

# U.S. Senator makes

## a stop at local Rotary Club

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U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., started his business in Sandy Springs, serving as the President of Northside Realty for 22 years.

Last week he returned to make a speech at the Sandy Springs Rotary Club meeting, touching on Delta's bankruptcy, the war in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina.

"It is always good to see a U.S. Senator there to give input on things most important to the community," President of the Sandy Springs Rotary Club, Ralph Thurmond said.

Later, in a telephone interview from Washington, Isakson divulged his thoughts on

the new city of Sandy Springs. "I am very delighted," Isakson said. "I have watched these people for 30 years. It is great to see the legislation finally pass."

of-ways have been purchased, he said, the county has even agreed to the timetable.

Isakson said construction should start, "Hopefully a year from now."

As for Sandy Springs other constant traffic jam, Interstate 285 and Roswell Road, that is still unclear.

"We got a proposition into the federal department," Isakson said.

"The problem is it is a huge cost because of the right-of-way acquisition."

Isakson said, "It is possible," but there is not even a thought to when.

Thurmond said he personally knows the Senator well, and was thankful that schedules could be arranged and he could make it to the meeting.



**Johnny Isakson**

Isakson said the funds were secured four-years-ago, and the project is under way. The design is complete, and right

## OUTSIDE THE NORTHSIDE

### Stone Mountain Highland Games

Stone Mountain Park will host its Highland Games on Oct. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities include athletic events dancing and Scottish Harping. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$4 for children.

**Information:** (770) 498-5690.

### Asthmatics wanted

The national SABA trial at Emory University is looking for 400 non-smoking asthmatics ages 18 to 60 for a gastric acid study.

**Information:** (404) 712-1773.

### Haunted clubhouse

The Dunwoody Nature Center will have a Haunted Clubhouse on Oct. 21 and 22 and Oct. 28 and 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. Kids will be taken on a guided walk through the wetlands, play games, earn prizes and have their fortune told. Tickets are \$4 per child and \$6 per adult.

**Information:** (770) 394-3322.

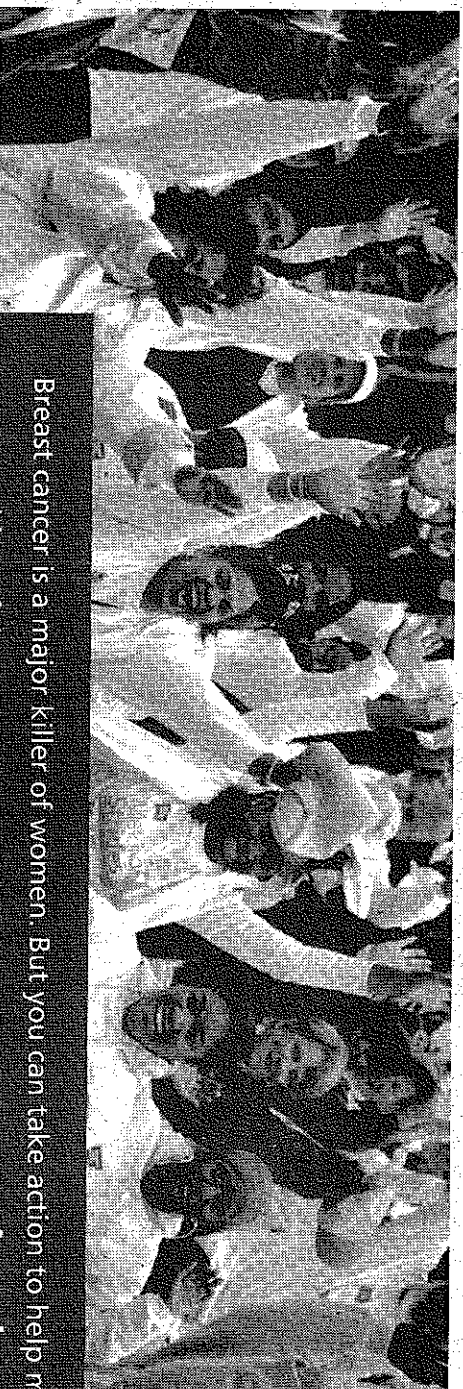
### Rivers Alive

The Dunwoody Nature Center will have a cleanup of Wildcat Creek on Nov. 5 from 5

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