

# **McFarlane Nature Park News**

Sharing with those who work and care for the Park **July 2025** 

## Coming to **McFarlane**

**Master Gardeners** of the Park will assist you in participating in the annual **Pollinator Census** Sat August 23 10 am to 1pm Watch the webinar for how-to



GREAT SOUTHEAST





"How To" Webinar

The Great Southeast Pollinator Census - Citizen Science at Work! presented by Becky Griffin, national and state GSEPC Coordinator

Register for the August 12 "How To" webinar at https://bit.ly/2025GSEPC-Webinar.

For more details about how to participate, visit https://gsepc.org or www.cobbmastergardeners.com.





Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County GROWING GARDENERS









#### HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE WALKING TOUR?

THANKS TO EAGLE SCOUT LUCAS ELMIGER, TROOP 1011, WE HAVE AN 18 STATION WALKING TOUR ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE PARK. AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO COOL, YOU COULD EMBARK ON A .78 MILE TREK THROUGH THE PARK, STARTING AT ANY OF THE STATIONS. EACH HOLDS A QR CODE THAT YOU CAN READ WITH YOUR PHONE TO GAIN SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THAT SITE. LUCAS COMPLETED THE PROJECT IN MAY 2023.

WE HAVE BEEN THE FORTUNATE RECIPIENTS OF 40 EAGLE PROJECTS THAT COMPLETED AT THE PARK SINCE 1992.



Visit our new phone-friendly website, turning a fresh face to the world at https://www.mcfarlanenaturepark.com



### You'll Miss Them When They're Gone

This summer, we are embarking on an educational project intended to introduce park visitors to information they might not know about the insects around us. With the assistance of neighbor Ryan Asiello, these 13 signs will rotate throughout the Park during the summer, leading into the Great Southeast Pollinator Census.

As we become more aware of the eco-services offered by the insects around us, we may reconsider our approaches to bug control, lawn spraying, night lighting, and other activities that are detrimental to their well being.

Dramatic declines in insect populations around the world are evidenced in such simple things as no insects on your windshield when driving, fewer fireflies in our night skies, and the decline in the bird populations that depend on the insects for food.

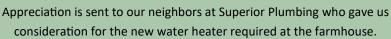
A new memorial bench was installed at the Park in May, beneath the big oak that we call the "Mother Tree". The bench was placed in memory of the decades-long service to our community by recently passed Joe Gavalis, who served as the chair of the Chattahoochee

Plantation Community Assoc.

Lynn Thompson organized the effort and speakers at the ceremony included Janie Kissling, who worked with Gavalis for many years as secretary of CPCA; Sharon Cooper, our state representative and neighbor; and Craig Chapin, the new CPCA Chair. Neighbors gathered at the Pavilion

for socializing and hospitality, to celebrate the contribution Gavalis made to our community.





# Superior Plumbing

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Literature Box Be responsible for keeping literature boxes full. Tri-folds supplied.

Constant Contact Person with experience to manage quarterly NEWS distribution.

Planting Two Fall projects will require additional people to help plant.

Neighbors are welcome to join the Master Gardeners on Tuesday mornings, usually about 9 a.m. or contact Kate Mason 404.983.8033 who leads the crew.

VOLUNTEERS WHO WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES MAY CONTACT mcfarlaneclt@gmail.com, or 678-860-4445

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#### Fan Mail

Thank you as always for the usage of McFarlane Nature Park. Troop 433's overnighter ... had 7 of our brand new scouts working together with the older scouts on foundational skills such as lashings, cooking and campfire

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