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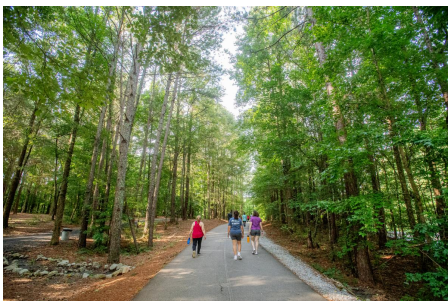
Greetings!

Last month's big event was Gwinnett's annual Multicultural Festival. It was incredible to see so many cultures represented to share the traditions and dances of their home countries. For me, the highlight was participating in the swearing in of 20 new citizens, who were able to say the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as Americans! I shared

the story of my family, coming from Northern Germany in 1836, sailing to New Orleans, then up the Mississippi river to the Wisconsin territory — now Iowa. I shared that today will be a pivotal day for their family history, where they will look back and remember the oath taken and will be thankful of their many sacrifices.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Celebrate Park and Recreation Month at our award-winning parks

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).

County offices closed for upcoming holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Monday, June 19** in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and **Tuesday, July 4** in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Trash and recycling collection will only be impacted and delayed by one day during the Independence Day holiday week. For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.GCSolidWaste.com).



Join us for the annual Pride Party on June 28



In recognition of Pride Month come celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Gwinnett's LGBTQ+ community at our annual Pride Party. The event will take place on **Wednesday, June 28, from 11:00am to 1:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Get ready for a fantastic time with food trucks, music, and more.

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.

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.

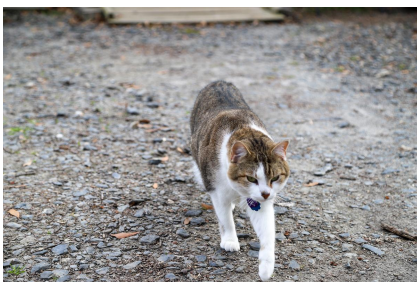
We are pleased to announce that in 2022, there were no violations of the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act to report. Visit GwinnettWaterWords.com to review the report and gain further insight.

What's New in District 4

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.



Rabid cats caught in District 4

Gwinnett advises caution regarding unusual animal behavior after two different rabid cat incidents in Dacula on Tuesday, May 30 and Buford on Saturday, June 10. Please take precaution by ensuring your pets are vaccinated against rabies. Unvaccinated dogs and cats exposed to a rabid animal must be strictly quarantined for four months and vaccinated one month prior to being released.

If exposed, inform your healthcare provider and contact the Gwinnett County Health Department at 770.339.4260. Report and arrange pickup of the animal by calling Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Bite Office at 770.339.3200 ext. 5576; after hours, call Dispatch non-emergency at 770.513.5700. [Learn more](#) about protecting your family from rabies.

Nominate a local business for my monthly Small Business Highlight

Each month, I will highlight a local business in this newsletter. From your favorite café to a local law firm and everything in

between, I want to see your nominees!

Please email suggestions for small businesses in District 4 to highlight to Matthew.Holtkamp@GwinnettCounty.com. You can check whether a business is located in District 4 by using the [Find My District Commissioner](#) tool on the County's website. Please share some information about why your nominee is a great example of Gwinnett's vibrant business community.



Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Smart Irrigation Workshop

Thursday, June 15 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Join Gwinnett Water Resources to learn how keeping your outdoor plants healthy can save you money on your water bill. To register, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number. Collins Hill Library, 455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville.

Junior Lifeguards

Friday, June 30 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Free! Learn basic water safety information and skills that can help you save a life. A new water safety topic each week. All pool rules apply. Ages 5 and up. [Register online](#). Dacula Park Pool, 205 Dacula Road, Dacula.

Game On!

Friday, July 14 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Don't be bored - get your board Game On! Bring your friends or make new ones and enjoy some fun, friendly competition playing your favorite board games. [Register in advance](#). OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Did You Know?

Gwinnett Community Services

From parks and pools to seniors and volunteers, Gwinnett Community Services is one of the largest County departments serving residents through numerous programs and services.

Community Services includes several divisions that provide events and diverse aquatic, camp, education, recreation, sports, and wellness programs and services.

[Register online](#) to participate in our events and programs and explore our additional services.



Last year, the department transported and distributed more than a million pounds of food, supplies, and personal care items for its community partners.

Staff and volunteers distributed more than 184,234 meals at 21 locations through the County's Summer Meals Program impacting nearly 90,000 residents.

Learn more about the programs, services, and events hosted by Gwinnett Community Services by visiting GwinnettCommunityServices.com.

More from our Partners

Auburn Library Summer Reading Program

- Visit [Auburn Public Library](http://AuburnPublicLibrary) for program information.

Braselton Police Foundation 5K Run/Walk

- Saturday, July 29, 2023

- Registration and event details at [Braselton Police Foundation 5K](#).

Dacula Branch Library has a sensory-friendly browsing hour

- Sunday, June 18 from 11:00am to noon
- Visit [Dacula Branch Library events](#) for information.

City of Lawrenceville Flag Day Celebration

- From June 14 through July 4, the Hudgens Center for Art and Learning Flag Day exhibit will be at Lawrenceville City Hall.
- Exhibit hours and more can be found at [city of Lawrenceville events calendar](#).

Cool off at city of Buford's Town Park Fountain

- Visit [Buford Community Center website](#) for information.

Splash Night at Splash Park behind Sugar Hill's City Hall

- Friday, June 30 at 5:00pm
- For information and more dates, visit the [Downtown Sugar Hill website](#).

Suwanee Summer Porch Jam

- Starts Friday, June 16 at 6:00pm
- Visit Events on the [city of Suwanee's website](#) for more information.



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