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UCB to build \$2 billion biologics manufacturing facility in Gwinnett

In March, UCB announced its selection of Gwinnett County as the site of its first U.S. pharmaceutical biologics manufacturing facility. At a planned \$2 billion investment, this is the largest capital investment in Gwinnett County's history. It is expected to generate 1,000 temporary construction jobs, more than 330 permanent jobs, and an estimated \$5 billion in total economic impact.

To prepare for future growth in this area, Gwinnett County is making mobility enhancements and coordinating with the state to improve traffic flow on State Route 316, as well as developing plans to scale emergency services and public safety response. The County will continue to review the areas surrounding Rowen to encourage residential and commercial uses and preserve areas that are predominantly rural in nature. To learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com.



AROUND GWINNETT

New pickleball courts coming to Bethesda Park

Pickleball players will soon have a new spot to play this popular sport. The Board of Commissioners approved the construction of six new pickleball courts at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville, including new lighting, fencing, sidewalks, and a small pavilion. Located near the aquatic center at the back of the park, the project will bring the County's total number of pickleball courts to 30.

Courts are currently available at E.E. Robinson Park and Rhodes Jordan Park, with more currently under construction at Lenora Park and West Gwinnett Park. Visit GwinnettParks.com to learn more about indoor and outdoor play.

Burn ban in effect through September 30

To protect air quality, the state Environmental Protection Division imposes a metro-wide burn ban every year from May 1 through September 30. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including the burning of trees, limbs, and yard waste, as well as the use of air curtain destructors. For more information, call 678.518.4979 or visit GwinnettFireMarshal.com.

Sewer upgrades coming to Gwinnett Place Mall site

The County is enhancing the sewer capacity to support redevelopment at the Gwinnett Place Mall site. The \$9.5 million project includes replacing and enlarging approximately 1.5 miles of sewer infrastructure along the Sweetwater Creek tributary from Breckinridge Boulevard to Club Drive, downstream from the mall.

Celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month with us

Gwinnett County will host its annual Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration on Friday, May 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Join us for food, entertainment, and more at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. To register, visit GwinnettCounty.com/AANHPI.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Smart water use starts at home

The County provides safe and clean drinking water to residents and businesses. Since water is a limited resource, conservation is important to ensure it remains available for years to come. Small steps can make a difference, including these helpful tips:

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Check for leaks and repair them quickly
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads
- Upgrade to WaterSense fixtures to increase efficiency

These small changes can help you save hundreds of gallons each year. For more water conservation tips, visit Gwinnett2o.com.

Discover the basics of backyard composting

Looking for ways to reduce waste and save money on your water bill? Join us at the Composting for Water Quality Workshop on Thursday, June 18 at the Gwinnett Community Resource Center at Bethany Church Road in Snellville. From 6:00pm to 7:30pm, learn how to use the natural resources in your own yard to make rich, nutritious compost for gardening. Attendees may qualify for a 5% credit on their Stormwater Utility Fee. To register, visit Gwinnett2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Explore the impact of your tax dollars

Your tax dollars play a vital role in keeping the county running. They help fund the everyday services and community resources residents rely on, from essential operations to long-term improvements. We encourage you to take a moment to explore how these investments strengthen our community and support the quality of life in Gwinnett. Visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com to learn more.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Grill safely this summer

Warm weather means more time outside and at the grill! Barbecue is hard to beat, but safety is just as important. Before firing up the grill, brush up on a few simple safety habits:

- Always grill outdoors in well-ventilated spaces, away from flammable items
- Inspect your equipment for leaky gas hoses or excess charcoal buildup
- Ensure gas grill lids are open before lighting them
- Never leave hot grills unattended
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher nearby
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from any cooking area

Learn more at USFA.FEMA.gov.



SPLOST

The Gwinnett County Public Library headquarters is getting an upgrade

Construction is underway for the interior renovation of the Gwinnett County Public Library headquarters. Upgrades will address current and future space requirements, along with roof and HVAC replacements, parking lot repairs, and the installation of a natural gas generator.

The building, which also housed the Lawrenceville Branch, was left partially vacant after the branch moved to the new Hooper-Renwick Themed Library last summer. The \$5.27 million project was awarded to Multiplex LLC, with \$2.4 million funded by SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Grab a summer meal on the go

Gwinnett's Summer Meals Program is back, providing free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with disabilities. Nutritious meals are available from Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, July 31 and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last. Find a complete list of meal locations, bus routes, and more at GwinnettSummerMeals.com. If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



SERVING GWINNETT

Apply to be a poll official

Get involved in the electoral process and give back to your community! Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections is seeking citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers, to become poll officials for upcoming elections.

It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$440 per election. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Recycle your glass around the county

Do you have glass to recycle? Drop it off at one of Gwinnett's 13 glass recycling sites! The County's glass recycling program allows residents to bring clean, empty glass containers for safe and sustainable recycling.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling to learn more and where to find a purple glass recycling container near you.

County offices closed for Juneteenth

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Friday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and will resume regular hours on Monday, June 22. Check out our events calendar for upcoming Juneteenth celebrations.

As a reminder, trash and recycling collection will remain the same 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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