

GWINNETT  
COUNTY

# Connection

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## School zone speed enforcement program extended through 2026

Gwinnett County has renewed its contract with Red-Speed Georgia LLC through May 2026 to continue school zone speed enforcement. The program aims to reduce dangerous driving near schools using speed-detection cameras that operate during designated school hours only.

Integrated with license plate readers, the system has been successful in reducing speeding near schools, boosting safety for students and drivers alike. The violator-funded program is expected to generate \$2.7 million and includes automated cameras, monitoring, billing, and collections. Learn more at [GwinnettPolice.com](http://GwinnettPolice.com).



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## AROUND GWINNETT

### The annual Public Safety Fall Festival is back!

Join us for a fun-packed day at the Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27 at Coolray Field. From 10:00am to 2:00pm, meet our first responders and enjoy food, giveaways, demonstrations, displays, and the Motorcycle Training Challenge with multiple police agencies showcasing the best of motorcycle courses. Kids can also enjoy a touch-a-truck with a SWAT personnel carrier, fire trucks, and other specialized vehicles. For more information, email [PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com). Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.

### County secures \$1.3 million in grant funding for court programs

The County will receive seven grants from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council totaling more than \$911,000 for Superior, State, and Juvenile Courts. The funding will support local court programs — including Adult Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans' Intervention Program — that serve residents navigating substance use, mental health challenges, and recovery. The programs have nearly 1,500 graduates, emphasizing long-term recovery and second chances. The County will also receive a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant just under \$480,000 to expand evidence-based services for at-risk youth in partnership with CHRIS 180.

### Visit 4-H Farm Friends at the fair!

Experience life on the farm inside the Big Red Barn at the annual 4-H Farm Friends exhibit at the Gwinnett County Fair. From Thursday, September 11 through Sunday, September 21, get up close and personal with rabbits, goats, and sheep. You can even try milking Daisy, the wooden sawhorse cow. Group tours are available weekdays from 9:30am to 11:30am. Home school groups and families with toddlers are invited to visit the exhibit during an exclusive Discovery Day on Friday, September 19. Visit [GwinnettExtension.com](http://GwinnettExtension.com) to learn more.



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Keep grass clippings out of stormwater drains

Did you know that letting yard waste like grass clippings enter a storm drain could lead to water pollution? Grass clippings may seem harmless, but if swept into a storm drain, they can break down and release nutrients into the water. These excess nutrients can lead to algae blooms and oxygen depletion. Grass clippings can also contribute to clogs, preventing rainwater from draining quickly. The County's Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance prohibits the discharge of anything other than rainwater into storm drains.

If you see a discharge entering a storm drain, call 678.376.7000 to file a report.

### Prepare your landscaping for fall

Join us at the Backyard Stream Restoration Workshop on Saturday, September 13 from noon to 2:00pm at Ronald Reagan Park for tips on erosion control and hands-on demonstrations. Then, discover how to maintain your landscape without excessive outdoor water use at the Waterwise Landscaping Workshop on Tuesday, September 16 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Suwanee Branch Library. To register for either workshop, please visit [Gwinnett20.com](http://Gwinnett20.com), call 678.376.7193, or email [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number.



## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Complete your tax services online

Did you know that you can conduct motor vehicle services online? You can renew or cancel your tag, renew your license or ID, pay fees, and more by visiting the Georgia Department of Revenue's E-Services at [Eservices.Drives.GA.GOV](http://Eservices.Drives.GA.GOV).

## 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:

- Enable wireless emergency alerts on smart devices.
- Stay informed about disasters that may affect your area.
- Keep record of family members' contact information.
- Identify an emergency meeting place.
- Practice your plan.

For help with developing an emergency plan, visit [GwinnettPolice.com](http://GwinnettPolice.com) or [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov). Find more emergency planning tips at [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com).



## SPLOST

### Step into the Hooper-Renwick Themed Library

A beloved piece of Gwinnett history is getting a new chapter. The former Hooper-Renwick School, which once served as the only public high school for Black students in the Gwinnett County school system, has been reimagined as a one-of-a-kind themed library and is now open to the public. Inside its preserved brick walls, visitors will find library amenities alongside community space and exhibits that showcase stories, accomplishments, and memorabilia related to the school.

The project was funded by the County's SPLOST program with additional contributions from the city of Lawrenceville, which also provided the 3.8-acre site, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping for the project. Want to experience a living tribute to lifelong learning? Stop by and celebrate the past while diving into new adventures.

## RESOURCES

### Get a grant toward your first home

If you're a first-time homebuyer, you might be eligible for Gwinnett's Homestretch Down Payment Assistance Program. New or existing Gwinnett residents aspiring to own a home can receive down payment assistance of up to \$10,000 as a five-year deferred payment loan with 0% interest. To qualify, the home must be located within Gwinnett County. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/HomestretchDPA](http://GwinnettCounty.com/HomestretchDPA) for a list of eligibility requirements and to apply.

## SERVING GWINNETT

### Host a project for Great Days of Service

Save the date! Gwinnett's Great Days of Service is October 17 to 19. Gwinnett's flagship volunteer initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to bring about meaningful change and address Gwinnett's most critical needs. Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service this fall. Want to host a project? Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) to apply by Sunday, August 17.

### Improvements coming to Stone Mountain Highway at US 78/SR 10

The County is adding three northbound left-turn lanes at East Park Place Boulevard to improve traffic flow and safety at the busy intersection of Stone Mountain Highway and US 78/State Route 10. The project includes upgraded traffic signals, a new concrete median, fresh sidewalks, curb and gutter work, and improved drainage. Drivers should expect delays, though nearby neighborhoods won't be directly affected. Funded by the SPLOST program, the project is anticipated to be completed by 2026.

### 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 1 for the Labor Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 2.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](http://GCSolidWaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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