

WINNETT  
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# Connection

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## Register to vote in the 2026 elections

With election season underway, it's important to register to vote now. Georgia residents wishing to register must be U.S. citizens, legal residents of their voting county, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day. The deadline to vote in the May 19 General Primary Election is Monday, April 20. Check your registration status, download a voter registration application, view sample ballots, and find your polling location at [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov).

## Inscríbese para votar en las elecciones del 2026

Con la temporada electoral en marcha, es importante inscribirse para votar ahora. Los residentes de Georgia que deseen inscribirse deben ser ciudadanos estadounidenses, residentes legales de su condado electoral y tener al menos 18 años de edad antes del día de las elecciones. La fecha límite para inscribirse para las Elecciones Primarias Generales del 19 de mayo es el lunes 20 de abril. Verifique su estado de inscripción electoral, descargue una solicitud de inscripción de votante, vea boletas de muestra y ubique su lugar de votación en [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov).



## AROUND WINNETT

### Unlock faster, smarter remote inspections

The County is streamlining remote inspections for select residential and commercial building types. Rather than emailing photographs to inspectors, contractors can use the Remote Inspection Web App to easily submit required documentation quickly and accurately.

The app allows users to upload photos and permit details and submit inspection documents from mobile devices, speeding up routing and processing. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/InspectionsApp](https://GwinnettCounty.com/InspectionsApp).

### Become a lifeguard in Gwinnett

Looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning parks system. Not only will you learn lifesaving skills and boost your fitness level, but you can also enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities.

Pay starts at \$17.35 per hour. Part-time and seasonal positions are available at our five year-round aquatic centers and four seasonal pools.

Learn more at [GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard](https://GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard).

### Apply for the Empower Gwinnett internship program

Get hands-on experience with Gwinnett County Government! This four-week paid program offers Gwinnett's youth ages 15 to 21 an opportunity to gain valuable experience, explore their passions, and develop leadership skills through workshops and on-the-job training.

To be considered for this program, please visit [GwinnettCounty.com/EmpowerGwinnett](https://GwinnettCounty.com/EmpowerGwinnett) to apply online by Monday, March 16.

Please note that the number of positions available is limited and not all applicants can be guaranteed a spot.



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Keep your septic system healthy

Many homeowners rely on septic systems to treat household wastewater. Septic systems separate solids in the tank and filter liquids through the drain field. When maintained, septic systems are effective and environmentally friendly. However, neglected systems can cause slow drains, gurgling toilets, or wet spots in the yard. A failing system may overflow, allowing raw sewage to reach nearby waterways and threaten public health. The best prevention is routine care:

- Pump your tank every three to five years
- Don't pour fats, oils, and grease down drains
- Avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper and human waste

Learn more about protecting your septic system at [Gwinnett20.com](https://Gwinnett20.com).

### Discover how to repair leaks

Learn how to spot and fix common household leaks at the DIY Fix-a-Leak Workshop! Join us on Saturday, March 21 at the Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center in Lawrenceville from 1:30pm to 3:00pm or on Tuesday, March 31 at the Snellville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to discover cost saving techniques from a certified plumber.

To register, visit [Gwinnett20.com](https://Gwinnett20.com), call 678.376.7193, or email [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number.



## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1

Homeowners who occupy a home in Gwinnett as their primary residence as of January 1 may qualify for an exemption this year. A homestead exemption can significantly reduce your property tax bill. If you're unsure whether you have an exemption, we can help determine your eligibility and the best exemption for you. Visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](https://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply) to apply by April 1. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Avoid tax scams

Each tax filing season, scammers pose as IRS agents to trick residents into sharing personal information. By sharing this information, your life savings could be compromised. Avoid tax scams with these helpful tips:

- Choose tax preparers with caution and research before handing over your information
- Watch for unsolicited emails, texts, and fake websites that might prompt you to click a link or share personal information
- Be on alert for phone scams; IRS representatives will never demand payments over the phone or leave threatening messages

If you suspect fraudulent tax activity, report it to the IRS. You can also report fraud or scams to the Federal Trade Commission. For more tips, visit [IRS.gov](https://IRS.gov).



## SPLOST

### Enhancements underway at Evermore North Boulevard

Gwinnett County is making improvements to Evermore North Boulevard, enhancing mobility for commuters. A two-lane road will be constructed on the north side, running parallel to US 78 from Hewatt Road to Britt Drive, and will serve as an alternate route for drivers. It also includes the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Parkwood Road and Evermore North Boulevard and the installation of a new pump station and sanitary sewer main. Partially funded by SPLOST, the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-2026.

## RESOURCES

### Stay warm during the coldest nights

Gwinnett County offers five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term exposure to frigid temperatures. These stations will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00am on nights when temperatures fall to 35 degrees Fahrenheit or below, providing residents with a meal and a warm place to rest.

Please visit [GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations](https://GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations) for locations and the latest activation status. To volunteer, email [OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8850.

## SERVING GWINNETT

### Support literacy during National Reading Month

About 90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning, social, and professional development. National Reading Month is the perfect chance to inspire your youngest readers to open a book and explore new worlds.

Visit one of our G.R.E.A.T. Minds Book Exchanges, stocked with titles for children ages 14 and younger. You can also support literacy by donating books to the exchanges. To learn more or find a location near you, visit [B2Anywhere.com](https://B2Anywhere.com).

### Apply for free tree planting in your front yard

Looking to beautify your front yard? The County's Front Yard Tree Program offers up to two free trees for eligible homeowners in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

This initiative will help expand the county's tree canopy, improve air quality, and make our neighborhoods more vibrant! Explore tree types and more at [GwinnettCounty.com/FrontYardTree](https://GwinnettCounty.com/FrontYardTree).

### Stay plugged into Gwinnett news and events

Find us on Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube at @GwinnettGov to get the latest news and announcements. Subscribe to our email newsletters at [GwinnettCounty.com](https://GwinnettCounty.com) for information about events, volunteering, transit service, public safety, and more delivered right to your inbox.

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