

Agency: Preparing for 2010

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"We are happy with everything they give us, but it will be tough this year," Dolan said. "There is just less money to go around."

With the 2009 campaign wrapped, Lane-Neu and her staff at the United Way are looking to the future. Already, plans are underway for the 2010 campaign, with ideas for overcoming tough economic times and refocusing United Way efforts on more than fundraising, Lane-Neu said.

For the upcoming campaign, the agency is switching tactics, vowing to be even more motivated and to follow up with donors more vigorously, she said.

"These are challenging times and we need to all look at the bigger picture," Lane-Neu said.



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Jane Macon Middle School secretary Pearl Britt holds a sample visitor's pass that is part of the school system-wide new visitor ID system.

Visitors: New system will require photo identification

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It takes only 30 seconds to run a background check.

The visitor's identification and photo is then automatically stored in the database for records or further use.

"If there is ever an event where we have to prove someone was at a school on a specific day for a certain reason, our resource officers will be able to find out who it was," Hall said.

Glynn County Schools reviewed multiple visitor ID systems before deciding upon People Track, which is provided by the Jacksonville-based vendor Dowling-Douglas Co. The same company supplies the school system with student and teacher identification cards.

Installation of the system cost \$24,500, or little more than \$1,000 per school.

Hall said the purchase was a fiscally responsible decision that will pay off by making schools safer.

The question of personal privacy may arise when submitting identification, but school officials noted that the district is charged with protecting students and will maintain the right to deny anyone entry onto a campus who is flagged by the system.

"I've worked with a lot of different counties and school systems and that question always comes up," said Terry Starling, sales associate for Dowling-Douglas, which helped install the People Track. "Schools have to set a parameter on who is coming into their building."

People Track will officially go into effect as the sole visitor sign-in process at the beginning of next school year. Before the visitor ID system can take effect, the school board will have to create policy to set guidelines.

In the meantime, the standard sign-in process will be available along with People Track.

"This new system gives us a more efficient way of finding out information about the people who

enter our building," said Jane Macon Principal Scott Spence. "We'll know if they're a sex offender or have outstanding warrants and will be able to protect our children."

"For the little amount of time it takes, it's well worth it."

Outside of direct safety issues, People Track will simplify the entire process of visitor sign-ins.

A person who provides the last four digits of his Social Security number will be able to quickly obtain a pass on future visits to any one of the county's 18 public schools.

Hall noted that the system will prove effective for parent volunteers and vendors who visit schools often. They will only have to submit their ID once. Thereafter they can receive a printed visitor pass at the main office.

"I like it," said Jane Macon secretary Britt Pearl, who has been an employee of the school system for 18 years. "It's easy, takes less than 30 seconds and makes the school safer for everyone."

Parks: Jekyll not affected by plans

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Should the proposal to up the parking fee at Georgia's parks go through, Bob Boyne would expect to hear a few complaints. Overall, though, Boyne, manager for Laura S. Walker state park, said he believes park patrons will understand the need for the minor increase.

Plus, he added, it has been years since the park system has increased fees.

"It's about time," Boyne said. "Fees have not gone up for some 15 years. Name another business that has held prices so low for so long."

"Even with the increase, a visit to a state park is still a great deal and a real value to Georgia residents and visitors."

Public input

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will be accepting public comments on the proposed park fee increase through April 24.

Written comments can be mailed to Sherry Crew-Jay, Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Division, 1352 Floyd Towers East, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Email comments to director@dnr.state.ga.us or via www.GeorgiaStateParks.org.

Although it is a state park, Jekyll Island would not be affected by the higher park fees since it is operated by a state authority.

United Way funds

How the funds will be divided:

- American Red Cross: \$65,000
- America's Second Harvest: \$8,000
- Boy Scouts: \$15,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia: \$95,000
- Coastal Medical Access Project: \$30,000
- DEAR Program: \$13,500
- Ferst Foundation: \$2,958
- First Steps: \$5,000
- Girl Scouts: \$15,000
- Glynn County Crisis Center (Amity House): \$30,000
- Golden Isles Children Advocacy Center: \$15,000
- Healthy Families: \$22,600
- Heather House of Glynn: \$4,000
- Hospice of the Golden Isles: \$17,200
- Latin American Resource Center: \$7,000
- Mary House Daycare and Learning Center: \$8,000
- Medical Transportation: \$20,000
- Safe Harbor Children's Center: \$10,000
- Salvation Army: \$30,000
- SHARE (2 programs): \$76,500
- Special Olympics: \$10,000
- STAR Foundation: \$15,000
- Donor Restricted Designations: \$292,324
- YWCA: \$15,000

Airlines earn high marks

By JOAN LOWY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Airlines carried fewer people last year, but did a better job for those who did fly.

The rates of lost bags, late arrivals, passengers bumped from overbooked flights and consumer complaints all declined, private researchers say in their annual study of airline quality, based on government statistics.

While the industry had its best overall performance in the ratings in four years, the picture was not entirely rosy.

High fuel costs and a poor economy led many airlines to reduce schedules, raise ticket prices, jettison frills and put in place fees for everything from luggage to pillows.

Nevertheless, consumer complaints for the 17 airlines included in the study dipped from 1.42 per 100,000 passengers in 2007 to 1.15 in 2008.

Southwest Airlines had the best rate, only 0.25 complaints per 100,000 passengers; US Airways had the worst rate, 2.25.

Half of all complaints involved baggage or flight problems such as cancellations, delays or other schedule deviations.

The average on-time performance last year was 3 percentage points better than the year before, yet nearly one-quarter of all flights were late.

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