

## FEATURE

### Show your love for Gwinnett County parks this July

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation wants you to help celebrate National Park and Recreation Month by showing and sharing your love for parks and recreation this month. Throughout the month of July, venture to your local parks and experience the many benefits, such as programs that inspire healthy, active lifestyles and activities that help visitors appreciate nature and the environment.



The County will host several events to celebrate National Park and Recreation Month including a free Brown Bag Concert at the Gwinnett County Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville, Dog Day at the Park, a celebration of our canines and National Hot Dog Day at Lenora Park in Snellville, and Swim Safely Week at all aquatic centers. For details about these and other events, visit [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com).

## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### What's your water number?

How many gallons of water will you use today? Here in Gwinnett County, the average single family household uses 176 gallons of water per day. Assuming an average household size of 2.6 people, that's about 68 gallons per person. You can use the information found on your water bill to determine your daily usage per person to see how you compare.



First, locate the section on your water bill called Usage History. On the top line, you'll find your consumption number for this billing period. Next, multiply your consumption number by 1,000 to get the total number of gallons your household used, and then divide your total gallons by the number of days in this billing cycle. The resulting number is your average daily household use. For an average daily per person use, just divide your average daily household use by the number of persons living in your home.

How did you score? If you've discovered that your household is not as efficient as it could be, it's time to take control of your water usage! Consider replacing your toilets and showerheads with new high-efficiency models. Encourage family members to shorten their showers and remind them to turn off the faucet while they brush their teeth. Check your home for leaks and fix any that you find. Never irrigate between 10:00am and 4:00pm, and put mulch around your plants to help them retain moisture. Making small changes like these can add up to big savings! To learn more about conserving water at home, visit [www.DWRconserve.com](http://www.DWRconserve.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### 6 ways to beat the summer heat

It's summer and the weather is hot! Not only is the heat uncomfortable, it can be dangerous; too much exposure to high temperatures can cause heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which can lead to death. Here are six tips to help you beat the summer heat:

1. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of cool water.
2. Take a cool shower, especially after outdoor activities or long exposure to the sun.
3. Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothes, a brimmed hat, and sunglasses outdoors.
4. Always wear plenty of sunscreen and look for shaded areas to rest or take breaks.
5. Monitor weather conditions and limit outdoor activities when temperatures are past 90 degrees.
6. Be sure to check on children at play and older adults throughout the day.

Department of Water Resources

## Free Workshop! Septic Tank Maintenance Workshop

August 8, 2013 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium  
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Learn how your system works, how to prevent problems, and how to determine when a repair is necessary at this free workshop. Attendees from unincorporated Gwinnett County or the city of Lilburn can qualify for a maximum 5 percent credit towards their Stormwater Utility Fee for the following year.

Please pre-register by emailing your name, address, and phone number to [dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com) or calling 678.376.7193 (press 5).

## CHECK IT OUT

Check out these books that are sure to whet your palate. These and other good reads are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

*Consider the Fork: A History of How we Cook and Eat*, by Bee Wilson

*It's Not You, it's Brie: Unwrapping America's Unique Culture of Cheese*, by Kirstin Jackson

*Steal the Menu: A Memoir of 40 Years in Food*, by Raymond Sokolov

*Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation*, by Michael Pollan

## SPLOST

### Drive the diamond in Gwinnett

The Pleasant Hill Road bridge over I-85 opened ahead of schedule on Sunday, June 9 as a new Diverging Diamond Interchange. The DDI's innovative design relieves congestion, improves safety and is less expensive than replacing the bridge. A DDI shifts traffic to the opposite side of the road, making left turns onto the interstate easier and improving the flow of traffic across the bridge.



Construction will continue on the center median and pedestrian facilities while crews finalize the signals, interchange lighting and pavement markings. The project is expected to be substantially complete in September, with landscaping to begin in the fall. Once the project is complete, the bridge at Pleasant Hill Road and I-85 will be Gwinnett County's first DDI and the second in Georgia.

"We ask that drivers be especially cautious and alert as they drive through this new type of intersection and keep in mind that construction is still going on," said Gwinnett County Transportation Director **Kim Conroy**.

Pedestrian traffic should continue to use the detour route of Pleasant Hill Road to Satellite Boulevard to Steve Reynolds Boulevard to Shackelford Road to Pleasant Hill Road, and the reverse, for at least one month during the construction of pedestrian walkways.

Gwinnett Place CID Director **Joe Allen** said, "The Gwinnett Place business community is excited about the revitalization and mobility improvements this project brings to the area."

For information on how to drive the diamond, including a video rendering of the project, please visit [www.gwinnettDDI.com](http://www.gwinnettDDI.com).

## AROUND GWINNETT

### Gardening tip from the Cooperative Extension Service

Follow these three tips to make mowing your lawn a breeze this summer. Check the blades on your mower to make sure they are sharp. Be sure to remove no more than one-third of the height of the grass blades. And don't bother bagging the clippings; just let them fall onto your lawn as mulch.



### FOCUS ON: Central Precinct and Human Resources

*FOCUS ON* is a monthly feature that tells how your county government employees focus on providing high-quality services to you each and every day. This month will feature the Central Precinct, the Police Department's largest, and their efforts to reduce crime in the county's most populous areas and the team of Human Resources professionals that helps attract the best and brightest employees to the County, including new police officers. To read more, please visit [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### New motor vehicle title tax: new residents

If you've just moved to Georgia, you will pay the title tax when you register your vehicle(s) for the first time. You must pay at least 50 percent at the initial registration and pay the remaining balance within 12 months. Visit [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) for registration and proof of residency requirements.

### Conserve water and save!

Visit [www.gwinnett20.com](http://www.gwinnett20.com) to learn more about our toilet rebate and toilet recycling programs. You could receive up to \$200 for replacing your toilet if your home was built before 1993.

## EVENTS

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents.

See these great events and more at [www.gwinnettcountyevents.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyevents.com).

### Inventors Club of Centerville's After-school Enrichment for Ages 5 to 14

Starting August 7 • 3:30pm to 6:30pm  
Centerville Community Center  
3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville  
770.985.4713

### Free! Simplify Your Life Indoor Yard Sale

August 10 • 9:00am – noon  
Bogan Park Gym  
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford  
678.277.0850

### Child Development Credential Course

August 10, 24, 31 • 9:00am – 3:30pm  
Norcross Human Services Center  
5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross  
404.479.4230

### Senior Dinner and a Concert

August 16 • 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Prime Timers Pointe at  
George Pierce Park  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee  
678.277.0910

### National Senior Citizens Day Celebration

August 21 • 11:00am – 1:00pm  
Bethesda Park Senior Center  
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville  
678.277.0179  
Also at Prime Timers Pointe at  
George Pierce Park  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee  
678.277.0910

### Family Campout

August 23 • 7:00pm – August 24 • 8:00am  
Tribble Mill Park  
2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville  
678.277.0900

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