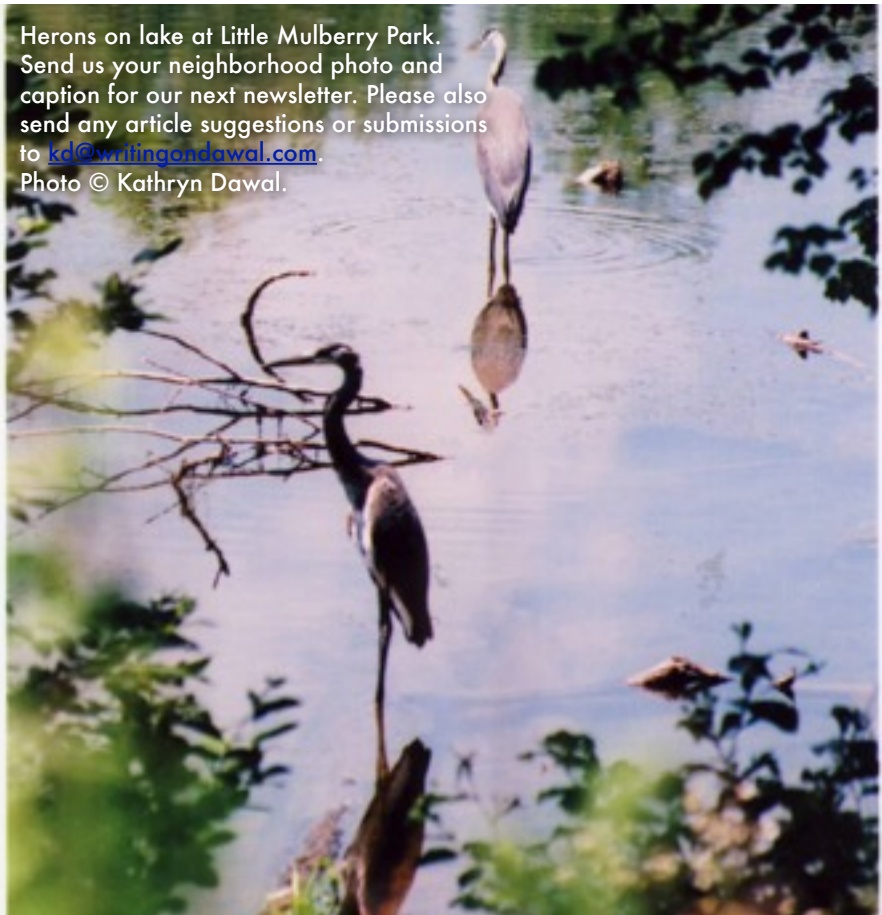


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Apalachee Plantation News



Hérons on lake at Little Mulberry Park. Send us your neighborhood photo and caption for our next newsletter. Please also send any article suggestions or submissions to kd@writingondawal.com. Photo © Kathryn Dawal.

Still time left to plant

The rain has given new life to all our struggling gardens.

With the drought a distant memory, and ponds and rain gardens a distinct possibility, gardening has taken on a new life in our neighborhood.

Here are some things our Gwinnett County Extension Office suggests we can do over the next few months. For further information, [click to visit the Gwinnett County Extension website.](#)

November

- Continue planting ornamental shrubs and trees to make new additions to your landscape.
- Mulch plant beds and trees with shredded fallen leaves, pine straw, compost or other material.

- Watch for winter weeds in turf areas as lawn areas go dormant and control as needed.
- As the last vegetables of the year are harvested, clean garden area of weeds and dead crops.

December

- Continue renewing mulch around plant beds and composting fallen leaves.
- Plant shrubs and trees.
- Begin working on next years garden plan.
- Till garden soil after crops die down and remove debris from area to prevent diseases.

January

- Plant or transplant woody plants such as trees or shrubs. Now, while it is cool and plants are somewhat dormant, is one of the

best times of the year for planting. Newly planted or transplanted material will still need water through the winter. Don't forget to irrigate if rainfall does not supply plenty of water. January is also a good time to plant fruit trees.

- Bare root roses and many of the spring flowering bulbs can also be planted in January. Tulips and hyacinths should be pre-chilled for 6-8 weeks in your refrigerator before planting.
- January is also a good time to plan this coming year's vegetable garden. Seeds and transplants can be ordered if not available locally.
- If you have not already done so, don't forget to take soil samples for your garden and lawn areas.

Quality of Life: Name Changed, Services Defined

The Gwinnett County Police Department's Quality of Life Unit has been renamed the Code Enforcement Unit and consists of 13 full-time, non-sworn code enforcement officers. These officers are responsible for enforcing the County's occupational and business tax, property maintenance, sign, and solid waste ordinances, and the zoning resolution in unincorporated Gwinnett County. The Code Enforcement Unit's office is located in the East Precinct in Dacula.

Police officers will continue to identify and investigate quality of life issues to discover more serious crime and deter crime in the community. Sworn officers from the Quality of Life Unit have been reassigned to precincts throughout the county.

To report a code violation, contact the Code Enforcement Unit at 770.338.4170 ext. 5765 or [click here](#) to complete a Code Violation Reporting form.



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Those Autumn Leaves—Outdoor burning

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 is a **NO BURN DAY**. The National Weather Service is predicting an 50% chance of precipitation which will cause heavy cloud coverage. This will not allow smoke to leave the area.

Sunday is NOT a Burn Day, as prescribed by Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Fire Prevention and Safety.

Burning is allowed on a day-by-day basis.

To see if a day is a burn day, visit: www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com

Rules for burning on one's own property (no permit required):

- Burning shall be during daylight hours only, Monday through Saturday.
- Burning shall be of natural fallen vegetation, such as limbs, leaves, twigs, etc.
- Burning shall be in small piles, maximum size is 3 feet by 3 feet.
- The burn pile shall be at least 50 feet from any structure.
- The burn pile shall be constantly attended and shall have a water source that will reach the burn pile (such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher or both).
- The burn pile shall be completely out before dusk.
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Burning restrictions:

- No burning is allowed on Sunday.
- No burning when winds exceed 15 miles per hour.
- No burning when it is overcast, raining, or foggy. Burn only on clear days with no cloud cover. An overcast condition causes the smoke to remain close to the ground and presents a hazard.
- No burning of household garbage, grass clippings, construction material or other similar made material. Only natural fallen yard vegetation/debris.
- No burning is allowed when the Fire Marshal's office or a representative from the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services deems the burning poses a health risk (verified by a physician) to people in the area.

Don't Do the Doggie Do Do

Nothing irritates your neighbors more than finding your dog's 'do' on their lawn. It's a really strong don't if you are interested in peaceful relations with your neighbors. Remember, these are the same people who (at least so far) have not shared

their latest rap download with you at 2 a.m., have not set off fireworks at the end of your driveway, and have not blown all their leaves into your lawn. In fact, they are really nice people, well worth keeping on your good side.

And, even if you don't care about keeping peace with your neighbors, at least don't break the law. Clean up after your dogs.

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