

GWINNETT  
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## Gwinnett Police to install more safety cameras

Gwinnett Police will soon install additional safety cameras across the county. Flock cameras are used to find missing persons and provide officers with real-time information on where stolen vehicles and suspects of crime are located. With these cameras, investigators can look at historical data from 30 days prior to track vehicles and license plates associated with particular crimes.

Thanks to partnerships with local homeowners associations and community improvement districts, Gwinnett Police have access to footage from around 800 Flock cameras currently installed throughout the county.

Visit [GwinnettSafeCommunities.com](https://www.gwinnettsafecommunities.com) to learn more about how Gwinnett Police use Flock and other cameras to serve our community.



## AROUND GWINNETT

### Board approves funding for OneStop 4 Help tracking system

OneStop 4 Help offers emergency assistance to help those facing hunger, health issues, housing insecurity, and other challenges. Currently, residents can reach our community navigators through email, phone calls, in-person visits, and an online form. The Board of Commissioners recently approved funding for a new technical solution that will streamline the experience for residents and enhance communication with providers, ensuring accountability and efficient use of resources. This \$161,250 contract is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. For more information about OneStop 4 Help, visit [GwinnettOneStop.com](https://www.GwinnettOneStop.com).

### 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 the property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions or concerns, email [Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.7200.

### Get ready for National Park and Recreation Month

July is National Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme, Where Community Grows, celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in providing essential services, promoting healthy lifestyles, and nurturing communities.

There are plenty of activities and events for everyone to enjoy and explore, like a STEM-centric Family Night Out, Vibrantly Connected Kids Art Contest, and an exhibit on Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's history. For more information, visit [GwinnettParks.com](https://www.GwinnettParks.com).



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Understanding the value of water

From brushing our teeth to making a cup of coffee, water is an essential part of our daily routines. However, your water goes on a long journey to get to your tap. Gwinnett Water Resources makes sure it's safe in every way.

Water Resources draws water from Lake Lanier and pumps it to two water filtration facilities. There, County employees spend two days processing it to produce more than 70 million gallons of clean water a day. We also maintain 10 water storage tanks throughout the county – holding more than 60 million gallons of water – ensuring plenty of water is always available. After treatment, water is distributed through a 4,000 mile pipe system to almost every residence, business, school, and building in Gwinnett. This process is overseen by highly trained staff 24/7, every day of the year. Additionally, that water is tested hundreds of times each day to ensure its quality.

### Learn how to collect and store rainwater

Residents are invited to discover how to collect and store rainwater in a rain barrel for landscaping use on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00am to 11:30am outdoors at the Lilburn City Park Pavilion in Lilburn. To take home your new rain barrel, a \$40 pre-payment is required.

Visit [Gwinnett2o.com](https://www.Gwinnett2o.com), call 678.376.6914, or email [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number to register.

### TAX COMMISSIONER

The Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner is here to serve you

A tax commissioner is a constitutional elected officer responsible for billing, collecting, and distributing personal and property taxes as well as administering homestead exemptions. Serving also as an agent for the state of Georgia, the tax commissioner registers and titles motor vehicles and disburses associated revenue. Please note, property values are assessed by the Tax Assessors' Office. For more information, please visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com).

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Practice fireworks safety this holiday season

Every Independence Day, thousands of people – mostly children – are hurt while using fireworks. To avoid serious injuries, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services encourages residents to attend a professional show instead of using fireworks themselves. However, if you are going to use fireworks, follow these tips to celebrate safely:

- Buy fireworks only from a licensed vendor
- Read and follow fireworks directions carefully
- Keep a bucket of water or fire extinguisher handy
- Ignite fireworks on a flat, open surface away from buildings, vegetation, or combustible materials
- Light one device at a time using a lighter
- Keep fireworks away from children

For more safety tips, visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com).



### SPLOST

The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center gets an update

Since 2006, the Blue Planet Exhibit film has been one of the most popular attractions for school-aged children and residents, providing valuable lessons on the water cycle, habitats, constructive and destructive forces, and weather.

The film will receive an update to bring it up to date with current data and happenings around the county, like research initiatives at the Water Tower. The \$300,000 project is funded by the 2014 and 2017 SPLOST programs.

### RESOURCES

Foster a love of reading with free books

Are you looking for a fun and educational summer activity for your kids? Our G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Book Exchanges are stocked with books for children from birth through age 8. Pick up a free book to keep your child reading throughout the summer. You can support literacy in our community by donating books to our book exchanges or becoming a book exchange steward. To learn more about how you can get involved, please email [B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com).



### SERVING GWINNETT

Consumer Confidence Report now available

The annual Consumer Confidence Report, which contains vital information about the quality of your drinking water, is now available. The report provides comprehensive details on the results of state and federally mandated tests conducted to identify potential contaminants.

We are pleased to announce that in 2022, there were no violations of the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act to report. Visit [GwinnettWaterWords.com](http://GwinnettWaterWords.com) to review the report and gain further insight.

Dispose of batteries properly

Did you know batteries placed in residential waste and recycling carts can cause fires? Help protect our community by properly disposing of batteries. Visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org) for list of locations to drop off your used batteries.

County offices closed for Independence Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Wednesday, July 5.

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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