

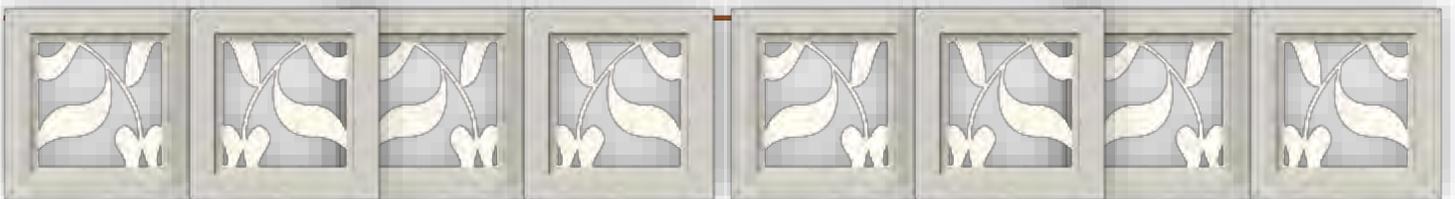
# IN THE NEWS

*October 2018*

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Gainesville Parks and Recreation Agency  
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# HealthSmart

Interactive Health & Wellness EXPO

## Community Health Screenings October 17 | Gainesville Civic Center

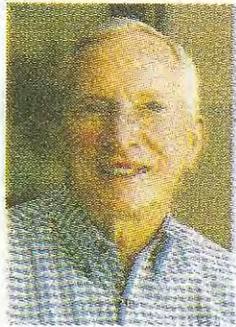
*FREE and Open to the Public*

The **HealthSmart Expo** presented by **CIGNA** opens at **7:30 am on Wednesday, October 17**. **FREE** Community Health Screenings by **Longstreet Clinic** with professionals on hand to conduct screenings, review your written report and answer questions. **Fasting prior to screenings is recommended**. Open to the public, the Expo offers a **FREE Shuttle Service** and no admission fee. No appointment is needed! Great door prizes and **FREE McDonald's salads** to the 1st 100 screenings.

FREE Health Screenings Include:

**Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Cholesterol, Triglyceride & Glucose Testing, Carotid Artery Screening, Vision & Hearing Screening, Spine Screenings, and Free Flu Shot** (with proof of ID and insurance card).

## HealthSmart Breakfast Kickoff *Presentation of Most Fit Company Awards*



Presented by **Alliant Health Plans**, the **HealthSmart Breakfast** on **Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 am** at the **Gainesville Civic Center** features keynote speaker **Dallas Gay**, chairman of the board of **Protein Products**, a philanthropist and activist working to combat opioid abuse in our community and the state. Dallas will touch on the local, state and national scope of the opioid epidemic and what we are doing locally to address the tide of destruction caused by drug addiction. The Chamber's **Annual Most Fit Company Awards** will be presented at the breakfast.

Awards are presented in three company size categories:

Large (251+ employees), Medium (51-250 employees) and Small (50 or less employees), with judging criteria including wellness, nutrition and fitness opportunities provided for employees. **HealthSmart Breakfast**, \$15 Chamber Members; \$20 Non-members. Space limited. Reservations required. Mandy Latham, 770-532-6206 x 115. Email: [mlatham@ghcc.com](mailto:mlatham@ghcc.com)

## Free Wellness Seminars

*No Entry Fee and Open to All Ages*

*Wednesday, October 17 at the Gainesville Civic Center*

**10:00 am – 11:00 am “Farm to Table Living”**

Join **Tim and Tina Roberts**, owners of **2 Dog Cafe** for their take on Farm to Table Living. Tim and Tina use an abundance of local, fresh ingredients in their restaurant and will discuss the benefits in their business and how to transition this healthy eating and meal planning for meals at home for your family.

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm “Exercising for the Health of It”**

**Holli Lee**, certified **AFFA** trainer in personal fitness, will share a variety of exercises that everyone can do to stay healthy, no matter your age! Holli has been in the fitness industry for 10 years and instructs classes as well as private sessions at the **YMCA**, **Frances Meadows Center** and **Gainesville First United Methodist Church**.

