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Chairwoman delivers State of the County Address

In her sixth State of the County address, Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson shared that Gwinnett's success is rooted in the County's intentional efforts to cultivate opportunity, safety, and community.

Hendrickson cited how the County government's fiscal strength and stability allow the organization to maintain the coveted AAA/Aaa bond rating, while providing the flexibility to address urgent needs like food insecurity. She also highlighted development that balances growth with environmental sustainability, exceptional training for public safety personnel, and investments in Gwinnett's future through renovations at the Gas South Arena. These are seeds the County is planting today to create an even stronger Gwinnett for future generations.

In closing, Chairwoman Hendrickson challenged the audience to look ahead and consider how their actions today will shape our community's future.

To watch the address and to learn more about Gwinnett's 2025 accomplishments and 2026 vision, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SOTC.

AROUND GWINNETT

Multicultural Festival returns with new location

Join us on Saturday, May 2 from noon to 4:00pm for the annual Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House! For the first time, the festival will be held at Sugarloaf Mills. Residents of all ages can enjoy a fun-filled day with cultural performances from around the globe, bounce houses, carnival rides, touch-a-truck with public safety vehicles, and more. Email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.442.6520 for more information. Sugarloaf Mills is located at 5900 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

Assessors' Office issues Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2026 will be mailed and available online at Gwinnett-Assessor.com in April. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2026. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT-311A state appeal form online or by mail. Mailed-in forms must be received or post-marked within 45 days of the date of your notice. For questions, call 770.822.7200.

Celebrate Older Americans Month

Gwinnett County is highlighting our vibrant senior community with a lineup of events this May in honor of Older Americans Month. Residents ages 50 and older are invited to celebrate at various activities around the county. To learn more and register, visit GwinnettHumanServices.com.

County hosts annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Join us to pay tribute to our fallen military and public service heroes at Gwinnett County's annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25. The event will take place at the Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm. Please join us to honor those who lost their lives in service to our country and community.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Help protect our local waterways

When it rains, stormwater travels across driveways and streets before entering the stormwater drainage system. This system prevents flooding by directing rainwater into local streams and rivers. If stormwater picks up any pollutants on its way to the drain, that pollution ends up in our local waterways. Practice the following healthy habits to keep our stormwater drainage system clean:

- Properly dispose of household waste
- Clean up after your pets
- Pick up trash on your street
- Direct car wash runoff onto grass or gravel, not into storm drains
- Never blow leaves or grass clippings into the street
- Avoid overspray of fertilizers

If you notice someone dumping materials into a storm drain, which violates the County's Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance, report them to Water Resources at 678.376.7000. For more information, visit Gwinnetth2o.com.

Protect your water quality and save money

Join us on Wednesday, May 6 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Gwinnett Technical College in Lawrenceville to learn how to create your own rain garden at the Rain Garden Workshop. Then, join us at the Suwanee Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library on Thursday, May 21 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to learn how to reduce water usage and lower your water bill. To register for either workshop, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

What to do if you fail an emissions test

If your vehicle fails an emissions test, pay your ad valorem taxes by the renewal due date to avoid a 10% penalty. If your vehicle doesn't pass emissions, a tag or decal cannot be issued, and a \$5 tag penalty will apply even if taxes are paid on time. A 30-day temporary registration may be available for a failed emissions test. Stay ahead of your renewal and get your vehicle inspected four to six weeks early. Learn more at CleanAirForce.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Take small steps for a healthier heart

May is High Blood Pressure Education Month. As one of the leading risk factors for heart disease and stroke, it's important to take simple, meaningful steps to protect your heart. Here are some healthy choices that help lower blood pressure:

- Choose foods and snacks that are lower in sodium
- Check your blood pressure often
- Practice activities that help you manage stress, like exercise and yoga
- Schedule regular check-ups with your primary physician

Visit NHLBI.NIH.gov to learn more.



SPLOST

Smoother roads ahead thanks to your pennies

The County recently approved a \$44 million contract funded by SPLOST to resurface residential County roads. Residential roads are neighborhood streets with speed limits of 25 mph and low traffic volume. These types of roadways make up approximately 1,800 miles of the 2,700 total centerline miles maintained by the County. Investments like this are crucial to maintaining the overall quality of the roadway network in Gwinnett County.

To learn more about how your pennies work in Gwinnett, visit GwinnettSPLOST.com.

RESOURCES

Get a free 65-gallon recycling cart

The County is committed to recycling and cutting down on landfill waste to help protect the environment. Residents can place recyclables — including food and beverage cans, paper, flattened cardboard, and No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and containers — loosely in their curbside bins on pickup day. Households in unincorporated Gwinnett County can also request a free recycling cart.

If you currently receive trash services and are interested in curbside recycling services, order your free 65-gallon recycling cart at GCSolidWaste.com.



SERVING GWINNETT

Vote in the General Primary and Nonpartisan Election

The General Primary and Nonpartisan Election is on Tuesday, May 19. Voters can cast their ballots advance in person from April 27 to May 15 at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections office and other voting locations. The 13 polling locations will be open every day, including weekends, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Voters may request an absentee by mail ballot for the May 19 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election now through May 8. For more information, visit GwinnettElections.com.

Vota en la Primaria General y Elecciones Generales No Partidista

La Primaria General y Elecciones Generales No Partidista es el martes 19 de mayo. Los votantes pueden emitir su voto por adelantado en persona del 27 de abril al 15 de mayo en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett y en otros lugares de votación. Los 13 lugares de votación adelantada estarán abiertos todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto en ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales Primarias y No Partidistas del 19 de mayo desde ahora hasta el 8 de mayo. Para más información, visite GwinnettElections.com.

County offices closed for Memorial Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 26. Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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