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## Grants help fund road and transit upgrades

Cobb County recently earned a \$1.6 million grant award from the State Road and Tollway Authority to make improvements in the Six Flags area at Riverside Parkway. The grant will be provided through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank program. This project will improve mobility on Riverside Parkway from Interstate 20 eastbound to Six Flags Drive by realigning an intersection and improving sidewalks, traffic signals and signage. The project will also increase accessibility for thousands of employees and guests to Six Flags Over Georgia. Grant applications were ranked based on transportation/engineering merit, economic merit, local, state and federal matching funds and project specifics.

Cobb County also recently received more than \$8 million in grants through the state-funded GO! Transit Capital Program. The awards will fund bus route expansions. One grant totaling \$5,678,160 will fund the purchase of 12 new buses for the county's new route 10X. The route will reduce transfers and decrease travel time along the Interstate-75 corridor through limited stop express service from Town Center to the Midtown MARTA station. Six new buses for the Cumberland Circulator will be purchased with the second \$2,680,426 grant, which will allow for two new routes within the Cumberland Community Improvement District. The routes will improve access to locations such as SunTrust Park and the Cobb Galleria.

## Seven Springs Water Park offers family fun

Seven Springs Water Park is open daily **through July 31**. In August, the park will remain open weekends through Labor Day. Seven Springs has two sessions this year and each session requires separate admission. Seven days a week the park is open from 12:30 to 3:45 p.m. and then again from 4:15 to 7:30 p.m. Seven Springs Water Park is located in Wild Horse Creek Park at 3820 Macedonia Road, Powder Springs. For more information, call 770-222-6700.



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## Cobb hosts USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup

Cobb P.A.R.K.S. staff will host the 2016 USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup through the Amateur Softball Association. This new event is an invitational tournament featuring the top-ranked 16U and 18U fast-pitch softball teams from around the country.

The tournament dates are **July 25-30**, and games will be played at Lost Mountain Park, with the championship games played at the Kennesaw State University softball field on **July 30**. Games will begin each day at 9 a.m. and admission is free.

## 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 Commute app awarded top honors

Georgia Technology Authority has awarded Cobb Commute top honors in Georgia's 2016 Technology Innovation Showcase. The web-based application, [cobbcommute.org](http://cobbcommute.org), provides up-to-date traffic conditions for local commuters. It is the only county project to earn top honors in the showcase and will be among eight projects recognized at the Georgia Digital Government Summit in September. Projects were evaluated on level of innovation, improving business processes, efficiency, financial savings and service delivery to customers.



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