

EVERGREEN

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

4.13.13
Earth Day Kids' Fest
10am - 3pm
Chattahoochee Nature Center
[Click here for more information!](#)

4.13.13 & 4.14.13
Alpharetta Arts Street Fest
10am - 6pm
2 South Main Street, Alpharetta
This yearly celebration of the features live jazz and acoustical music, cultural arts performances, children's activities and festival cuisine.

4.20.13
City of Roswell
Wildlife Habitat Celebration
11am - 1pm
Smith Plantation Home
See page 3

4.20.13
Milton Earth Day Festival
11am - 3pm
Friendship Community Park,
Crabapple
See page 5

4.20.13
Document Shredding (10am - 12pm)
& Electronics Recycling (9am - 1pm)
Alpharetta Dept. of Public
Safety
2565 Old Milton Parkway
Check City website in for
acceptable items. 5 Box limit on
shredding

4.24.13
Gardening with Perennials - Free!
7pm - 8³⁰pm
Alpharetta Engineering/Public
Works Dept.
1790 Hembree Road
Call 678.297.6200 to register.

4.27.13
Bulky Recyclin Day & Document
Shredding
9am - 2pm
State Farm Insurance Atlanta
Operations Center
11350 Johns Creek Parkway
See flyer on page 8

FINAL EVERGREEN SCHOOLS MEETING MAY 8!

You will not want to miss the final Evergreen School meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013! We will meet at 4:30pm at the Johns Creek Environmental Center, 8100 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell GA 30022. (4 miles East of GA 400 at the Chattahoochee River.)

At this meeting, Evergreen participants will be highlighting their school's environmental programs. We'd like all attendees to make a brief (3 minute) presentation of their school's environmental goals and successes. You'll come away with lots of inspiration for your school or organization! Please contact your EverGreen coordinator to RSVP and to let them know if you will be presenting. Visuals, powerpoints, and handouts are encouraged!

As always, food will be provided by Harry's Farmers Market and children are welcome.

And don't forget: Evergreen School Representatives need to complete their Evergreen report, detailing how you worked towards your goals, by April 26. Please email completed reports to your EverGreen coordinator.



Thank You, Kim!

We were honored to have Kim Bailey of EEinGeorgia.com as our meeting presenter last month. Her insight on grant writing and how to find grants was very enlightening. As a reviewer of numerous applications, she has a unique perspective on how to write an effective grant application. She had several tips and tricks on how to make your application stand out from the rest of the pack.

She also gave us an overview of her website, www.eeingorgia.com, which is a clearinghouse for environmental education in Georgia. Not only does it list upcoming grants, but also details events, workshops, and organizations that can help you achieve your environmental education goals. We encourage you to visit if you haven't already!

For those who missed Kim's presentation, she has graciously allowed us to post some of her grant writing tips as a resource on www.eenorthfulton.weebly.com. Please check it out!

UPCOMING EVENTS, CON'T

5.4.13
City of Roswell
Drinking Water Festival & Open House
10am - 1pm
Cecil Wood Water Plant
100 Dobbs Drive
See flyer on page 6

5.18.13
Johns Creek Public Works Day
10am
Johns Creek High School
5575 State Bridge Road
Public Works Day provides an up-close view of bulldozers, backhoes, public safety vehicles and other cool machines, in conjunction with National Public Works Week. Games, children's activities, prizes, music and food are also featured.

5.18.13
Rain Barrel Workshop
10am - 11am
Alpharetta Engineering/Public Works Dept.
1790 Hembree Road
Cost: \$40.00 includes a diverter. Call 404.612.8745 to register.

6.1.13
FREE Document Shredding
9am - 1pm
Panera Bread
11715 Medlock Bridge Road
Open to all!

6.5.13
FREE Shrubs & Roses Workshop
7pm - 8³⁰pm
Alpharetta Engineering/Public Works Dept.
1790 Hembree Road
Call 678.297.6200 to register.



Presenting the work of artists from throughout the U.S., the Alpharetta Arts Streetfest is a yearly celebration of the arts in the Alpharetta Historic District. We will close downtown streets and fill them with original high-quality art. [View the 2012 artists.](#)

This colorful festival features live jazz and acoustical music, cultural arts performances, children's activities and festival cuisine.



Register for EE Week 2013!

