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The Madison-Morgan Conservancy and Madison-Morgan Cultural Center are partnering again to present the next in a series of symposiums. Inspired by the Sustainability Expo in 2008 and by a recent “Grants to Green” grant received by the Cultural Center, the Sustainability Symposium will include lectures by Bourke Reeve of Southface Institute and Luis Imery of the Imery Group, both of whom are experts in their fields of sustainable building technology.

The Sustainability Symposium will also include tours of the Cultural Center, Camp Twin Lakes, and the Steffen Thomas Museum, all of which are recipients of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta’s Grants to Green program.

“We are excited to share with the public the major improvements we’ve made to the Cultural Center,” said Rebecca Bonas of the Cultural Center. “The building was built in 1895 as the first graded school in Morgan County, and over the years many improvements have been made. But with the advent of new technologies that reduce energy and water usage, we have been able to improve our systems and our bottom line.”

“We are so pleased to be partnering again with the Cultural Center to bring the public this type of information,” said Christine McCauley, Executive Director of the Conservancy. “Our Sustainability Expo in 2008 proved there is significant interest in this community in becoming more sustainable by recycling and composting, reducing water and electricity use, and even planting native plants. Now we want to present how sustainable

communities can impact the world on a larger scale and provide people with the most current information about sustainable technology they can use in their own homes.”

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta provides grants to non-profits to renovate or build greener work places that are energy- and water-efficient. This innovative Grants to Green partnership between the Community Foundation, the Kendeda Fund, and Southface improves the nonprofit’s ability to save on utilities which allows more of the organization’s resources to go to programming.

The Sustainability Symposium is the third in a series of symposiums hosted at the Cultural Center. “Yankees Marching By” and “WWII: The Homefront” preceded the upcoming symposium and were well received by the public. This symposium will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, in the Cultural Center Auditorium, from 10 a.m. to noon with tours following.

This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit the Cultural Center’s website – www.mmcc-arts.org (<http://www.mmcc-arts.org>) – or the Conservancy’s website – www.mmcGeorgia.org (<http://www.mmcGeorgia.org>) –or call the Center at (706) 342-4743.

The Madison-Morgan Conservancy is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide public education on conservation matters and to protect and enhance the heritage and quality of life of the residents of Morgan County by preserving historic sites, greenspace, farmland and timberland.

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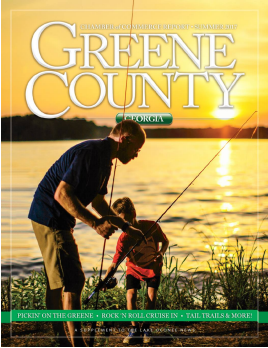
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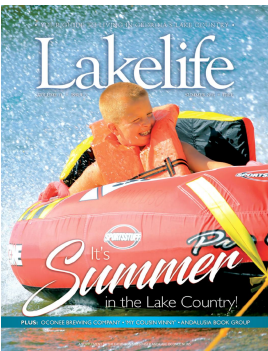
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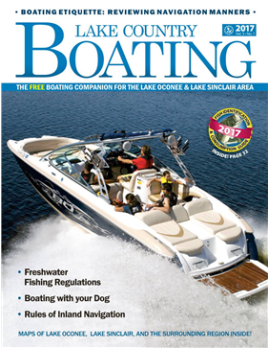
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