# Fall Job Fair

Saturday, October 13  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Gainesville Civic Center



## On Saturday for more job seekers!

**JOB SEEKERS:** This community job fair features 50+ employer booths and is a great opportunity to learn about area companies that are hiring. Be prepared to meet employers face-to-face and complete job applications on site. Open to the public. No admission fee.

Presented by **Express Employment Professionals**, Georgia Department of Labor, Lanier Technical College, and the Gainesville Area Employer Committee. See Exhibitors on page 16.

This popular Chamber event draws some 800 job seekers, all spending quality time with hiring managers on hand to promote hundreds of employment positions. Details: 770-532-6206.

# HealthSmart

Interactive Health & Wellness EXPO

## Wednesday, October 17

Expo & Screenings – 7:30am-1:30pm

Breakfast – 7:30am-9:00am

**Gainesville Civic Center**

HealthSmart 2018  
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The Chamber's 12th Annual HealthSmart Expo presented by **CIGNA** is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** with over 60 exhibitors and **FREE** Health Screenings for men and women 18 years and older. Health Screenings provided by **Longstreet Clinic** include Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Carotid Artery Screening, Cholesterol, Triglycerides and Glucose Testing with professionals on hand to conduct screenings, review your written report and answer questions. Fasting prior to testing is suggested. **FREE** Shuttle Service! No Admission Fee! **FREE** McDonald's salads to the first 100 screenings.

**Free Wellness Seminars • Door Prizes**

No Admission Fee and Open to the Public

**Over 60 Health & Wellness Exhibitors**

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# OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday, October 2  
**Vision 2030 Transportation Committee**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Chamber

Wednesday, October 3  
**Healthcare Committee**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Business Incubator at Brenau University  
999 Chestnut Street | Gainesville

Friday, October 5  
**Economic Development Council**  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. | Oakwood City Hall

Tuesday, October 9  
**Small Business Seminar**  
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Chamber.

Tuesday, October 9  
**Ambassador Council**  
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
2 Dog Cafe | Gainesville

Wednesday, October 10  
**Network Over Coffee**  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Chick-fil-A | Jesse Jewell Pkwy Gville

Wednesday, October 10  
**Human Resource Council**  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Luna's | Downtown Gainesville

Wednesday, October 10  
**Marketing Committee**  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Chamber

Saturday, October 13  
**Fall Job Fair**  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Gainesville Civic Center

Tuesday, October 16  
**South Hall Business Coalition**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
UNG Gville | Martha Nesbitt Building

Tuesday, October 16  
**Vision 2030 Board of Directors**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Chamber

Wednesday, October 17  
**HealthSmart Wellness Expo**  
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. **Expo/Screenings**  
7:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast**  
Gainesville Civic Center

Wednesday, October 17  
**Issues Committee**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Chamber

Thursday, October 18  
**Lunch 'n Learn**  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Randy & Friends | Downtown Gville

Thursday, October 18  
**Chamber Executive Committee**  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Chamber

Wednesday, October 24  
**Network Over Coffee**  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Loretta's County Kitchen | Oakwood

Thursday, October 25  
**Chamber Board of Directors**  
Sponsored by AT&T  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Chattahoochee Country Club | Gville

## NOVEMBER 2018

Friday, November 2  
**Business Before Hours**  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Hulsey, Oliver and Mahar  
200 E.E. Butler Pkwy | Gainesville

Tuesday, November 13  
**Small Business Seminar**  
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Chamber

Tuesday, November 13  
**Industry Appreciation Luncheon**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Chattahoochee Country Club  
3000 Club Drive | Gainesville

Thursday, November 15  
**South Hall Business Coalition**  
at **Sterling on the Lake**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
7005 Lake Sterling Blvd  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Thursday, November 15  
**Main Street Gainesville Jingle Mingle**  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Square in Downtown Gainesville

Get all the details and register for events  
Online: [GreaterHallChamber.com](http://GreaterHallChamber.com) 10/2/18

