



ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER WHAT  
NO ONE COULD DO ALONE

## THE GAB-RRR

Year 22 - Issue 8

Community • Integrity • Prosperity

Monthly News from the Duluth Merchants Association

# August meeting

**Tuesday, August 2, 2011 @ 6 pm**

**Hosted By:**  
**Duluth Fall Festival**  
Festival Center  
Downtown Duluth  
Phone: (770) 476-3405



## About the Duluth Fall Festival

The Duluth Fall Festival dates back to 1983, but its roots actually go much deeper. In 1962 Duluth held its very first festival in the streets of Downtown Duluth. It lasted for five weeks and spotlighted the history of the town. A successful spring festival was held 14 years later in 1976 celebrating the centennial of Duluth's charter, and the bi-centennial of our nation. Out of these two festivals evolved the great event that we have today, the Duluth Fall Festival. It is always held the last weekend in September.

The festival begins on Saturday morning with a huge parade through the streets of Duluth with over 400 participants. It is followed by the opening ceremony on the stage of the Festival Center on the Town Green. Entertainment then takes over the main stage, plus a second 'Gazebo Stage', for the rest of the day. Sunday morning is kicked off with a 5K Road Race through Downtown Duluth. This is followed by an outdoor community worship service on the Town Green, put on by Duluth First United Methodist Church. Then there is continuous entertainment for the rest of the day. There are two areas for kid's games and rides, so this is definitely a festival for the whole family.

However, the life of the festival is found in the streets of Duluth with the over 350 booths of select arts & crafts and food vendors. They will be selling everything that you can imagine, with something for everyone. You will find handmade crafts of every description, clothing, linens, fall and Christmas decorations, furniture, art, jewelry, toys, and so much more! For the first few years most vendors who applied were accepted, but as the festival grew the requirements had to grow stricter. Now it is a juried show and craft items must be hand made or hand decorated and approved by a committee. The booths are always sold out by June. And, of course, the most tempting thing of all is the FOOD! Over fifty food booths will be selling everything from bar-b-que to hot dogs to funnel cakes to ice cream, plus much, much more! Commercial booths are only available through the sponsor program and that is at a minimum of \$1500 each.



## 2011 Officers

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| President      | <b>Sunny Ramsay</b>  |
| Vice President | <b>James Johnson</b> |
| Secretary      | <b>Al Brown</b>      |
| Treasurer      | <b>John Monk</b>     |
| Past President | <b>Glenn Sarver</b>  |

## Board of Directors

| Name                   | Phone        | Phone           | Phone |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Greg Steele</b>     | <b>(770)</b> | <b>495-8882</b> |       |
| <b>Al Brown</b>        | <b>(770)</b> | <b>495-8900</b> |       |
| <b>Jim Johnson</b>     | <b>(404)</b> | <b>626-6245</b> |       |
| <b>Chris McGahee</b>   | <b>(770)</b> | <b>476-3434</b> |       |
| <b>Mark Williams</b>   | <b>(770)</b> | <b>441-0945</b> |       |
| <b>Albert Marquez</b>  | <b>(907)</b> | <b>717-9666</b> |       |
| <b>John Monk</b>       | <b>(770)</b> | <b>495-8900</b> |       |
| <b>Sunny Ramsay</b>    | <b>(678)</b> | <b>312-6857</b> |       |
| <b>Glenn Sarver</b>    | <b>(770)</b> | <b>265-2448</b> |       |
| <b>Harold Stamey</b>   | <b>(770)</b> | <b>476-1943</b> |       |
| <b>Richard Jackson</b> | <b>(678)</b> | <b>644-2007</b> |       |
| <b>Allan Roth</b>      | <b>(770)</b> | <b>401-2013</b> |       |
| <b>Michele Murray</b>  | <b>(770)</b> | <b>366-4955</b> |       |
| <b>Lynette Purves</b>  | <b>(678)</b> | <b>561-3491</b> |       |

The Gab-RRR is a monthly publication of the Duluth Merchants Association. Back issues are available at [www.DuluthMerchants.com](http://www.DuluthMerchants.com)



Dear DMA Members,



The July meeting was Fantastic! The **The Work Spot** was a perfect venue for our meeting. Rayann Larsen, owner, of **The Work Spot**, Duluth's premier co-working space, educated everyone on why Duluth stole her heart and she knew that Main Street was the perfect place for her Business! DMA is so fortunate that Rayann chose to join and we thank you so very much for hosting our July meeting. I cannot stress enough how wonderful the working environment is...I swear there is the smell of success in the office air! If you know anyone who is looking for co-working space...have them go by **The Work Spot!**

Is that the scent of Fall in the air...oh...close but not quite yet. However the DMA August Meeting is all about



the **Duluth Fall Festival**. Please make sure that you are at the Festival Center on August the 2<sup>nd</sup> for the annual DMA



meeting that is hosted by the **Duluth Fall Festival**. Anyone who has attended this meeting in the past knows that is networking heaven with tantalizing food and scrumptious desserts...and the topping to the meeting is the wonderful presentation about Duluth's Signature Festival! If you have not signed up for a committee...you will. So come out for the meeting, meet and greet your fellow members...and New Members! Tuesday...6pm...August 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you there.

