that can help you green your lifestyle! Visit www.RoswellGreenExpo.org

3.2.13

Big Creek Wetlands Workday
9⁰⁰am - 12⁰⁰pm

1600 Old Alabama Rd, Roswell

Join other volunteers as we beautify Big Creek Wetlands Park! Lunch will be provided for volunteers who pre-register! www.KeepRoswellBeautiful.org for more information.

3.6.13

Lawn Care Workshop

7⁰⁰pm - 8⁰⁰pm

1790 Hembree Rd, Alpharetta

Register at (678) 297-6200. Free!

3.22.13 - 3.23.13

EEA Annual Conference

The Foundry, Athens

"21st Century Communication for Environmental Educators"

Cultural Arts Patrons launch the Northwestern Middle School Art & Creative Club

A unique program partnering businesses, arts patrons and students

Monfort's Education Fund for Youth Art, a non-profit organization dedicated to building creative opportunities for all ages, has recently launched the Art and Creative Club for Fulton County's Northwestern Middle School (NMS). "Northwestern is committed to challenging students to strive to their full potential for academic excellence and personal growth," says Ashley McGill, Assistant Principal and club advisor. Our goal is to provide discovery based learning for students who want to explore their creative side through the cultural arts.

"We have successfully partnered with the business community and other arts patrons to sponsor students to cover their tuition," says Nancy Suttles, Creative Director and volunteer. These programs are essential for students who want to learn more about the cultural arts, creativity and critical thinking. Our goal is to use this first project as a model we can take into other schools across the nation. By partnering with Dr. and Mrs. Ray Hoyum, founders of Monfort's Education Fund for Youth Art, we are able to offer programs at little or no cost to the participants. It is a win-win for everyone."

The first semester will be a 12 week program and feature a mural project that will be installed on a wall in Northwestern's sustainable garden in early December 2012. Classes are being taught by Maureen Engle, a professional artist and painter with over 25 years of experience.

Students will meet each Tuesday after school from 4:15 - 5:30 pm to work on their panels.

The project was inspired by Dr. John Bartlett, a science teacher at NMS, who created the outdoor Permaculture classroom where the mural will be installed. Permaculture is an ecological, holistic and sustainable design system and philosophy for human living spaces. The goal of this first mural class is to encourage the students to interact with the environment and create beautiful art to enjoy.

"Our goal is to raise enough money and awareness that we can offer additional after school art classes for 2013. As a "mobile mini-art school", we have the resources, experience and professional instructor base to give students a real opportunity to build their skills to become independent contributors to the community," says Dr. Hoyum. "There is no limit to the positive impact we can have on creative talent of all ages."

Don't forget to check out

EEnorthfulton.weebly.com

for the latest news on environmental education in North Fulton.

We welcome your pictures and stories!

Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling

Saturday, January 5, 2013

Multiple Locations!

Sandy Springs Recycling Center
470 Morgan Falls Rd. 30350
9am - 4pm

Milton High School
(Freemanville Road entrance)
9am - 3pm

Scottsdale Farms
15639 Birmingham Hwy 30004
9am - 3pm

Home Depot Alpharetta
5300 Windward Parkway 30004
9am - 3pm

Home Depot Johns Creek
5950 State Bridge Rd. 30097
9am - 4pm

Home Depot Roswell
1580 Holcomb Bridge Rd. 30076
9am - 4pm

Home Depot Roswell
870 Woodstock Rd. 30075
9am - 4pm

Home Depot Sandy Springs
6400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. 30328
9am - 4pm



Arbor Day Geo-Hunt Coming in January

If you enjoy the challenge of geocaching, or even the fun of a good old fashioned treasure hunt, you will want to participate in Alpharetta's first ARBOR DAY GEO-HUNT. This contest is sponsored by the Alpharetta Natural Resource Commission and will run from mid-January through the City's Arbor Day Celebration on March 9, 2013 at Rock Mill Park.

What is a "GEO-HUNT?" Just like geocaching it will involve the use of GPS coordinates to search for hidden treasure boxes. Unlike geocaching, this GEO-HUNT will offer participants a chance to learn about some of our City's most treasured natural resources... our trees! Information gained can then be used to enter the GEO-HUNT Contest for a chance to win valuable prizes.

