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AUGUST

- ? **August 13 - 15** – ACCG Leadership Academy, UGA, Center for Continuing Education, Athens
- ? **August 28** – SGRDC Board Meeting
- ? **August 30 - 31** – Flatlanders Fall Frolic, Lakeland

SEPTEMBER

- ? **September 23** – OneGeorgia FY 2004 Equity applications due
- ? **September 25** – SGRDC Board Meeting
- ? **September 29 - October 4** – Honey Bee Festival, Hahira

OCTOBER

- ? **October 11** – Fall Classic Car & Truck Show, downtown Valdosta
- ? **October 23** – SGRDC Board Meeting
- ? **October 25** – Sweet Potato Festival, Ocilla



McRae Retires After Distinguished Public Service Career

Buford W. McRae, former city manager, county manager, and RDC special projects coordinator, was the guest of honor at a retirement reception held at the RDC on July 16 to celebrate his long and distinguished public service career. Following a stint in the Air Force during World War II, McRae served as Executive Assistant in the Tennessee Conservation Department and the Kentucky Parks Department. He then served as City Manager in several cities, including Jackson, Alabama; Jacksonville Beach, Florida; Valdosta, Georgia; and Thomasville, Georgia. Following his retirement as County Manager of Lowndes County in 1986, McRae began working as a consultant to the RDC on special projects. In this capacity, McRae's most notable success was the creation



John Leonard presenting Buford McRae with a resolution from the RDC Board of Directors.

of the Deep South Municipal Solid Waste Authority. Under his leadership, the Authority was able to secure for its members a long term contract with Onyx Waste Services that guarantees waste disposal services at a set tipping fee for the next fifty

SGRDC Storm I

Planning

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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS POWER

GIS Means Business !

Geographic Information Systems

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At a recent Georgia Municipal Association District Meeting in Savannah, SGRDC got to showcase the power of GIS in an **economic development** context. This presentation, using a hypothetical industrial prospect, featured a "site-selection made simple" demonstration using the spatial query functions of a GIS and closed with a 3d fly-through model of the selected site complete with building and landscaping.

The power of GIS is enormous and the software of the day make this power reasonably easy to tap. The fly-through model mentioned earlier was created using CommunityViz software. SGRDC was one of only 9 nationally selected sites to test this software while in it's development stages thanks to the federal RGIS program we participate in.

The presentation was a grand success and highlighted the sophisticated tools that are exclusive to communities in the South Georgia Region.

Smaller and smaller and smaller ...

Technology is not only bringing big advancements to the way we all work, but at the same time it's getting smaller. Imagine having your computer in your shirt pocket, no wires, and no keyboard. SGRDC-GIS staff received an innovation award last year for strides in Mobile GIS and implementing this handheld technology in our region.



These devices not only keep up with your appointments, contact lists and emails, they allow you to **access GIS data and record information in a database environment while in the field.** Applications of this handheld device are not limited to GIS professionals. Tax Assessors, Public Works, Public Health and Engineering are just a few

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Two Area Businesses

Economic Development

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Jonathan Sumner



Now located at Summit Pointe, these two Valdosta businesses were financed by the RDC & Guardian Bank through an SBA 504 loan.



Old World Financial has been in business in Adel since 1992. Old World offers a full line of insurance services. It also brokers financial products through an

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