The DMA is proud to announce our Fundraiser for 2011. It is a first for DMA and we are so delighted to announce...



**Ride to Light Up the "9/11 Living Honorarium"**  
The city created a Living Honorarium Committee staffed by DFAL Duluth Fine Arts League. Funds were privately raised and grants were awarded from the state. It is a city project in response to a community effort to create it. The idea of lighting the structure was presented by John Monk, **Treasure of DMA.** **Chris McGahee, Economic Development Manager**

Please read the article in this newsletter, and on the Web Site...and the newspapers. We are honored to be the part of the Duluth community that will keep the "9/11 Living Honorarium" bathed in light so that we can always remember.

Members please do join in this new Fundraiser! DMA Members, we need Bikers, Sponsors, Volunteers, Vendors ... you name it ...just give the committee contacts a quick email...and they will get you to work.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Have a wonderful week...and remember that Fall is just around the corner.

Sincerely,  
Sunny  
Sunny Ramsay, DMA President 2011  
678-312-6857  
[lrmsay@gwinnettmedicalcenter.org](mailto:lrmsay@gwinnettmedicalcenter.org)

# About the Duluth Fall Festival

## (continued from Page 1)

The Festival itself only lasts for two days, but it is a year round event. Planning for the next year starts in October. The committee goes over every detail of the festival to try and improve it for the next year. Each festival has been a learning experience, and has brought new ideas, new events, and many improvements. In the beginning there were only three committees, food, arts & crafts, and entertainment. Now there are over forty committees, each in charge of just one aspect of the festival and most headed up by co-chairmen.

It is one of the most successful festivals in the state, and is put on completely by volunteers, who number over 300. They can be seen during the festival wearing their brand new, matching t-shirts. The unveiling of the annual t-shirt is one of the highlights of the Taste of Duluth event. It is held at the Payne/Corley House, Duluth's beautiful, historic event facility, the week before the festival. A free Saturday night Festival concert is held the week before that. There are many other activities as well throughout the year. These include an annual cookout, a community picnic, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, community workdays, monthly Festival Nights Out, and various other socials.

Through the Sponsor Program the Festival has been responsible for numerous improvements in Downtown Duluth such as landscaping, lighting, brick walkways, building renovations, a brick courtyard, etc. The most exciting were acquiring Taylor Park and building the Festival Center. However, one of the best things to come out of this is that it has brought together a group of people whose common bond is a love of Duluth. They agree that the money made, the areas that have been beautified, and even Taylor Park itself and the Festival Center, are just the beginning of the difference that the Festival has made to Duluth. It has given new people and natives a chance to get to know each other, to work together towards the same goals, and to become friends. This more than anything else has kept the wonderful small town spirit of Duluth alive.



## **Duluth Fall Festival Schedule of Events**


### **Saturday - September 24**

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Begins
- 10:00 a.m. Parade - (roads close)
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony - (Main Stage)
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment Begins
- 6:00 p.m. Festival Closes

### **Sunday - September 25**

- 8:00 a.m. 5K Road Race (Hill St. and West Lawrenceville Closed)
- 9:00 a.m. Festival Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Worship on the Green
- 12:00 p.m. Entertainment Begins
- 5:00 p.m. Festival Ends

**New this Year - Carnival Rides!**



**Ride to Light Up the “9/11 Living Honorarium”**

Ride to honor all those who serve: our Policemen, Firemen, U.S. Military.

Proceeds will purchase the lights to “Light Up”  
**“9/11 Living Honorarium”**



Sponsored by **Duluth Merchants Association**

**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2011

**Start:** Bunten Park, Duluth with a Kiwanis hosted Pancake Breakfast

**End:** Duluth Town Green at the **“9/11 Living Honorarium”**

**Registration time:** 8-9 a.m. Bunten Park, Duluth

**Kickstands Up:** 9:30 a.m. with Police Escort

**Ride Ends:** 12:30 p.m. at the **“9/11 Living Honorarium”**

Invite your friends and family to join the fun festivities...  
the party continues downtown with food vendors, entertainment,  
music,  
and raffles, including a 50/50 drawing.