Join a national network of educators and organizations dedicated to increasing the environmental knowledge of K-12 students. See more at: <http://www.eeweek.org/register#sthash.Mm9PvM7T.dpuf>

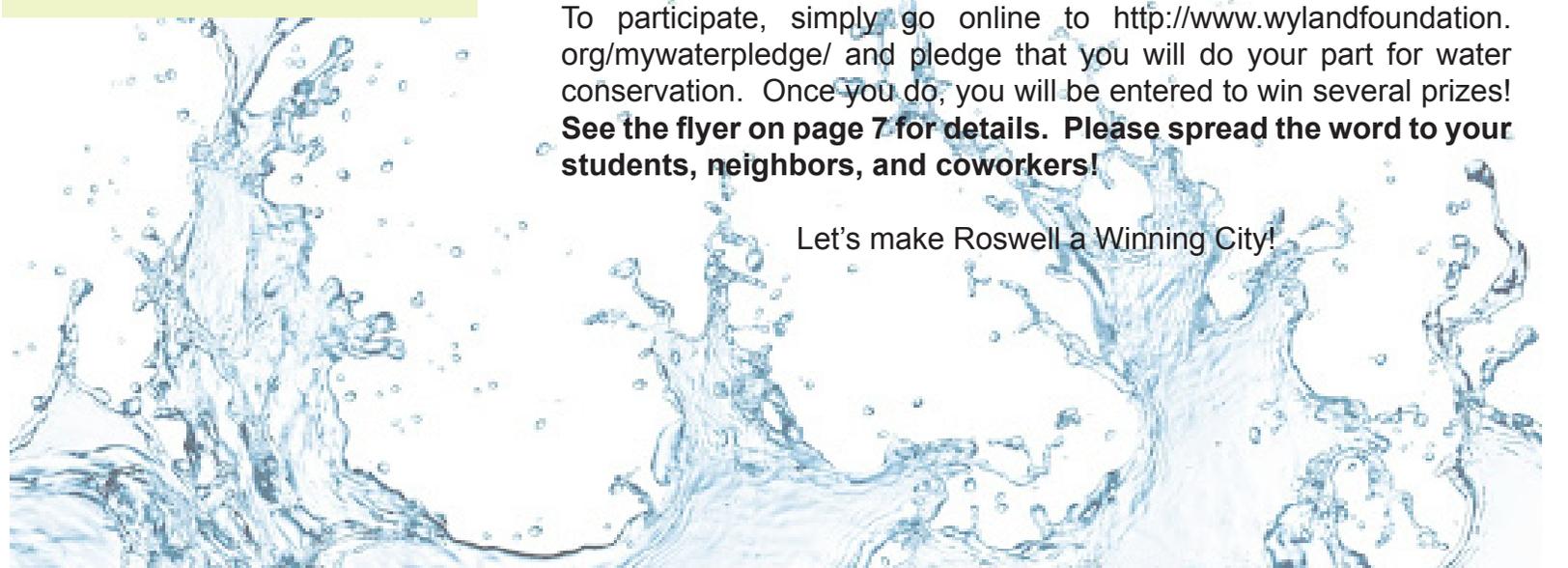


**Roswell Residents:
Help us Win the Mayor's Challenge!**

Roswell residents - We need your help! The City of Roswell is competing in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, sponsored by the Wyland Foundation. Cities are competing in 5 population categories to see who has the most conservation minded citizens! Currently, Roswell is ranked #8 in the 30,000-99,999 category. Let's push for #1!!

To participate, simply go online to <http://www.wylandfoundation.org/mywaterpledge/> and pledge that you will do your part for water conservation. Once you do, you will be entered to win several prizes! **See the flyer on page 7 for details. Please spread the word to your students, neighbors, and coworkers!**

Let's make Roswell a Winning City!

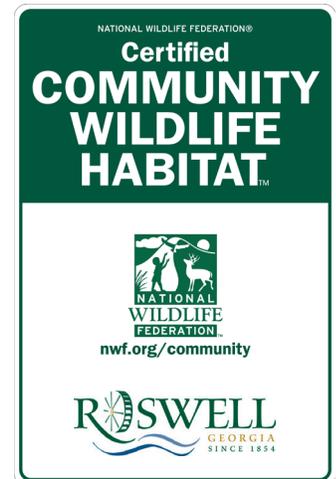


Congratulations City of Roswell, Certified Community Wildlife Habitat!

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has designated the City of Roswell a Community Wildlife Habitat, the 66th community in the country and third in Georgia to receive this honor, after Chamblee and Johns Creek.

