



Convention & Visitors' Bureau and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful

Calendar of Events

Warner Robins Bureau of Civic Affairs

December 2011 Newsletter

- **International City Farmer's Market**
Every Thursday! Located on the Corner of Watson Blvd. and Davis Drive 478-225-7626
- **Warner Robins Annual Christmas Parade**
December 3rd
For information call 922-8585
- **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare**
Warner Robins Little Theater, Dinner and Show! Call for show times 478-929-4579
See ad on page 2.
- **Air Force Reserve Command Band Holiday Concert**
Free Annual Concert held at the Museum of Aviation. For more information please call 478-926-6870
- **Pick An Angel**
Stop by any participating location throughout Warner Robins to sponsor a child for Christmas. For more information visit www.salvationarmyusa.org

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Party With a Purpose This Holiday Season



Do you have everything you need? Don't know what you want or what to get someone for Christmas? Try something new this holiday season...

Every year in your local area there are always less fortunate children and adults that could use your help. Since most of us have our essential needs in life, it can be difficult to determine what to put on your Christmas list. Doesn't it make you feel good to help someone in need during the holiday season or even year round? Have you ever thought about having a party for a purpose? What is party for a purpose? Well, there are many groups of friends, churches, and companies that host parties for a purpose, especially during the holiday season. Instead of having the traditional party of drawing names for swapping gifts, these groups sponsor an individual or even families to assist. During this party, the group celebrates by having a holiday get together and bringing a gift for the sponsored person or family instead of "swapping gifts" with each other. This way you are doing a good deed during the holidays and still having fun with your family and friends. I challenge you to try "Partying For A Purpose" this year and I guarantee you will make memories and maybe even a tradition.

"Business Travel and the Government"



Firms will be more selective about who travels and where they will go next year. Business travel will grow by 3.4%, after surging nearly 7% this year. One big target: Travel to meetings and conventions... growing by just 3.5% in 2012, down by nearly half from this year's robust growth as travel parties grow smaller. One upside: Hotels and conference centers may be open to making deals. But with few properties opening, occupancy rates... and prices... will stay high. Watch for room rates in many parts of the nation to increase by about 5% over 2011.

ENERGIZE YOUR HOLIDAYS

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With the added travel, cooking, shopping and parties inherent during the holiday season, your environmental footprint can skyrocket. But while the average household uses more energy during the winter months, there are simple steps you can take to reduce your overall consumption and make this a low-impact holiday season.

Check for air leaks in your home. Studies show that homeowners received dramatically reduced electricity bills after their homes were weatherized. On average, electricity usage was reduced by 12-18 percent each month. Basic measures include weather-stripping, window caulking, attic insulation and switching to energy efficient light bulbs.



Turn down the heat. Adjusting the thermostat by just two degrees is the equivalent of 2,000 pounds of carbon emissions annually and almost \$100 in energy costs. That's the equivalent of driving a car more than 3,000 miles! The more guests in your home, the lower your thermostat can go as more people will generate

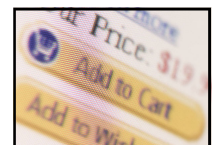
body heat. So, adjust the thermostat accordingly for a cozy, energy-efficient party atmosphere.

Make the switch to LED holiday lights. They use 10 times less energy than incandescent mini-lights, 100 times less energy than standard bulbs and last more than 50,000 hours! According to Consumer Reports, LEDs "used 1 to 3 kilowatt hours of energy, compared with 12 to 105 kWh for the incandescent, saving \$1 to \$11."



Carpool with your friends and family for holiday get-togethers and shopping trips. A 10 percent increase in transit ridership nationwide would save 135 million gallons of gasoline a year.

Shop for holiday gifts online and order multiple items that can be shipped together. According to the Center for Energy and Climate Solutions, to have 10 pounds of packages shipped by overnight air uses 40 percent less fuel than driving yourself round-trip to the mall.



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How to **Green** Your Computer Shopping

Christmas shopping is gearing up and one of the top requests is a new computer. Whether it's for a student in college for the first time or the family computer simply needs an upgrade, there are some easy ways to buy a computer that meets your needs, protects your budget and helps the environment – all at the same time. Here are our tips...

Buy Smart

Doing a little examination before you buy a computer can save time, money and resources as well as help you make eco-friendly decisions. First, check with the school on any requirements for the system and see if they have available discounts from any vendors.

Next, think about how you or your student will use the system. Will it be in and out of a backpack, to and from home? Will it be relied on every day? A little research to find a lightweight laptop, an online backup and storage solution and other key requirements will help make sure it's a computer that lasts.

As you're shopping around, look for environmental features. Many computers offer energy-smart configurations and settings as well as LED displays that use less power and are often made without some harmful chemicals. Most manufacturers post information online about their policies regarding material use and sourcing.

You can save money by buying used accessories. This also helps the environment as you're keeping those materials out of landfills and reusing them. You'll probably want to buy a new computer so it lasts for a long time, but for extra power cords, cables and more, check out your nearest Salvation Army or Goodwill stores, or go online for listings. Many times you can pick up everything you need for a fraction of the price of buying new.

Once you have a new computer, taking care of it and using it in an eco-friendly way is important. Teach family members and students to turn off the computer when not in use. Most operating systems have a "sleep" or low-power mode that can allow for quick re-start but dramatically cut electricity use.

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The Complete Works of William Shakespeare



Warner Robins Little Theater presents "The complete Works of William Shakespeare." Enjoy an entertaining evening of food and fun beginning December 1-10th.