For more information about the ARBOR DAY GEO-HUNT and Contest be sure to check the [City_of Alpharetta website](http://City_of_Alpharetta_website) in early January.

Do you need free mulch for some open areas at your school? Most of you know about the Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree Recycling Program but did you know that your school can request some of the free mulch; delivered free too? [Fax in your request!](#)

Milton is First New North Fulton City to earn ARC's GREEN COMMUNITY STATUS



Milton is one of the latest cities to earn Green Communities certification for leadership in implementing policies and practices that contribute to efficient and sustainable use of resources in metro Atlanta. The city has earned approximately 30 measures dedicated to becoming a Green Community and is now recognized as a Bronze level Green Community. Milton's participation in the EVERGREEN SCHOOL PROGRAM earned the city

additional innovation points for the certification. All together, 18 jurisdictions have been certified since the program was created four years ago.

Cindy Eade, the city's Sustainability coordinator, said city staff and the Milton Grows Green volunteer committee have worked for years to achieve this Green Communities certification. "Only six years old, the city staff and city council has recognized the value of being a 'green community' in promoting an excellent quality of life combined with environmental stewardship," she said.

The process has propelled Milton to look at sustainable practices within government operations and make changes that will have a positive impact on many aspects of the environment, Eade said, including:

- Energy and water consumption,
- Green building standards,
- Reducing waste,
- Protecting green space and trees,
- Promoting sustainable practices to employees and the community, among others

"This award has taken a combined effort from all departments in the city and we are proud that City of Milton recognizes the economic and environmental benefits that this award represents," she said. "We will continue to expand our sustainability programs and plan to apply for Silver status in 2014."

Citizen Science Opportunities for your Students!

Do your students or family like to birdwatch? There are currently a number of citizen science projects that everyone can participate in. These range from bird feeder watch to inquiry based science curriculum. Visit the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) for some wonderful resources!



City of Milton 2013 Education Grant Program

The City of Milton, Georgia has set aside funds for public and private schools located within the city limits to use for environmental education programs. Awards of up to \$250 per school are available through a grant application and award process. Applicants must be current members of the Milton Evergreen School Program for 2012-2013.

School Principals, PTA officers, teachers, club sponsors and school volunteers are encouraged to submit project applications. Projects are encouraged, but not required, to focus on solid waste reduction and water conservation education that will benefit a large number of students in each school selected. Projects related to issues such as recycling, or education about storm water awareness and non point source pollution are strongly encouraged.

Grant applications are due no later than January

18, 2013. If awarded, funds must be used for projects to be completed by September 30, 2013. The determination of the award to a school will be based on the project's focus and educational value, the number of students affected and the number of total grant applications received. There is a maximum of one grant award per school.

This project is jointly administered by Milton Grows Green and the City of Milton. Applications should be mailed, emailed or faxed to:

Cindy Eade
Sustainability Coordinator, City of Milton.
13000 Deerfield Parkway, Suite 107A
Milton GA 30004
cindy.eade@cityofmiltonga.us
678.242.2509 (o), 678.242.2499 (f)

Notification of awards will be made the week of January 28, 2013

Milton wins Clean Air Campaign PACE Award

MILTON, Ga., Nov. 15, 2012 - The City of Milton took first place for local governments in the Clean Air Campaign's 2012 PACE awards thanks to the city's commute options programs to reduce traffic and improve air quality.

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Cindy Eade received the award Nov. 7 at the Clean Air Campaign's awards ceremony at the Georgia-Pacific Auditorium. She said the recognition is a testament to the city's enhancement of operations while conserving resources. "This is a wonderful honor," said Eade. "It will only strengthen our efforts to provide to Milton residents the cleanest, greenest and most efficient local government possible."

The Milton Grows Green Committee spearheaded the partnership with the Clean Air Campaign in October 2011. City of Milton employees have since removed 7,187 vehicle miles from roadways and kept 3.59 tons of pollution out of our air through compressed work weeks, riding MARTA and teleworking options. Efforts are also underway to place "No-Idling" signs and stickers on city-owned vehicles and create reserved parking spots for carpools, vanpools and alternate-energy vehicles.

