



# COBB COMMUTE WINS TECHNOLOGY AWARD

The Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) has awarded Cobb Commute top honors in Georgia's 2016 Technology Innovation Showcase.

The web-based application is a collaborative effort between Cobb DOT and the Information Services Department. It offers up-to-date traffic conditions for local commuters.

"Cobb Commute is a prime example of how digital media can be used to enable citizens to access information and services that make their lives easier.

Expanded web and mobile access to key county services will enrich residents' interaction with Cobb Government and support transparency," said Sharon Stanley.

A total of 18 projects from 12 state and local government agencies were nominated for the 2016 showcase. Each nominated project was evaluated according to how well it met the following criteria:



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Director, Cobb County Information Services*

- Level of innovation in addressing a specific business problem
- Significance to improving business processes and operating efficiency
- Significance to financial savings or cost avoidance
- Significance to enhancing service delivery to external or internal customers

Launched in 2015, Cobb Commute is accessible online at [cobbcommute.org](http://cobbcommute.org). For more information on the Technology Innovation Showcase and the award recipients, visit the [GTA website](http://GTA website).

## Cobb County earns 'Triple AAA' rating for 20th consecutive year

Moody's bond rating agency has reaffirmed Cobb County's Triple A (AAA) bond rating for the 20th consecutive year. Triple AAA is the highest credit rating available.

Cobb County Commission Chairman Tim Lee, County Manager David Hankerson and members of the finance department traveled to New York in June to meet with the agency where they presented a review of Cobb's financial operations and credit-worthiness - including its financial management plans, adopted budgets and comprehensive annual financial report.

Moody's Investor Services commends Cobb's healthy financial position, noting the County's smart financial management and proactive fiscal policies are an advantage in the ratings process.

The rating is based on the following factors:

- Diversity of the County's economic base including a wide range of public and private sector employers
- Conservative fiscal management

- An unreserved general fund balance maintained at a minimum 9 percent
- Low debt burden



According to Cobb County manager David Hankerson, "We take great pride in being good stewards of the Cobb County taxpayers' money. Our conservative style of government has allowed us to maintain our Triple AAA rating for two decades."

Traditionally, Triple AAA ratings are achieved through a number of factors including a demonstrated history of sound reserves; a countywide government commitment to low taxes; a stable operations forecast; low general obligation bonds and debt service; an overall strong financial profile; a robust job market and strong local economy and manageable pension projections risk level.



## Chattahoochee volunteer challenge

Help keep local waterways clean and healthy by participating in a challenge sponsored by the Cobb Water System's Watershed Stewardship Program. Scouts, families, clubs, community groups and businesses are encouraged to attend and organize waterway events in Cobb County. At the end of the contest, the group that has accumulated the most volunteer service hours receives a free rafting trip on the Chattahoochee River.

Qualifying events must take place between **Aug. 1, 2016** and **April 21, 2017** and be waterway service projects. Organize your own projects or participate in these Watershed Stewardship events:

- Aug. 16,** Stewardship Mob Creek Cleanup 5-7 p.m.
- Sept. 20,** Stewardship Mob Creek Cleanup 5-7 p.m.
- Sept. 24,** Rivers Alive Creek Cleanup & Privet Pull 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Oct. 1,** Privet Pull 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Oct. 22,** Storm Drain Marking 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Nov. 1,** Stewardship Mob Creek Cleanup 5-7 p.m.
- Nov. 19,** Storm Drain Marking 2-5 p.m.

Register for the Challenge by **Dec. 1** and sign up for volunteer opportunities at [www.cobbstreams.org](http://www.cobbstreams.org).

## Register now for the 16th Annual Cobb 5K

Help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Sign up for the Cobb County 5K to benefit Make-A-Wish Georgia.

The race is Saturday, **Oct. 1** at 8 a.m in the Marietta Square.

You can register today at [active.com](http://active.com) or at 7 a.m. the morning of the race.

For more information email us at [cobbcounty5K@cobbcounty.org](mailto:cobbcounty5K@cobbcounty.org) or visit our website at [cobbmakeawish5k.org](http://cobbmakeawish5k.org). Profiles of all the Cobb County children whose wishes have been granted through proceeds of the race can also be found on our website.

The deadline for registration before prices increase is **Sept. 20**.



## Tickets on sale for blues and roots festival

The inaugural Georgia Blues and Roots Festival will be held at Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre Oct. 1 and tickets are on sale at the box office or through Ticketmaster now.

The event will feature a wide array of the best local, regional and national blues and roots artists, including Jarekus Singleton, Big Bill Morganfield (son of Muddy Waters), Delta Moon, Tas Cru, John Pagano Band, the Georgia Flood, Frank Latorre, Donna Hopkins, Diane Durrett, Caroline Aiken and No Solution.

For more information, visit [mablehouse.org](http://mablehouse.org).

## Cobb PAL second annual baseball camp

The Cobb Police Athletic League (PAL) is hosting baseball camps **Aug. 23** from 6-8:30 p.m. for 4-8 year olds and **Aug. 24** from 6-8:30 p.m. for 9-14 year olds.

The camp is located at the Southwest Baseball Complex at 4905 Austell Powder Springs Road, Austell. Registration will take place in person on camp days or you may register early at [www.cobbcounty.org/pal](http://www.cobbcounty.org/pal).

## Evening of jazz and dinner for seniors

Enjoy dinner, and relax to the smooth sounds of Memory Lane Jazz Band Thursday, **Sept. 15** from 4-6 p.m. at the Senior Wellness Center.

Tickets are \$15 for Cobb residents and \$18 for non-residents.

For more information call 770-528-5355 or go to [www.cobbseiors.org](http://www.cobbseiors.org).



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