**Cost:** \$25; \$15 for passenger (includes breakfast); and Collector T-shirts for the First 100 Registrants.

**Contacts:** Benny Griffis: [info@scorpion-cycles.com](mailto:info@scorpion-cycles.com)  
Jim Johnson: [jimjohnson@jmsmgtconsulting.com](mailto:jimjohnson@jmsmgtconsulting.com)

**Information:** [www.duluthmerchants.com](http://www.duluthmerchants.com)

**Remember:** *You don't have to ride to enjoy the fun!*

**Rain or Shine....**



Moose in swimming pool in Anchorage.

## Greetings from the Last Frontier!

I can't believe that 3 months have passed since I left Atlanta in May. It has been a busy summer here in Alaska with a lot better weather than last year. I know that it has been very hot back home and over the lower 48s but also it has been unusually warm up here in Alaska. Some record high temperatures have been set here this year. As you can see from the photo, even the animals are seeking some relief from the heat.

On June 21, I and like most Alaskans, celebrated the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Here in Anchorage means almost 22 hours of sunlight. Every year Alaskans look forward to this summer celebration with many festivals throughout the state. These festivities are bittersweet for Alaskans, as we start to lose 6 minutes of daylight per day starting on June 22. I never get over how quickly the trees start to green up and flowers start to bloom. When I arrived here in May there was still snow on the ground in some areas, which quickly melted and trees and plants started to come to life. The growing season in Alaska is very short, only 100 days before plants start to change again towards fall. So short is the season, that a 300 year old spruce tree may reach a diameter of just five inches, due to the extreme climate.

The Fireweed is now in full bloom. The flowers themselves bloom successively above the others, seeding and turning white (like cotton) towards the end of the blooming season. In Alaska, locals often use these flowers to signal a couple rather important changes: the first blooms signal the Salmon runs and the last blooms signal that winter is about six weeks out.

Fall arrives early in Alaska. Soon the weather will start to dramatically change in August and is also the time that we begin to see hints of winter's arrival. This is characterized by large temperature swings between warm days and chilly nights. Many of the deciduous trees will be blazing yellow and red by Labor Day. Combine the bright yellow colors of the Aspen and willow trees with the blazing red tundra plants and we have an amazing landscape here!

September is also the end of the tourist season in Alaska. Last cruise departs in mid-September and by then, most local shops and restaurants will start to close the doors for the season. This means that I will be going home back to Atlanta. It has been a great summer as I had many new and fun opportunities this year and a summer that I will remember. See you soon!

Albert



# DAZZL JEWELRY

*"Only The Look Is Expensive"*

Presents

An Exclusive Showing of  
Unique Designer Fashions  
At Affordable Prices

Sterling Silver - "Look Of Real" - Cubic Zirconia



PRICES START AT \$5.00  
LOTS OF SALE ITEMS

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 9th**

**GWINNETT MEDICAL CENTER  
DULUTH**

**EMERGENCY HALLWAY  
JUST PAST GIFT SHOPPE**

SPONSORED BY GMC AUXILIARY

PAYROLL DEDUCTION AVAILABLE FOR GMC-D EMPLOYEES\*

\*Temps and Less Than 90 Day Employees are not eligible



**The Work Spot is now hosting a Learn@Lunch series beginning in August. Check our facebook page or website for upcoming events.**

<http://www.facebook.com/TheWorkSpot>

<http://workatthespot.com/>

### **First Event:**

Join us as Gary Whitaker with Whitaker Business Law presents:

**"Everything you Wanted to Know About Contracts, But Were Afraid to Ask"**

Mr. Whitaker has over 30 years of experience as a business lawyer, in a broad variety of fields, but specializing in corporate transactions. He has handled numerous large corporate financings and business purchases and sales, including the \$2 billion financing of Eastman Chemical's spin off from Eastman Kodak and the divestiture by GrafTech International of its cathodes business in France. He also has decades of experience with contracts of all types, including LLC operating agreements and shareholder agreements; product and service sales, consulting, employment and IP licensing agreements, and commercial leases; and the preparation of employee handbooks. In addition, his practice includes international business law, trademarks and copyrights selection, usage and filings, and legal compliance in such areas as employment law and trade regulation, including antitrust and export licensing compliance.

<http://www.whitakerbusinesslaw.com/>

**This is a FREE event!**



THE SCHOOLHOUSE  
PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

### WHO WE ARE

The Schoolhouse is a learning community for children ages one to four who are taught by teachers who embrace the joys of learning and its unimaginable possibilities. Our engaging educational environment invites young learners to explore their sense of wonder while fostering learning, challenge and choice.

It is our goal to provide a balanced, enjoyable, nurturing environment where every young learner can develop to his or her full potential while being steeped in healthy amounts of play!

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that young learners have a right to a beginning that cultivates limitless possibilities. Their first impression of education should be met not only with honor but a compassion for who they are.

### WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

We recognize that forming and shaping rich environments for young learners is only possible when we value family and community as partners. Working together is an essential ingredient to being the best possible stewards of the next generation.



