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This Week

Celebrate Earth Day

May 10 from 9:00am to noon. Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division invites you to celebrate Earth Day at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This event will feature electronics recycling (\$10 cash fee per TV), tire recycling (limit eight tires per vehicle; no dealer tires), paint collection (limit five one-gallon cans per vehicle; no paint thinners, stains, spackle, oil paint cans, rusted paint cans, or dried-up paint), and ink cartridge collection. Please bring your gently used or old sneakers to be donated to those in need or recycled into surfaces for local playgrounds and running tracks. Residents can enjoy free kids' activities and touch-a-truck, and will have the opportunity to meet their haulers. Paper shredding will not be provided at this event; however, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful provides free paper shredding Monday through Friday. For more information, please visit www.gwinnettcb.org.

National Train Day at Vines Park I FREE

May 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Celebrate National Train Day in the park. The Vines Garden Railroad will celebrate its seasonal opening of the only public G-scale garden railroad in the state of Georgia. Activities include arts, crafts, and games for children. Snacks and refreshments will also be available. Vines Park, 3500 Oak Grove Road in Loganville. Call 678.277.0900 or visit www.vinesgardenrailroad.com for more information.

Shoal Creek Filter Plant Open House I FREE

May 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Ever wonder where your water comes from? Find out at Shoal Creek Filter Plant as Water Resources celebrates National Drinking Water Week. The celebration includes a tour of the filter plant, kids' activities, and free refreshments. County departments will set up informational displays and representatives will be on hand to answer any questions. The Shoal Creek Filter Plant is located at 1755 Buford Dam Road in Buford. If you have any questions about this event, please call 678.376.4200.

Next Week

Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Open House I FREE

May 16 from 8:30am to 10:00am. This open house will provide community leaders and organizations an opportunity to learn firsthand about the diverse programs and services Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services offers. Activities include an overview of department services, interactive demonstrations, and tours of the station. Light refreshments will be provided. Gwinnett Fire Station 11, 5885 Live Oak Parkway in Norcross. For more information about this event, please call 678.518.4800 or email fireprograms@gwinnettcounty.com.

Kids' Fishing Derby I FREE

May 17 from 10:00am to noon. Children through age 15 will be able to fish without a license this day. Bait and prizes will be provided, but be sure to bring your own fishing rods. The competition

ends at 11:45am. Winners will be announced at noon. Parents must be present to sign a waiver for children to participate. No need to register, but contact the community center if you wish to volunteer. Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. Call 770.985.4713 for more information.

Safe Kids Day I FREE

May 17 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. This free event features games, a bike rodeo, a bounce house, crafts, contests, and activities. All superheroes wearing a costume will get a prize. Bogan Park, 2723 North Bogan Road in Buford. Call 678.277.0850 for more information.

Future Events

Totally Tomatoes Workshop I FREE

May 20 from noon to 1:00pm. Tomatoes are the most popular vegetable plant, and no garden would be complete without them. With the proper care, they will produce abundant fruit. Attend this free workshop to learn how you can plant bountiful tomatoes in your garden. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required by May 16. Gwinnett County Extension Office, 750 South Perry Street in Lawrenceville. To register, contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or timothy.daly@gwinnettcounty.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

May 23 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Please bring a photo ID. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> or call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE. Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville.

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