Since 2011, Roswell has worked alongside community members to achieve this certification and now has 225 homes, 11 schools, 14 parks and 1 farm that are individually certified wildlife habitats. The Chattahoochee Nature Center was certified several years ago.

“We are thrilled to receive this certification and thankful for the community members and organizations that made it possible,” said Vicki Culbreth, environmental education coordinator with Roswell’s Public Works/Environmental Department. “The fact that so many residents took steps to get their properties individually certified shows us that maintaining wildlife in the area is really important to them. We look forward to continuing this important work alongside our residents in the future.”



Roswell will hold a Certification Ceremony on Saturday, April 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Archibald Smith Plantation Home. The ceremony is open to the public and will include light refreshments and a tour of the home and grounds. To RSVP, please contact vculbreth@roswellgov.com.

The Community Wildlife Habitat project is part of NWF’s Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program, which creates sustainable landscapes that require little or no pesticides, fertilizers and excess watering and help keep water and air resources clean. A Community Wildlife Habitat project multiplies this positive effect by creating multiple habitat areas in backyards, schoolyards, corporate properties, community gardens, parkland and other spaces. To date, there are more than 160,000 certified backyard habitats nationwide, 6,508 in Georgia and 1,099 in Fulton County.

Milton’s Momentum for NWF Certification Growing!

The Milton NWF Community Habitat Program announces the addition of Sarah Ellison, a Sophomore at Cambridge HS as the current volunteer coordinator of the project to get Milton certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat. As part of Ms. Ellison’s Girl Scout Gold Award project, Sarah will be promoting a competition between neighborhoods to have backyards NWF certified, and announcing the project to churches and businesses in Milton in order to achieve the 450 points necessary to be certified. In addition, Sarah will be in charge of a NWF booth at the Milton Earth Day Festival and will be coordinating a virtual garden tour with a powerpoint of Milton backyard and community wildlife habitats accessible to everyone on the city’s website.

You can help by certifying your property as supporting wildlife--birds, butterflies etc. It’s a simple online process where you self certify that you have the four components to support wildlife: food (berries, seeds, birdseed), water (creek, lake, retention pond, birdbath, water dish), shelter (dense shrubs, birdhouse), and places to raise young (birdhouse, shrubbery, trees). Once you certify and pay your \$20 to NWF, your business or home address becomes part of our city wide project and helps achieve the 150 homes and 100 community areas benchmark! Please take a few minutes to go online to <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify-Your-Wildlife-Garden.aspx> or for more information.

2014 USDA Farm to School Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm to School Grants provide funding to implement farm to school programs that improve access to local foods. Up to \$5 million in grant funding is available.

Grant Types

- Planning grants are for schools or school districts just getting started on farm to school activities and are intended to help these entities organize and structure their efforts for maximum impact by embedding known best practices into early design considerations. Who can apply: K-12 School Food Authorities, nonprofit private schools, charter schools, Indian tribal schools, and others that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs.
- Implementation grants are intended to help schools or school districts scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives. Who can apply: K-12 School Food Authorities, nonprofit private schools, charter schools, Indian tribal schools, and others that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs.
- Support service grants are intended for eligible entities working with schools or school districts to further develop and provide broad reaching support services to farm to school initiatives. Who can apply: state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribal organizations, and agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers.

Planning grants are expected to range from \$20,000 - \$45,000 and represent approximately 25% of the total awards. Implementation and support service grants are expected to range from \$65,000 - \$100,000 and represent approximately 75% of the total awards. [Click here for more information.](#)

The Local Heroes of Recycling Contest recognizes everyday people making a strong commitment to recycling in their communities. The grand prize is a \$1,000 green picnic that includes \$500 cash, \$200 in gift cards, and a prize pack of essential picnic items.

The contest is open to legal residents of the 50 states of the U.S. and the District of Columbia who are age 18 or older at the time of entry. Entries are due April 12, 2013. [Click here for complete details.](#)



Project Learning Tree GreenWorks Grant

Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it? [Apply for a Project Learning Tree GreenWorks grant!](#)

Grants are available in two award levels: Up to \$1000 for the traditional GreenWorks! grant, and up to \$3000 for registered PLT GreenSchools.

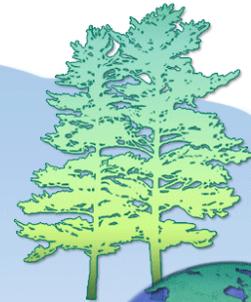
Celebrate Earth Day at Milton's Earth Day Festival!