# U.S. Brings in Most Medals



The Local Organizing Committee for the 2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championship reports a successful, international event hosting over **1,000 athletes and support staff from 11 countries** at the first ICF Dragon Boat World Championship in the Americas. The competition was September 13-16, and visitors from around the world received our unprecedented Southern Hospitality and boosted our economy by an estimated **\$3 million**, filling hotels, retail stores and restaurants across Gainesville-Hall County. Led by many local athletes associated with the Lake Lanier Canoe/Kayak Club, the **United States brought in the most medals with a total of 24**. Germany was a close second with 23 medals, and the Czech Republic placed third by bringing in 20 medals. [lakelanierolympicvenue.org](http://lakelanierolympicvenue.org)

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## Upcoming Chamber Events

Tuesday, October 9  
**Small Business Seminar**  
 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Chamber

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 Gainesville Civic Center

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 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
 UNG Gainesville Campus  
 Martha T. Nesbitt Building / #17

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**HealthSmart Wellness Expo**  
 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Expo  
 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast  
 Gainesville Civic Center  
 Open to the Public

Thursday, October 18  
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 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Randy & Friends | Gainesville

Wednesday, October 24  
**Network Over Coffee**  
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 Loretta's Country Kitchen | Oakwood

Details & Register Online  
 for these events and more  
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Our community is blessed to have a strong healthcare system, and I am equally proud of how this healthcare community truly cares for our local residents. I applaud **Longstreet Clinic** for again providing **free community health screenings** at our upcoming **HealthSmart Expo on Wednesday, October 17 at the Gainesville Civic Center**. Sponsored by **CIGNA**, the Expo also features free wellness seminars that will be provided by 2 Dog restaurant owners **Tina and Tim Roberts** and fitness expert **Holli Lee**.

10-2-18

# 6 questions about future of city schools

BY JOSHUA SILAVENT

[jsilavent@gainesvilletimes.com](mailto:jsilavent@gainesvilletimes.com)

Officials with Gainesville City Schools want answers from the community to six questions about the future of the district.

They'll seek that input during four sessions this month on a proposed new round of a one-penny sales tax to fund school renovation and building projects.

Superintendent Jeremy Williams said Monday, Oct. 1, that the intent of the sessions is to receive feedback from students, parents and the community about the future they envision for Gainesville elementary, middle and high schools as enrollment continues to grow.

School leaders plan to address six main questions.

**Sixth grade academy:** With six elementary schools feeding one

## Education sales tax listening sessions

**What:** Gainesville City Schools takes public comment on E-SPLOST

**When and where:**

- 10 a.m. Oct. 10, Mundy Mill Knowledge Academy community room, 4260 Millside Parkway
- 6 p.m. Oct. 16, Gainesville Middle School cafeteria, 1581 Community Way
- 10 a.m. Oct. 24, Fair Street Neighborhood Center, 715 Fair St.
- 6 p.m. Oct. 30, Gainesville High School cafeteria, 830 Century Place

**More info:** Visit [www.gcस्क12.net](http://www.gcस्क12.net)

sixth grade at Gainesville Middle School, student identity and relationships are important. Would a sixth-grade academy strengthen, weaken or make no difference in student academics and behavior?

**New middle school:** Discuss the educational advantages and disadvantages to maintaining one middle school or moving to two middle schools.

**New high school:** Discuss the educational advantages and dis-

advantages to maintaining one high school or moving to two high schools.

**New sixth-12th school:** Discuss the educational advantages and disadvantages to maintaining all students together in grades sixth through 12th vs. an additional, separate sixth-12th campus.

**Eighth/ninth grades and new Gainesville High School:** Discuss the educational advantages and disadvantages to transition the

current Gainesville High School campus to an eighth-ninth grade academy and a new, state-of-the-art Gainesville High campus.

**Career academy:** Discuss the advantages and disadvantages to a standalone career academy vs. embedding workforce development in a traditional setting. What skills do you want our graduates to have when they receive their diploma?

The questions are designed to be open-ended to solicit input and ideas through small breakout groups at each session, with students, parents, teachers and community members helping to identify spending priorities.

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education will go before voters in 2020.