The City of Milton also promotes at city events the Clean Air Campaign and Clean Air Schools program, which counts Birmingham Falls and Crabapple Crossing elementaries as members. Additionally, in May 2009 the city received a Safe Routes to Schools grant promoting biking and walking to school at Crabapple Crossing and Summit Hill elementaries and Northwestern Middle School.

LEOPOLD EDUCATION PROJECT

PLU Curriculum Workshop

“The problem, then, is how to bring about a striving for harmony with land among a people many of whom have forgotten there is any such thing as land, among whom education and culture have become almost synonymous with landlessness. This is the problem of conservation education.”

~ Aldo Leopold

ABOUT THE LEOPOLD EDUCATION PROJECT (LEP)

LEP is an innovative, interdisciplinary, critical thinking, conservation and environmental education curriculum based on the classic writings of the renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold. It focuses on humanity's ties to the natural environment in the effort to conserve and protect the earth's natural resources.

Aldo Leopold foresaw and articulated one of the largest problems facing humankind – how do we maintain a sense of connection to the natural systems that support us when urbanization and other changes in our society are increasingly disconnecting us from the land? Our population is not only losing contact, but also losing the realization that we are dependent upon ecosystems. Leopold described this attitude as “landlessness.”

The Leopold Education Project strives to counteract this landless feeling and to instill a land ethic among tomorrow's stewards. LEP does this through an interdisciplinary approach of reading about Leopold's recorded discoveries and participating in meaningful “hands on” activities, which provide students an opportunity to increase their appreciation for the land and to expand their ecological awareness.



LEOPOLD EDUCATION PROJECT

PLU Curriculum Workshop

- WHEN:** January 24, 29, 31 (3rd day is optional to earn 1 PLU)
4:00pm - 7:30pm
- WHERE:** Chattahoochee River Environmental Education Center
8615 Barnwell Rd • Johns Creek, GA 30022
- WHO:** Open to teachers and PTA, grades K-12, working in Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, or Roswell schools
- COST:** \$30 (includes curriculum, a copy of *A Sand County Almanac*, and refreshments)

REGISTRATION

Name _____

School _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Check here if you plan to attend all 3 days to earn 1 PLU

Are you a...

Teacher

Grade(s) _____

PTA

Other _____

EverGreen Jurisdiction

Alpharetta

Johns Creek

Milton

Roswell

Return your registration and payment by **December 19, 2012** to

Vicki Culbreth
11570 Maxwell Road
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Please make checks payable to **Keep North Fulton Beautiful**

Questions? Call 770.641.3742 or email vculbreth@roswellgov.com

Ever wanted to be on Project Runway? Do you have what it takes to create an amazing outfit out of unusual materials? If you answered YES, then you should be a part of our

STUDENT TRASHION SHOW

All students in the city of Roswell are invited to create outfits with trash and recycled items to be displayed on the runway during the **Roswell Green Expo!**

The event

2nd Annual **Roswell Green Expo**

February 23, 2013 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hembree Park Activity Building • 850 Hembree Road ~ Roswell, Georgia 30076

Rules and guidelines

1. Any student group, grades K-12, located within the city of Roswell is eligible to participate (classrooms, school clubs, scout groups, etc).
2. There is no limit to how many outfits each group can create.
3. Acceptable materials include any type of reused or recycled items, such as paper, plastic, tin, etc., which otherwise would have gone in the trash or recycling bin.
4. Fabric may ONLY be used as a base on which to attach your recycled items.
5. Attachment materials, such as staples, glue, string, etc. are permitted.
6. Decorative materials, such as paint, marker, glitter, sewing notions, etc are NOT permitted.
7. Each outfit must be modeled by a student on the runway during the Trashion Show.

Judging

For fun, all outfits will be judged by Green Expo staff and volunteers. Categories for judging are: **Most Creative, Best Construction, and Most Chic.**

Registration

Please fill out the form below. You will be contacted about the day-of schedule and other details for the runway show.

Name of group _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

How many outfits are you bringing? _____

Return the completed form by **January 31, 2013** to: Vicki Culbreth, 11570 Maxwell Road, Alpharetta, Ga 30009
Questions? Email vculbreth@roswellgov.com or call 770.641.3742