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Public Safety Fall Festival returns to Coolray Field

Celebrating 15 years, the County's annual Public Safety Fall Festival will return to Coolray Field on Saturday, September 7. Residents of all ages and abilities are invited to join our local public safety heroes for a day of fun and learning.

Come out to this free event from 10:00am to 2:00pm to meet our first responders and enjoy food, giveaways, demonstrations, and displays. Kids can also enjoy a touch-a-truck with a SWAT personnel carrier, fire trucks, and other specialized vehicles. One highlight of the day will be the Motorcycle Training Challenge featuring motorcycle courses from multiple police agencies.

Have any questions? Get in touch by emailing at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com. Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.



AROUND GWINNETT

Learn about Gwinnett's proposed airport ride

More than 10,000 Gwinnett residents travel daily to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for work or travel. Gwinnett's Transit Plan proposes an airport ride that would operate up to seven days a week with shuttles coming every hour to provide residents with a convenient, affordable, and timely connection.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide to learn more about the transit plan before you cast your ballot in November.

Tax Assessors' Office will conduct onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs.

Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at each property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions, please email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7200.

Gwinnett achieves gold-tier BioReady® Community status

The County has been designated a BioReady® Community by the state's leading life sciences membership organization, Georgia Bio, at the BIO International Convention in San Diego, California. Gwinnett County is the first county in metro Atlanta to qualify for and receive gold status as a BioReady® Community. The BioReady® program rates communities in three tiers: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. These ratings assess a municipality's readiness to host biotechnology facilities based on zoning practices and infrastructure capacity, helping real estate developers and biotechnology companies find the most favorable destinations to locate.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Maintain your septic system

Septic systems are designed to treat wastewater from homes. Heavy solids settle to the bottom of the tank while lighter solids float to the top. Wastewater then releases into the absorption field and slowly filters through the soil. Maintain your septic tank with these helpful tips to prevent costly repairs in your home and possible environmental harm in nearby waterways:

- Get your tank pumped every three to five years
- Practice good water conservation habits
- Flush only human waste and toilet paper
- Follow instructions for cleaning chemicals

Please visit Gwinnett20.com for more septic tank maintenance tips.

Discover how to prepare your fall landscape

Join us for the WaterWise Landscaping workshop on Thursday, September 12 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Water Tower in Buford to learn how to maintain your landscape without excessive outdoor water use. Then, discover composting and how to prevent stormwater pollution at the Composting for Water Quality workshop on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Dacula Park Activity Building. To register, visit Gwinnett20.com, call 678.376.6914, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Manage your motor vehicle needs online

Did you know that you can conduct motor vehicle services online? If you need to renew or cancel your tag, change your address, pay fees, or more, visit [EServices.Drives.GA.GOV](https://www.gwinnettdrives.ga.gov) to complete these tasks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Be prepared for emergencies

It's important to create a family emergency plan before an emergency or disaster strikes. Ensure your family's safety with these helpful tips:

- Understand how to receive emergency alerts and warnings
- Stay informed about disasters that may affect your area
- Keep a record of family members' contact information
- Identify an emergency meeting place
- Practice your plan together

Visit [GwinnettPolice.com](https://www.gwinnettpolice.com) or [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for help developing an emergency plan.



SPLIST

Improvements coming to Jimmy Carter Boulevard at Buford Highway

Gwinnett Transportation will partner with the Georgia Department of Transportation for upcoming improvements to the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Buford Highway. The County's \$2.2 million contribution to the construction cost will come from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds, as well as the cities of Peachtree Corners and Norcross.

Construction on the project is expected to begin by the end of 2024.

RESOURCES

Schedule free bulky item pickup

Do you live in unincorporated Gwinnett? You can take advantage of bulky item pickup service to get rid of unwanted furniture, appliances, and other large items. Up to two bulky items can be scheduled for pickup each week at no additional cost. Make sure to request the service in advance at [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com), before placing your item at the curb.



SERVING GWINNETT

Apply to be a poll official

Get involved in the electoral process and give back to your community! The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office is seeking citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers, to become poll officials for upcoming elections. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$440 per election. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountyjobs.com).

Aplica para ser trabajador electoral

¡Participa en el proceso electoral y retribuye a tu comunidad! La Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente hispanohablantes bilingües, para que se conviertan en trabajadores electorales para las próximas elecciones. Es una gran oportunidad para ver cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$440 por elección. Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados a aplicar en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountyjobs.com).

County offices closed for Labor Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 3. Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week.

For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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