The current E-SPLOST, which was approved in 2015 with 74 percent of voter support, is projected

to bring in \$6 million to \$7 million annually for Gainesville City Schools over the five-year life of the tax (until 2022). The first collections began last fall.

The school system has allocated this revenue to pay off construction of the Mundy Mill Academy and new Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy, among other things.

Gainesville City Schools received more than \$29 million total during the previous round of E-SPLOST that ended last year, which rebuilt the Fair Street School and paid for re-roofing work at three schools and emergency systems upgrades.

With just one high school and middle school, school board officials said the focus of the next round of E-SPLOST would likely be on facilitating growth in grades sixth through 12th.

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# FALL JOB FAIR

## Saturday, October 13

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Gainesville Civic Center

830 Green Street in Gainesville



### Over 60 Exhibitors

Aderholt Agency  
Arrendale State Prison  
Avita Community Partners  
Axiom Staffing Group  
Bealls Outlet  
BeeHive Home of Gainesville  
Carter's  
Ceramic Tile Services  
Chattahoochee Country Club  
City of Gainesville  
Deep Roots Landscape  
District 2 Public Health  
**Express Employment Professionals**  
Georgia Department of Driver Services  
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Goodwill of North Georgia  
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Murray Plastics  
Northeast Georgia Health System  
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MUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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• **Food Truck Friday** is the third Friday of each month. Join the fun on the lake on **Friday, October 19** at **Lake Lanier Olympic Park** from 5pm - 8pm with food trucks, retail vendors, beer and wine from Tap It, DJ and live music, kids activities and more. Free to attend. [lakelanierolympicvenue.org](http://lakelanierolympicvenue.org) 10-2-18

# Job Fair

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Bealls Outlet	Hall County Government	Murray Plastics	VDL
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	Heavy Equipment College of GA	Northeast Georgia Health System	Wash Rocket
BeeHive Home of Gainesville	Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Onin Staffing	Waterford at Oakwood
Carter's	Hydro Extrusions North America	Panera Bread	Victory Processing
Ceramic Tile Services	Interactive College of Technology	Pilgrim's	Wahoo Docks
Chattahoochee Country Club	KIK Custom Products	PrideStaff	WorkSource Georgia Mountains
City of Gainesville	King Green	R.N.C. Industries, Inc.	Zebra Technologies Corporation
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Deep Roots Landscape	Koch Foods	Salford BBI	ZF Oakwood
District 2 Public Health	Kubota	<b>Spherion Staffing Services</b>	
Express Employment Professionals	Lanier Technical College	Stuart Pro Air Services, Inc.	

### No Admission Fee • Open to the Public



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## Gainesville seeking public input on skate park

Gainesville Parks and Recreation wants to build a skate park at the intersection of Pine and High streets, and residents can provide input about the park and its design at a meeting Wednesday evening.

Construction will begin in fiscal year 2020, which begins July 1, 2019, according to

### Skate park design meeting

**When:** 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 3

**Where:** Gainesville Middle School cafeteria, 1581 Community Way

Parks Director Melvin Cooper. Skate park requests have

grown in recent years, says Cooper, and public meetings in 2008 and 2009 led to the park being one of the most requested in the parks department's master plan.

Lose Design in Lawrenceville will be designing the facility based on feedback from today's meeting. Wally Holly-

day, a California-based skate park designer, will seek input from local skaters and create a design Lose Design can use for construction.

Community members can weigh in on the park Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Gainesville Middle cafeteria.

Megan Reed  
10-3-18

# Gainesville's first skate park slated for 2019

BY JOSHUA SILAVENT  
jsilavent@gainesvilletimes.com

Alex Gomez and Kevin Carrillo skateboard anywhere they can in Gainesville, but it's in and around the downtown square that they love best because of the cool features it offers, such as curbs, ledges and stairs.

"When you land something it just gives you the best feeling," Gomez said.

But the Gainesville High freshmen, along with other skater kids in the area, will soon get their wish: a real-deal skate park with drops, rails, bowls and other elements that define both park and street-style skating.

