

# Patriotic Pastimes

MAKE MEMORIES THIS  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Remembrance ceremonies, parades, concerts and more are slated in communities throughout Georgia over the long Memorial Day weekend. Use this list of events compiled by Walton Gas to plan some memorable moments.

## CEREMONIES

Many Georgia communities host a Memorial Day ceremony to remember fallen soldiers. Check local listings for times and locations, or attend one of these programs on May 27:

- **Roswell**, 11 a.m., City Hall. Thousands are expected for the state's largest Memorial Day ceremony, which includes a POW/MIA tribute and laying of the wreath.
- **Watkinsville**, 11 a.m., Oconee Veterans Park. This annual ceremony honors the 39 service members from Oconee County who died in the line of duty.
- **Madison**, 11 a.m., Town Park. Some 1,000 motorcyclists are expected to participate in this one-hour program.

## PARADES

- **Blairsville**, May 25, 10:30 a.m. Before and after the parade, the Blairsville Spring Arts, Crafts & Music Festival is happening in the downtown area.
- **Dacula**, May 27, 10 a.m. Nearly 100 units will roll past an expected 10,000 spectators.

## MUSIC

- **Live on the Lawn**, May 25, 6 p.m., Towne Green, Snellville. Walton Gas is a sponsor of this free summer concert series that kicks off its 2024 schedule with Aerosmith tribute band Pandora's Box.
- **Atlanta Jazz Festival**, May 25–27, 1 p.m.–9 p.m., Piedmont Park, Atlanta. One of the nation's largest free jazz festivals features performances by local and nationally known musicians.
- **Red, White, Bluegrass & Bach**, May 26, 7 p.m., Town Center Park, Suwanee. At this free, family friendly concert, the Main Street Symphony Orchestra plays patriotic tunes followed by a bluegrass performance.
- **An Ode to America**, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Brooke Street Park, Alpharetta. The Alpharetta Symphony offers a free Memorial Day concert of patriotic tunes and big band jazz hits.

## ACTIVITIES

- **Gwinnett Strippers Salute to Armed Forces**, May 24, Coolray Field, Lawrenceville. A fireworks display follows the final out. Tickets are required.
- **Memorial Day Tour: Oakland and World War I**, May 26, 10:30 a.m., Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta. Discover the stories of soldiers and civilians in the Great War. Tickets are required.
- **Memorial Day 5K/10K/15K**, May 27, 7:30 a.m., Marietta. Active and retired military members receive free race registration.



Read this month's Walton Wise blog for more details about these events and others happening in Georgia on Memorial Day weekend.



# Something to taco about

Tequila Mama Taqueria is no ordinary taco joint. Here, fresh and multi-cultural are the daily specials that have made the restaurant a popular dining destination in Gwinnett County.

At Mama's, as the restaurant is fondly known, the scratch-made tacos feature flavors from around the world. "Whether you're in the mood for Mexican, Asian, Latin American, American or something in between, Mama has something made just for you," said Jenny Germosen, the restaurant chain's chief operating officer.

A house specialty is the La Bamba taco. It's stuffed with crispy fried shrimp tossed in sriracha aioli and drizzled with unagi (Japanese term for freshwater eel) and island slaw.

Though the tacos are popular, Mama's menu also includes entrees such as burritos and bowls — all with a fusion twist. Offerings such as Korean Krack fries and Colombian empanadas add to the multi-cultural flavors.

The original Tequila Mama debuted in Suwanee's downtown district in 2019. A second location began serving customers in Buford last year. A third opens in Dacula this June.

The small chain is another symbol of the booming economic development occurring in Gwinnett County. Small businesses are the growth engines for the region's economy, said Ashlie Franklin, the Walton Gas commercial account representative who serves Tequila Mama.

During May, Tequila Mama joins other restaurants and businesses in the state and nation to recognize Small Business Month. Walton Gas, also a small business, is celebrating right along with our customers.

"It's a pleasure to help our local small businesses grow and thrive," said Franklin. "We're here to provide the energy entrepreneurs need to see their dreams become reality."



## gas up the stove Breakfast Casserole

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 pieces white bread
- 1 pound sausage
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- Black pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Fry and drain sausage. Let cool.
- Cut crust off bread and place in a 9x13-inch casserole dish.
- Top bread with sausage and cheese. Mix eggs, milk, salt, dry mustard and pepper. Pour mixture over sausage and cheese. Refrigerate overnight.
- Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.



"This is my go-to recipe for a busy morning!"

— Leigh Ann Sorrow

Submitted by Leigh Ann Sorrow, senior natural gas specialist at Walton Gas. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.



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