LEARN MORE

[www.theschoolhouse.com](http://www.theschoolhouse.com)

### WHERE DOES LEARNING TAKE PLACE?

The environments within The Schoolhouse are considered to be teachers as well, both indoors and outdoors.

Inside the thoughtfully configured classrooms caters to the nurturing comforts of home while featuring authentic, developmentally appropriate materials that promotes literacy, language, music, art, science, math, practical life, social and motor skills.

Outside the natural playscape offers multiple opportunities to apply and reinforce concepts taught in the classroom. Learners can be seen planting and maintaining flower and vegetable gardens, creating science experiments with natural resources, exploring small insects, investigating the changes in nature, building structures or simply letting their imagination lead them to new discoveries.

### WHY *An Ivy League Beginning™*?

Young learners are experiencing the most critical developmental periods of their lives. Providing them with the best ingredients to cultivate life-long learning is our answer to enriching their learning experience.

The many dimensions to our inquiry-based approach guide our development of curriculum and learning milestones. Our primary goal is to integrate into projects and investigations topics in which the young learners have shown interest.

The Schoolhouse is inspired by the works of Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences theory, the philosophical approach of Reggio Emilia and the methods of Montessori.



#### OTHER INFORMATION

ANGILLA JONES  
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES

404.421.6713

coming *this fall!*

2466 Buford Highway, Duluth, Georgia 30097



LEARN MORE

[www.theschoolhouse.com](http://www.theschoolhouse.com)

# Planned PETHood Low Cost Vaccine Clinics!!

Planned PETHood holds low cost vaccine clinics each month for pets who are already spayed/neutered. Check our website for our next clinic. They are usually held on the first Saturday of the month, but sometimes have to be moved for holidays or other events.



2860 Buford Hwy, Duluth GA - 678-561-FIX1 - www.PlannedPETHoodGA.com

### Low Cost Vaccine Clinics

July 9<sup>th</sup>      August 6<sup>th</sup>      Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>


|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <p><b><u>Kitten Pack - \$25</u></b><br/>         Feline Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> | <p><b><u>Dog Pack - \$40</u></b><br/>         Canine Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Rabies Vaccine (1 yr)*<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> | <p><b><u>Deluxe Dog Pack - \$60</u></b><br/>         Heartworm Test<br/>         Canine Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Bordetella<br/>         Rabies Vaccine (1 yr)*<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> |
|---|--|---|

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b><u>Puppy Pack - \$25</u></b><br/>         Canine Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> | <p><b><u>Cat Pack - \$40</u></b><br/>         Feline Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Rabies Vaccine (1 yr)*<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> | <p><b><u>Deluxe Cat Pack - \$65</u></b><br/>         FIV/FelV Combo Test<br/>         Feline Distemper Vaccine<br/>         Feline Leukemia Vaccine<br/>         Rabies Vaccine (1 yr)*<br/>         Deworming (Strongid - 2 doses)<br/>         Exam</p> |
|--|--|---|

\*Add \$5 for 3 year Rabies Vaccine  
 Add Microchip to any Pack for \$20 (regular price \$25)  
 Your Pet must already be spayed or neutered.

**Advantage Flea Prevention available for less than \$10 per dose**  
**Prevention Advantage Multi Flea & Heartworm available for less than \$12 per dose.**  
(heartworm test required)






# August 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue   | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|---|
|     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
|     |     | <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>DMA Meeting-<br/>Duluth<br/>Fall<br/>Festival<br/>6PM</b> </div> |     |     |     | <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Planned<br/>PETHood<br/>Vaccine<br/>Clinic<br/>9 - 1</b> </div> |
| 7   | 8   | <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>GMC - D<br/>Jewelry<br/>Sale</b> </div>                         | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |   |

## DMA Meeting Locations

**NOTE: All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.**

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <p><b>Jan 4, 2011</b></p>    | <p><b>February 1</b></p> <br> <p><b>Stantec</b></p> | <p><b>March 1</b></p>  <p>a division of SYNOVUS BANK</p>                              |
| <p><b>April 5</b></p>    | <p><b>May 3</b></p>  <p><b>DULUTH FINE WINES</b></p>   | <p><b>June 7</b></p>  <p><b>Gwinnett Medical Center</b><br/>Lawrenceville • Duluth</p> |
| <p><b>July 5</b></p>   | <p><b>August 2</b></p>  <p>Free Admission!</p>   | <p><b>September 6</b></p>   |
| <p><b>October 4</b></p>  <p>Call Us today: (770) 4-FLOORS (770-435-6977)</p> | <p><b>November 1</b></p>    | <p><b>December 7</b></p>  <p>NEW DAWN THEATER COMPANY</p>                             |

**Do you have news or an article you like to include in the DMA Newsletter? Send it in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order for it to be included in the next newsletter.**