Gainesville Parks and Recreation plans to build a skate park at the intersection of Pine and High streets beginning in July 2019, and dozens of residents, including Carrillo and Gomez, provided input about how they'd like to see the park designed at a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Participants were given initial renderings of a skate park and asked to draw their own designs or circle the features that they wanted most to see developed.

Lose Design in Lawrenceville will be designing the facility based on feedback from Wednesday's meeting. Wally Hollyday, a California-based skate park designer, will seek input from

local skaters and create a design that Lose Design can use for construction.

The 20,000-square-foot park might include stairs, ledges, quarter pipes and ramps, but it's not just about the features and elements.

"Flow is really important in the skate park," Hollyday said. "It's always, more than anything, about flow and not just the elements."

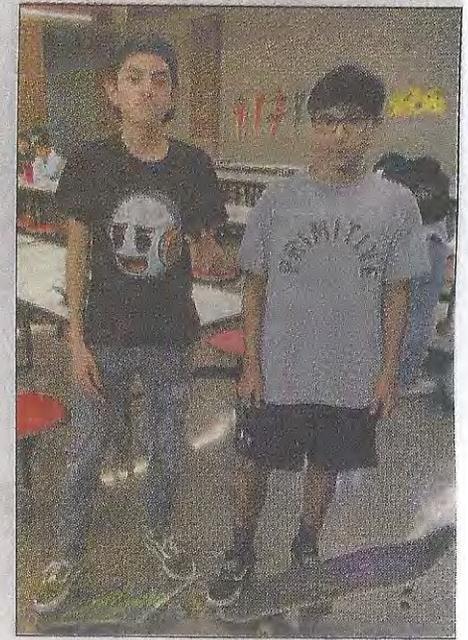
Jasen Spinks, a teacher at Sardis Enrichment School in Hall County, spearheaded a petition that garnered about 1,700 signatures from local residents supporting the construction of a skateboard park.

Michael Graham, deputy director of Gainesville Parks and Recreation, said the petition drive was a huge factor pushing local government to commit to a skate park.

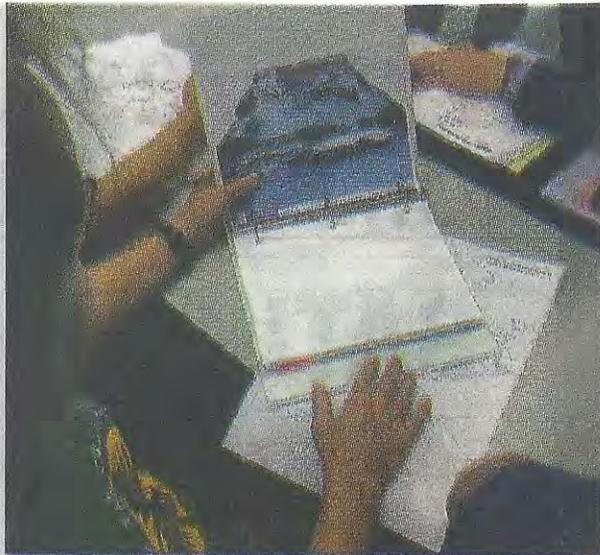
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Alex Gomez (left) and Kevin Carrillo, skaters and fellow freshmen at Gainesville High, show off their boards at a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 3, where residents provided input on the design of a skate park that Gainesville Parks and Recreation plans to have constructed in 2019.

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Jasen Spinks, a teacher at Sardis Enrichment School in Hall County, shows off potential design elements for a skate park to be developed in Gainesville. Spinks spearheaded a petition that garnered 1,700 signatures from local residents supporting the construction of a local skateboard park. 10/4/18

## SKATE

■ Continued from 1A

"Those types of things work," he said. "That's why you're here tonight."

Spinks, who has skated the Gainesville streets for the last 31 years, said there have been attempts for years to get a local skate park built, but they never materialized for whatever reason.

But as skating grows in

popularity (it had kind of an outlaw reputation when it first gained national attention in the 1980s, Spinks said) so too has the demand for a local park.

Now that the skate wheels are in motion, so to speak, Spinks couldn't be happier.

He even incorporates skating into some science curriculum while teaching by showing students how the sport can illustrate Newton's laws of motion.