"If You Like Shakespeare, You'll Like This Show. If You Hate Shakespeare, You'll Love This Show!" ~ The Today Show

Three men perform all 37 plays in 97 minutes! **Warning!** This show is a high-speed roller coaster type condensation of all of Shakespeare's plays, and is not recommended for people with heart ailments, bladder problems, inner-ear disorders and/or people inclined to motion sickness. We are not responsible for expectant mothers either!

Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall
133 1/2 Commercial Circle
Warner Robins, GA 31093

Dates: December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10
Doors open at 6:45pm Curtain 7:30pm

Menu: Salad, Choice Cheeses, London Broil, Roastit Bubbly Jock (Roast Turkey), Potatoes (Mashed, Roasted, Boiled), English Peas, Copper Pennies (Carrots), Scones and Cream Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$35.00 Per Person

For More Information: Call 478-929-4579 or
Visit www.WRLT.org

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY! ARE
SEATS ARE LIMITED AND
TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**



Pajama Party With a Purpose

The Salvation Army Safe House invites you to a Pajama Party

Friday, December 16, 2011

from **10:30 am—1:00 pm**

At The Centerville Public Library on 206 Gunn Road.

Your donation of pajamas will aid the women and children residing at the shelter. The Shelter is accepting new and gently used pajamas for women, girls, and boys (sizes newborn to 2X) and Slippers of all sizes. Please join us for light refreshments, information about our program services and a chance to meet our staff. These pajamas will be used for current and future residents. If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for a donation, please call Nicole at 478-923-2348.



The Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the 2012 leadership program. This 9 month program is essential and beneficial to any upcoming "future leader." The program contains one full class day a month with educational trips and behind the scenes tours of the region's industries, RAFB, State Capitol and more!

For more information please call Aura Lee Durham, 478-922-8585, or visit www.robinsregion.com.
Application Deadline is December 12, 2011!

Nominate Someone or Yourself!



2011 Robins Regional Leadership Class Photographed at the GA State Capitol with Governor Nathan Deal



**American
Red Cross**



Looking for a New Year's Resolution? The Red Cross Needs Volunteers and Financial Support. The Central Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross welcomes all volunteers interested in helping their neighbors. We help victims of single family fires, tornadoes and floods by providing immediate assistance with food, shelter and clothing.

To volunteer, contact Linda Benson, Volunteer Services, at lbenson@centralga-redcross.org or call 923-6332 (Warner Robins office) or 743-8671 (Macon office).

Green Your Computer Shopping...

You can also plug your computer and associated devices into a power strip, which makes shutting them all off as easy as the flip of a switch. Most computers have power-saving settings and features, and many ship with those enabled. Check what they are in the control panel. For everyday use, the computer will need less power than an activity like gaming.

Turn off the screen at night – studies have shown the blue-tinted light from computer and TV screens can interrupt sleep cycles. Plus, turning off screens will reduce energy use, which is better for the environment.

If you are sending your student off with a new computer and an old one at home won't be used any more, don't store it in the house. To donate or recycle your old computer, take off the files you need. To recycle your computer in Warner Robins, bring it to the Happy Hour Recycling/Service Center, located on North Young Avenue, for *E-Cycling Day* on April 28, 2012.

While shopping, you should find out what the recycling policies of the retail locations or online stores are when buying the new system. Some retailers offer trade-in policies for when you replace the system and some manufacturers let you order recycling at time of purchase.

~ By Megan Dobransky

Shop The Robins Region

This Holiday Season!

Christmas is just around the corner. Whether you are just starting your shopping list or picking up those last minute gifts, remember to shop locally in your community this holiday season. When you shop locally and support your community, you keep businesses, employees, and tax dollars in your city. Why is this important? For instance; when you shop in Warner Robins you provide revenue at the store you are in, provide jobs for those employed by that business, and the taxes you spend are used in assisting with various improvements throughout our city. Since the holiday season is the biggest shopping time of the year, the extra revenue generated is very important to spend right here and encourage your community to grow.

So think twice before going outside of your region to spend your hard earned dollars. If revenue was not spent in your community, how would it effect your business or employer? After all, wouldn't you like to continue seeing Warner Robins grow?



This Paint Is Made From Plastic Bottles

By Alexis Petru, contributing reporter, Earth911



Sherwin-Williams has received an EPA green chemistry award for its paint formulation that contains recycled plastic bottles and produces less air pollution than typical oil-based paints.

The new paint combines the performance of alkyd, or oil-based, paints, with acrylic paint's low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can cause respiratory irritation and damage to kidneys, lungs and nervous systems. According to the EPA, Sherwin-Williams manufactured enough of these new paints in 2010 to eliminate over 800,000 pounds of VOCs.

The water-based acrylic alkyd paint features another environmental benefit – it is made from recycled PET plastic bottles, in addition to acrylics and soybean oil. Consumers can find the new paint formulation in several of the company's products: ProClassic Waterbased Acrylic Alkyd, ProMar 200 Waterbased Acrylic Alkyd and ProIndustrial Waterborne Enamel.

The EPA awarded Sherwin-Williams with a Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in the "designing green chemicals" category at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.. In its 16th year, these awards recognize the design of safer and more sustainable chemicals, processes and products that prevent pollution and reduce Americans' exposure to harmful chemicals.

Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Welcomes Support of Mossy Creek Middle School Student

Keep Warner Robins Beautiful recently accepted support from Mossy Creek Middle School (MCMS). Members of the MCMS Student Council adopted Danny Carpenter Drive, pledging to remove litter along the one mile stretch of roadway each month during the school year.



Student Council members of MCMS remove litter from the campus and along Danny Carpenter Drive.

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