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# AirWaves

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### Ask The Expert: Dr. W. Gerald Teague

**May signals the start of smog season!** Smoggy air creates problems for everyone, especially children, the elderly, and those with asthma and other respiratory diseases.



Experts, such as W. Gerald Teague, M.D., director, Emory Pediatrics Asthma Clinical Research Center, are working tirelessly in this field to educate and care for those affected by unhealthy air. Dr. Teague, is also a new board member of The Clean Air Campaign.

He joined us recently for a Q&A session about air pollution and its impact on health that is now a new segment on our Web site. [His advice](#) can help protect your health and the health of your family. Here is a sample:

**The Clean Air Campaign:** What do you think are the biggest misconceptions concerning air pollution and smog?

**Dr. Teague:** One of the biggest misconceptions is that an individual can move away from the inner city and then think they no longer have to worry about air pollution as a health issue. That's just not true at all. Another misconception is the assumption that if "I'm a healthy person and I don't smoke and don't have asthma, then air pollution won't affect me." Research shows that even a healthy person can be affected by air pollution.

### SMOG ALERT

[Sign up to receive Smog Alerts!](#)

### COMMUTE CLUE

#### Car Shopping 101



If buying a new car is on your "to do" list, take our tips and turn this often stressful decision into one that lets you feel good by helping the environment. [Find out](#) how your purchase decisions today can help improve our air tomorrow.

### SPOTLIGHT COMMUTER

Read more of [Dr. Teague's advice](#) on how to keep safe this summer and throughout the year.

## Plan Your Summer Getaway from Road Construction

 With new roads, ramps and overpasses going up everywhere, how can you steer clear this summer? We've got just the cure for those summer time construction delay blues.

### Here are just a few projects to look out for this summer:

- [Peachtree Corridor](#) - The Peachtree Corridor Project will transform the major transportation artery of Buckhead to improve automobile traffic flow, transit access and pedestrian safety, and make Peachtree Road the true signature boulevard of Atlanta. Make use of [the buc](#) for a stress-free ride.
- [Gwinnett County: State Route 316 and I-85](#) - Georgia DOT has begun a reconstruction and HOV lane extension project at the I-85 and State Route 316 Interchange. The project, designed to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety, includes the addition of new HOV lanes which help reduce air pollution and improve traffic congestion. This project will continue through 2008.
- [Perimeter Center Parkway Overpass](#) - Also known as the I-285 "Flyover Bridge," this overpass will be a four-lane divided roadway across I-285 that will literally fly over the Interstate from Hammond Drive on the north to Lake Hearn Drive on the south. The project will significantly improve mobility and ease traffic congestion for thousands of commuters, providing an alternative to heavily-traveled Ashford Dunwoody and Peachtree Dunwoody roads. It will also facilitate easier access to MARTA's Perimeter Center Station. Project completion is scheduled for 2007.

The Georgia NaviGator [Web site](#) can help you plan your routes this summer. This Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) facility is "mission control" for metro traffic, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. NaviGator

[Diana Bird](#) was responsible for turning her husband's desperate commute situation into one that rewarded the family with time and money.

## WHAT'S NEW

Have kids? Then, **Take a Deep Breath!** Visit this new air quality exhibit at Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta, open through June 18. Download a [coupon](#) for \$2 off admission or visit the museum's [Web site](#) for more exhibit info.

It's official. Governor Sonny Perdue proclaimed April 23-29 as [Air Quality Awareness Week](#). Use the State's support as a reason for you to implement a clean air [lifestyle](#).

Interested in conserving gas and earning a quick \$15 gift card? Sign up for [Commuter Prizes](#) after May 15, take at least 10 trips on any metro Atlanta transit system before the end of June and you'll soon have an extra \$15 in your pocket\*!

\* Gift cards are available until supply is depleted; limited to first 5,000 participants that

staff collects, analyzes and communicates all traffic incidents- from flat tires to major fatality wrecks to construction delays. All of the data can be viewed at any time. Be sure to check out the [My Navigator](#) section, where you can create a personal traffic page, set up e-mail traffic alerts and more. With just a few clicks each day, you will be able to avoid summer construction delays.

Remember, commute alternatives such as telework, flextime and transit can also help you avoid roadwork - [find out more](#).

meet program requirements. Qualifying transit trips include commutes to or from work on MARTA, Xpress, Cobb County Transit, C-Tran or Gwinnett County Transit.

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