"This is a dream come true," Spinks said.

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**Gainesville Civic Center**

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## October 17

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FREE  
Health  
Screenings

### Gainesville Civic Center

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#### Special Guest Speaker



Dallas Gay

Join HealthSmart Breakfast speaker Dallas Gay, a Gainesville businessman, philanthropist and activist working to combat opioid abuse in our community and the state.

Wednesday, October 17  
7:30 am at the Gainesville Civic Center. Reservations Required.  
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#### FREE Seminars

at the HealthSmart Expo

10:00 am - 11:00 am  
"Farm to Table Living"  
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10-7-18

# Gainesville parks director retiring after 47 years

Melvin Cooper, director of Gainesville Parks and Recreation, is retiring after 47 years with the city and 30 years as parks director.

He will continue to serve as director until May 31, 2019.

"From the time I was 12 years old I knew what I wanted to do and began to set my goals for what I have done for the last

47 years. I wanted to lead change, I wanted to be change, I wanted to work with people and make a difference," Cooper said in a letter to Gainesville's Parks and Recreation Board.

"During my career, I sought to make a difference in this wonderful community and believing the work I did in parks and recreation

made a difference one person at a time. ... I feel it is time, time for a new beginning, time for younger blood and time for me to spend more quality time with my family and grandson."

The search for Cooper's replacement will begin Nov. 1.

*Compiled from Gainesville Parks and Recreation press release*



**Cooper**

10-9-18

# Job Fair

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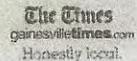
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# 'Don't quit ... you'll get there'



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Evander Holyfield signs a pair of boxing gloves for Austin Rhoades, right, and Brian Rhoades, during the Boys & Girls Clubs' Futures 4 Kids Gala at the Gainesville Civic Center on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

## Boxing champ Holyfield speaks at Boys & Girls Clubs gala

BY **JEFF GILL**  
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Evander Holyfield's mom used to tell him she was poor, but he was not, and he could do so much more with his life.

"Momma always told me, 'Your time is coming,'" he said, speaking Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's 16th annual Futures for Kids Gala.

"I found that if you don't quit, you're never that far away from (success)," Holyfield said. "I didn't quit, so here I am today to be able to tell you if you listen, follow directions and not quit, you'll get there."

Holyfield, a 4-time world heavyweight boxing champion, delivered the message to a crowd of about 500 as part of the fundraiser event at Gainesville Civic Center. He spoke with board member Phil Bonelli



Attendees mingle during the reception at the Boys & Girls Clubs' Futures 4 Kids Gala.

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in a question-and-answer format dubbed "Conversation with the Champ."

"My mother sent me to the Boys Club even when I didn't want to go anymore — at 16 years old," Holyfield said. "It allowed me to really live this life and tell people that if it wasn't for other people who had a little bit more and, by their giving, allowed me to become who I am."

"I realized true appreciation is when you go back and give what you got. It's more than just 'thank you.'"

The gala serves as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's "signature event," raising money to support programs "to enrich and enhance children's lives."

Gene Marlow, who has coached youth baseball, volunteered and served the Boys & Girls Clubs for six decades, was presented the Phillip Sartain Helping Hands Award.

The award is given annually to a person, group or organization that has strived to improve children's lives at the Boys and Girls Clubs. Sartain, a retired Gainesville lawyer, was the first recipient of the award, which has been renamed in his honor.

"Everybody in life has something they are good at, if they would just pursue their dreams," Marlow told the crowd. "I think I found mine working with the kids, cause Lord knows I love it, and I'll continue to do it."

"I'll know the day when it's time to quit. I don't feel like it's there yet."

At one point, he asked for-

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**Gene Marlow, Boys & Girls Clubs volunteer**

mer players to stand up.

"This award is not mine," Marlow said, looking at the group. "Every little piece of this is yours. If not for you, I would not be standing on this podium tonight. God bless you, I've always loved you and I'll never forget you."

"Love you, coach," a couple of the players shouted back.

Current and former club members also spoke at the gala, including Jasmin Gaudlock, who talked about leaning on the Boys and Girls Clubs during difficult times, including when her family was homeless and she worked four jobs.

