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recycling directory  
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## FEATURE

### Recycle using your old trash cart

Gwinnett County's recycling program gives residents an opportunity to recycle more items than ever before so residents are encouraged to recycle as much as they can to help reduce the volume of solid waste going into our landfills. If you find it hard to fit everything into the recycling bin provided by your hauler, remember that you can use additional bins, including your old 95-gallon trash cart, for recycling. Just make sure your bins are clearly marked "recyclables."

To find out which items can be recycled curbside and for more recycling tips, visit [www.sustainablegwinnett.com](http://www.sustainablegwinnett.com). You can also find a directory for locations that will take recyclables that are not collected curbside, such as plastic bags, batteries, and compact fluorescent light bulbs.



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Big Haynes Creek dam gets safety renovation

Water Resources recently completed rehabilitating the Big Haynes Watershed Dam No. 3, located between Snellville and Grayson. The completion of this \$1.7 million project brings the H-3 dam into compliance with modern safety requirements. Homes, businesses, schools, and roads downstream all benefit from this project because it reduces floods in the downstream valley. The dam stores stormwater during a period of high flow (excessive rainfall) and slowly releases the water after a storm has passed.



The dam was constructed in 1963 for flood prevention purposes by the USDA's Soil Conservation Service, which is now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The H-3 dam is one of 14 NRCS Watershed Dams maintained by Gwinnett County. The dam was rehabilitated by abandoning the earthen spillways on the dam abutments and constructing a new concrete spillway overtopping the dam. The new spillway will safely pass a storm event of 15 inches of rain in six hours, which is the required standard set within the Georgia Rules for Dam Safety.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Think safety while you swim

Fire and Emergency Services urges residents to swim safely this summer. It's important to remember that a person can drown quickly in any amount of water. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in the United States. Last year, Gwinnett firefighters responded to 36 incidents of near-drowning and other water-related emergencies.

If you own a pool or spa, make sure that drains and vents include anti-entrapment covers that will not entangle the hair or body. Pool owners should place an alarm on the pool gate to alert them when someone enters or exits the pool and use a float line to separate the deep and shallow ends. Parents should also consider teaching children to swim at a young age.

For more tips on pool safety and how to prevent water-related emergencies, contact the Community Risk Reduction and Education Section at 678.518.4850.

## CHECK IT OUT

Check out these listings for delicious summer cooking ideas. These selections and others are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

*Just Grill This*, by Sam Zien

*Smokin With Myron Mixon: Recipes Made Simple, From the Winningest Man in Bar-b-que*, by Myron Mixon

*Salad as a Meal: Healthy Main Dish Salads for Every Season*, by Patricia Wells

*The Everything Salad Book*, by Aysha Schurman

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reunions



weddings

pools \* gymnasiums  
community rooms \* pavilions  
tennis courts \* sports fields  
special event venues

live

rental venues

## SPLOST

### Senior center gets spruced up

Commissioners have approved a major renovation project for **Bethesda Park Senior Recreation Center**, which opened 20 years ago as the first senior recreation center in Gwinnett County. Aging and in need of improvements, renovations to the interior of the center will include the replacement of lighting and plumbing fixtures with energy-efficient models, countertops, cabinets, and reception desk along with floor, ceiling, and wall coverings.



Funding for a portion of the renovation project comes from the 2005 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Gwinnett County awarded the project to the lowest of nine bidders, Thurgood Construction, Inc., for \$534,800 on May 3.

In addition to interior renovations, kitchen equipment will be upgraded to commercial grade quality. Funding for this portion of the project is being provided through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Bethesda Park Senior Recreation Center will be closed throughout the renovation beginning on May 28 and is expected to reopen after Labor Day. During this time, Gwinnett's senior citizens can still enjoy activities and events at Gwinnett County's second senior recreation center, Prime Timers Pointe at George Pierce Park in Suwanee. For more information on programs at Prime Timers Pointe, visit [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com).

## AROUND GWINNETT

### Police report options have changed

Police reports may be obtained in person at Gwinnett County Police Department Headquarters. While reports are no longer available at police precincts, citizens have the convenience of obtaining reports online.

Copies of police reports are available in person at Police Headquarters located at 770 Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday. There is a charge of \$0.25 per page for incident reports and a flat \$5 charge for accident reports. Copies may also be requested by mail to: Gwinnett County Police Department, Attn: Records, P.O. Box 602 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (must include case number, name, \$3 for incident reports or \$5 for accident reports payable by cashier's check to Gwinnett County Police, and a self-addressed stamped envelope). In addition, the department has many options for citizens to file and obtain a police report online. Citizens can access and purchase copies of vehicle collision reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.buycrash.com](http://www.buycrash.com), an online service provided by the Gwinnett County Police Department, Open Portal Solutions, and Georgia DOT.

Citizens may also file certain incidents without having to wait for an officer's response using an online police reporting system. Residents will be able to print a temporary copy of the report immediately after submitting the report. The report will then be reviewed by police personnel and once approved, the filing person will receive an e-mail with a free copy of the report attached. The report will transfer into the department's records management system and will be investigated the same as if the report had been filed by an officer. For more information, visit [www.gwinnettpolice.com](http://www.gwinnettpolice.com).

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Gwinnett County tag office July holiday hours

The Independence Day holiday is Monday, July 4, and all Tax Commissioner offices will be closed. The day following a holiday is typically very busy, so plan accordingly. To renew your tag online or for more information, visit [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) or call 770.822.8818 during normal business hours.

### County offices closed: Independence Day

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of the county, will be closed July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on July 5. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

## EVENTS

Sign up for these and other great activities at [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com).

### Free! Brown Bag Concert

July 8 • 10:30pm – 1:00pm  
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse  
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

### Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament

July 9 • 10:00am  
Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center  
4651 Britt Road, Norcross

### Night Ride Mountain Bike Ride

July 14 • 6:00pm  
Tribble Mill Park  
2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville

### Cub Scout Camp Out

July 15 • 6:00pm – July 16 • 8:00am  
Yellow River Park  
3232 Juhan Road, Stone Mountain

### Bingo Bongo at the Courthouse

July 15 • 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse  
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

### Fancy in Pink Model and Fashion Show for Teens

July 16 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

### Senior Ice Cream Social

July 22 • 2:00pm  
Prime Timers Pointe at George Pierce Park  
Community Recreation Center  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

### Beat the Heat with Cool Treats Ice Cream and Concert

July 29 • 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse  
185 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

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