Milton's Fourth annual Earth Day festival will be held this year at the new Friendship Community Park located in between Crabapple Crossing ES and Northwestern MS in Crabapple. We have over 40 educational and community vendors signed up along with Milton's Cuisine, Olde Blind Dog, Shane's Bbque and others for food! Bring the whole family for a fun filled day featuring a Rock Climbing Wall, Hamster Balls, Monkey Bridge, Entertainment and Animal Shows, Kids craft tent, and fun screen to green games and activities. Want to volunteer? Please contact Cindy Eade, cindy.eade@cityofmiltonga.us if you can help or for more information. Thank you to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for being our presenting sponsor!



MILTON Earth Day Festival

April 20, 2013 11 to 3



Friendship Community Park 12785 Birmingham Hwy.



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Don't forget to check www.eenorthfulton.weebly.com for the latest in environmental education updates! Please send us your pictures of your outdoor classrooms, earth day activities and anything else you'd like to share from your school!



COME CELEBRATE DRINKING WATER WEEK AT THE

Water Plant Open House & Drinking Water Festival

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2013

10AM - 1PM

**CECIL B. WOOD DRINKING WATER PLANT
100 DOBBS DRIVE
ROSWELL, GA 30075**

Join us to learn more about Roswell's award winning Cecil Wood Water Plant. We will have food, giveaways, and tours. Come celebrate and learn more about our drinking water, an essential life source!

QUESTIONS? Call waterefficiency@roswellgov.com or 770.641.3707



National Mayor's Challenge FOR WATER CONSERVATION

From April 1-30, Roswell residents are invited to sign a water conservation pledge at:

www.mywaterpledge.com

Take the pledge for a chance to win:

- \$1,000 shopping spree at Lowe's
- Toyota Prius c
- One of 12 custom-designed residential sprinkler systems from Rain Bird, including evaluation, tech support, SMART controller, sprinkler heads, and other devices up to a total retail value of \$1,500 per system
- One of 50 Eco-Flow Showerheads
- One of 250 Gift Cards for Lowe's

- Take shorter showers
- Fix leaky water pipes
- Turn off faucet when brushing teeth
- Run only full loads of dishes and laundry



Bulky Recycling Day

*(NOT Trash)

Plus Document Shredding

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

State Farm Insurance Atlanta Operations Center
11350 Johns Creek Parkway
(near the intersection of Johns Creek Parkway & Lakefield Drive)
Johns Creek, GA 30097

Presented by:



For more information,
contact Keep Johns Creek Beautiful.
Phone: 770-551-7766 • E-mail: info@knfb.org
www.keepjohnscreekbeautiful.org

***This event is to collect large items to be recycled or re-used, NOT LARGE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL. Johns Creek residents can now dispose of bulky trash items through their private waste hauler's curbside collection program.**

***See reverse side for a list of items that will and will not be accepted.**



Bulky Recycling Day Details:

The following items (in good shape only, please) will be donated to charity:

- Mattresses, box springs, bed frames (good condition only)
- Dressers, chests, armoires, mirrors, night stands, TV stands
- Dining tables and chairs
- Cribs, changing tables, highchairs
- Buffets, hutches, china cabinets
- Coffee tables, sofa tables, end tables
- Sofas, loveseats, armchairs, ottomans
- Lamps, kitchenware, linens, working microwave ovens

Additional items that will be accepted:

- Appliances - refrigerators, washers, dryers
- Books
- Computers & accessories
- Televisions
- Cell phones
- Bicycles
- Metal items such as grills, furniture, etc.
- Lawn mowers (fluids must be removed)
- Shoes (new this year!)

The following items **WILL NOT be accepted:**

- Anything torn, stained broken, or structurally unsound
- Desks, file cabinets, office furniture
- Outdoor furniture
- Pianos
- Game tables
- Exercise equipment
- Hospital beds
- Waterbeds
- Light fixtures, window treatments
- Clothing (shoes are OK), toys, car seats, strollers, playpens
- Large entertainment centers
- Paint, or Household Hazardous Waste
- Any fluids including motor oil and anti-freeze
- Construction and demolition materials
- Yard debris
- Household trash
- Tires
- Pet equipment
- Carpets & rugs

Document Shredding Details



Bring your sensitive documents for immediate secure destruction. No charge for this service, courtesy of the City of Johns Creek, and Cintas, Inc.

Please limit to ten boxes per visit, out of courtesy to others in line.

Call for questions about other items. 770-551-7766. www.KeepJohnsCreekBeautiful.org