The club "taught me important life values and

characteristics, such as determination, hope and optimism," said Gaudlock, who plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education.

Speaking before the gala, Shayna Robinson of Gainesville said two of her four children go to the Boys & Girls Clubs because it's "a positive, safe place to go after school."

"They offer a lot of activities, extracurricular sports, tutoring and different events," she said.

It was her experiences as a youth in the organization that inspired her to guide her own children down the same path.

"It was a no-brainer," Robinson said.

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# Job fair planned at Civic Center

**BY JEFF GILL**

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Job seekers or those looking for better work digs have an opportunity this weekend to hand out resumes and sit down with employers.

The Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce is hosting its first Saturday job fair 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St.

With 65-plus employer booths and hiring managers on site, the fair "is a great opportunity to learn about area companies that are hir-

ing," according to the chamber.

Some 1,000 job seekers are expected to be at the fair, where they can meet employers one-on-one and complete job applications.

Parking is spread out at the civic center, so a shuttle will be available to bring job seekers to the event.

Attendees may want to visit [employgeorgia.com](http://employgeorgia.com) to create an account and upload or prepare a resume, according to the Georgia Department of Labor, which is teaming up with the chamber, Lanier Technical College and the Gainesville Area Employer Com-

mittee to sponsor the fair.

Having an Employ Georgia account can speed up the interview process, according to the labor department.

"Applicants are encouraged to bring their resumes, driver's licenses and dress business casual to improve their chances to be hired," the department stated in a press release.

Overall, it's a job seeker's market, with workers finding it much easier than in past years to snag a job, officials and business leaders have said.

## Fall job fair

**When:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**

**Where:** Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St.

**How much:** Free to attend

"Demand for employees across all sectors continues to be strong in our area," with workers moving between employers to increase pay, said Stacey Reece, franchise owner of Spherion Staffing Services in Gainesville, in an earlier interview.

"Unfortunately, when the

employer goes to replace the employee, they find out either they have to increase wages or settle for an employee with lesser skills and invest in retraining," he said.

Also, employers are continuing to evaluate wages and benefits and determine where their ranges need to be to remain competitive and retain qualified workers, Reece said.

The last chamber job fair was held on a weekday in March, drawing 750 people and 70-plus employers to the civic center, where tables spilled into the hallways.

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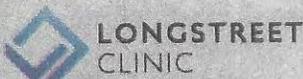
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# Job fair draws 70-plus employers



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Job seekers talk with employers during the Fall Job Fair and Career Expo at the Gainesville Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 13.

## Potential workers flock to event hosted by chamber of commerce

**BY LAYNE SALBA**

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Angelia Stephens said she was looking for a new job because she's getting older and doesn't want to be working as hard this late in life. She's 46, but as a medical assistant with Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates, she travels more than she wants to

"It's just about better pay and not traveling," said Stephens, who has her husband and four children at home. "That's the only reason I'm really wanting to look is to not travel."

She was among many others at the job fair hosted by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce at the Gainesville Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 13. More than 70 employers showed up including Kubota, Mars Wrigley Confectionery, McDonald's, North Geor-

gia Canopy Tours, Deep Roots Landscape and Wash Rocket, all looking to fill open positions.

"We've got lots of employers hiring lots of people," said Kit Dunlap, chamber president. "And it's the first Saturday one. Generally we have this during the week, and it's tons of people. We may get a little different audience."

With potential employees walking through the maze of tables and pipe-and-drape, employers stood holding company information and business cards, answering visitors' questions.

One of the newest employers in Gainesville, Del Taco, was tucked into the corner of a side room. The restaurant, which serves tacos, burritos and nachos along with burgers, plans to open in mid-December.

General manager Bilal Sid-



Melissa Riker, a recruiter with Spherion, speaks with a job seeker during the Fall Job Fair.

diqi and assistant manager John Lisenbey sat at the table under a company banner emblazoned with the Del Taco logo, waiting for someone to stop.

Eventually, a woman did, asking what positions they were looking for. They are looking for six managers to go

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