

Center for at-risk teens opens Feb. 19

KENNESAW — The city of Kennesaw will host a grand opening for its new Teen Center on Feb. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. The center, at 2775 South Main Street, will house an after-school program for at-risk youth.

The center is one block south of Cherokee Street, diagonally across from the pedestrian underpass and plaza in downtown Kennesaw.

The purpose is to provide learning and enrichment opportunities for at-risk teens. Students will receive tutoring, homework help and college/career counseling from volunteer staff. Participants will also have access to a computer lab, and recreational and gam-

ing activities.

The program will initially operate from 3 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Transportation will be provided by the Cobb County School District's Success for All Students program.

The idea came from the city's Youth Council, a group of civic-minded high school students who provide the mayor and City Council with a youth perspective on issues concerning teens. The Youth Council, along with their liaison, Mayor Pro-Tem **Bill Thrash**, assembled a plan for the program, and members of the Youth Council will also volunteer at the Center, according to the city.