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Police Now Patrolling City Streets

At 12 a.m. Sunday, April 27, the Johns Creek Police Department hit the streets for the first time, officially assuming law enforcement duties from Fulton County.

Led by Chief Ed Densmore, the department's 56 sworn officers spent the two weeks prior to launch receiving intensive training, including practice with firearms and other equipment, review of departmental policies and procedures, and getting familiar with the City's neighborhoods.

Saturday afternoon, the department held a ceremony and open house at its headquarters, 11445 Johns Creek Parkway. Law enforcement officials from adjoining cities and counties joined City staff and residents to meet the staff, check out the facilities and generally welcome Georgia's newest police force.

Each officer was presented with a welcome package including departmental duffel bags, jackets and hats as well as a variety of other items and coupons donated from local businesses such as Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Northside Hospital, Johns Creek Tech Park Business Owners Association, Fast Frame, Whole Foods, Applebee's,

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Chipotle, Super H, Panera, Chili's and Garrison's. The Johns Creek Business Association spearheaded the effort to support the department.



Mayor's Letter

Spring brings renewal, good news

With spring comes a sense of renewal and reinvigoration. For your city, spring brings many things, including:



A new era of public safety for Johns Creek,

as we launch our Police Department. My Council colleagues and I extend our deepest thanks to the outstanding men and women of the Fulton County Police Department who have served the Johns Creek area over the past 30 years, as well as best wishes to our officers coming on board.

Some good news from the Georgia Legislature

— lawmakers passed a bill prohibiting Fulton County from issuing backdated sign permits, blocking the rise of more than 70 billboards including some 30 here in the City. And with House Speaker Pro Tem Mark Burkhalter as the primary sponsor, North Fulton's Representatives and Senators found a way to get Fulton to return about \$3 million owed to our residents in Special Services District taxes.

Our first-ever Summer Day Camp program. Registration is open for four one-week sessions in June. Camp takes place at Findley Oaks Elementary School from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children ages 6-12 can enjoy fun-filled days for just \$200 for the week.

See our Web site, www.JohnsCreekGA.gov, for all your latest City news and information, and enjoy the beauty and splendor of the Georgia spring.


Respectfully,
Mike Bodker



Recruitment for Fire Department Ready to Roll

Chief Joseph Daniels is launching recruiting efforts for the City's Fire Department in April. The department needs approximately 65 firefighters when it expects to begin operations in August. If you're interested in being one of them, check our Web site, www.JohnsCreekGA.gov, to view the various openings.



Chief Joey Daniels

Weather Radios Can Save Lives

Metro Atlanta residents are all too aware how terrifying tornadoes can be and every second counts when trying to escape its destructive power.

A special National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio may provide as much as eight minutes lead time to get to safety.



During an emergency, NOAA broadcasts a special tone that automatically activates weather radios. NOAA then broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards. Available at prices starting at around \$20, a weather radio also broadcasts around-the-clock weather reports and information to help prepare for the day ahead.

Firefighter Honored Posthumously, Served Johns Creek Community



Fulton County Fire Captain Wayne Gilliard shows the Medal of Memorial presented posthumously to his friend and fellow firefighter Felix Roberts at an April 21 Memorial Service in Forsyth, GA.

Fulton County Firefighter Felix Roberts, who died May 28, 2007, fighting a fire in Johns Creek, was honored posthumously at an April 21 Memorial Service at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

Roberts was only the third firefighter in the 30-year history of the Fulton County Fire Department to die in the line of duty. He was based at Station 8 in Johns Creek.

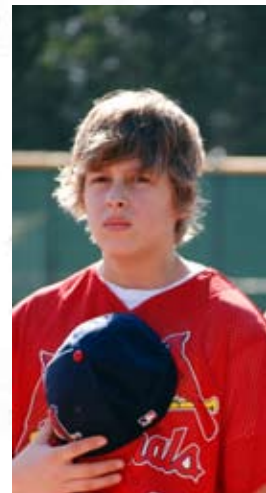
Roberts' name was engraved on the Memorial Wall at the Training Center and his family was presented with a

Medal of Memorial and a proclamation from Governor Sonny Perdue, paying tribute to his service and sacrifice.

More than 150 people attended the ceremony, including members of the Fulton County and Sandy Springs fire departments, Fulton County Fire Captain Wayne Gilliard, who fought alongside Roberts the night he died, and Johns Creek Fire Chief Joey Daniels.

Spring Is In the Air

When the calendar turns to spring, people naturally want to get outdoors and the City's parks are a prime destination. Baseball and softball leagues kicked off their seasons at Ocee Park, while youngsters swarmed the field at Newtown Park for Johns Creek's first annual Egg Hunt and others took to the playgrounds. However, all the activities proved a bit exhausting for some.



Goal

Our goal is to inform residents of City issues and make them more aware of services and programs the City and the community offer.

Feedback

We want to know what you think about your community newsletter, *CityLink*.

The newsletter is only worthwhile if it provides information that is useful and meaningful to you. Please send us your comments and suggestions.

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Medlock Bridge Resurfacing Project Gets Under Way

The Georgia Department of Transportation was tentatively scheduled to begin resurfacing the approximately 5.5 miles of S.R. 141/Medlock Bridge Road in Johns Creek on April 28, a project that includes improvements to the intersection of Medlock and State Bridge Road.

Work includes removing and replacing the top layer of asphalt, new striping and the addition of a left turn lane in each direction at State Bridge Road. It will be conducted between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday nights through Friday mornings and 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Friday night through Sunday morning. Expect lane closures and possible delays.

C.W. Mathews Contracting Co. is leading the \$3.6 million project, which is expected to be completed by the end of July. For information or questions about the project, call GDOT at 404-463-6460.

What You Need to Know, When You Need to Know It.

For information to be useful, it has to be both relevant AND timely. Keep up with what's happening in your City — subscribe to the City's monthly electronic newsletter. You'll also receive "NewsFlash," periodic emergency and timely notices. Go to the City Web site at www.JohnsCreekGA.gov, click on the "Subscribe to MY NEWS JOHNS CREEK" icon, then fill in your e-mail address. That's all you have to do to get the latest City news delivered directly to your inbox. Stay informed; sign up today!

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of spring."*

-SUSAN J. BISSONETTE



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