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The Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy celebrates its 20th cohort!

For 10 years, the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy has given participants a firsthand glimpse into how and why Gwinnett County Government operates the way it does. Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson founded this program in 2015 to empower residents to connect with government leaders and influence decision-making.

Aiming to cultivate informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County, participants get a behind-the-scenes look at how the County provides high-quality services to the community, meet local leaders, and tour County facilities. Are you interested in joining the 2025 fall cohort? Apply for the 9-week program at Gwinnett101.com by Sunday, June 15. While a submitted application does not guarantee your participation in the program, all applicants will be notified of their application status by July 1.



AROUND GWINNETT

County proposes update to Sugarloaf Livable Centers Initiative Master Plan

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in February voted to propose an update to the Sugarloaf Livable Centers Initiative Master Plan. The proposed plan update will focus on re-establishing land use recommendations, identifying infrastructure improvements, and supporting creative placemaking efforts. The project has an estimated budget of \$350,000, with a required 20% local match of \$70,000. The Sugarloaf Community Improvement District will partner with the County on the project, splitting the local match so that the County's portion will be \$35,000. If approved by the Atlanta Regional Commission, the planning process will include opportunities for community engagement and stakeholder input. Learn more at GwinnettCounty.com.

Tax Assessors' Office issue Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2025 will be mailed and available online at Gwinnett-Assessor.com in May. 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, 2025. 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 postmarked within 45 days of the date of your notice. If you choose to mail in the form, it is recommended to send the documents with a trackable method to confirm delivery. For questions, call 770.822.7200.

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with us

Gwinnett County will host its Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration on Friday, May 30 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The evening program is designed to recognize the various countries and rich cultures that make up our AAPI community. 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/AAPI.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Take small steps to conserve water

Water conservation can be a regular part of our everyday activities without changing much in our daily routine. Reducing your water usage helps protect our water resources and saves you money on your water bill. Make small changes to the way you use water with these helpful tips:

- Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Only wash full loads of dishes and laundry
- Water plants in the morning or evening to minimize evaporation
- Check for leaks and repair them quickly

Together, we can make mindful water usage a habit and ensure this vital resource is available for generations to come. For more water conservation tips, visit DWRconserve.com.

Contribute to sustainable landscaping

Learn about native plant species and their contribution to water-efficient landscaping at the Native Plant Walk workshop on Wednesday, June 18 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Gwinnett Technical College in Lawrenceville.

To register, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.



TAX COMMISSIONER

Seniors may qualify for emission exemptions

If you are age 65 or older, a registered owner of a vehicle with a model year of 2015 or older, and drive less than 5,000 miles a year, you may be eligible for an emission inspection exemption. For more information and to apply, visit CleanAirForce.com or a Gwinnett tag office. Find a location near you at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Locations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stay safe at the pool and around water

The summer season means warmer weather and an increase in outdoor recreational activities like swimming, boating, and more. Accidental drownings are tragic reminders of how quickly life can be taken away. Follow these tips to ensure your safety and the safety of others in or around water:

- Read and follow all posted pool rules
- Stay alert and never leave children unattended near water
- Take swim lessons at Gwinnett's aquatic centers
- Learn lifesaving skills like CPR
- Avoid swimming while tired or under the influence of alcohol or sleep-inducing medications
- Never swim alone

Visit GwinnettSafety411.com for more water safety tips.



SPLOST

Improvements coming to Sugarloaf Parkway

Beginning this spring, Gwinnett County will embark on a project to enhance traffic flow and safety at the intersection of Sugarloaf Parkway and US 29/State Route 8/Lawrenceville Highway. Dual left turn lanes will be added to both approaches to Sugarloaf Parkway, and the southbound right turn lane will be extended. In addition to these improvements, the area will be enhanced with traffic signal upgrades, new sidewalks, curb and gutter, and drainage upgrades. The \$2.3 million project will use funds from the 2017 SPLOST program and is anticipated to be completed by early 2026.

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 physical or mental disabilities. Nutritious meals are available from Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, August 1 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

Burn ban in effect through September 30

To protect air quality, the state Environmental Protection Division imposes a metrowide burn ban every year from May 1 through September 30. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including burning trees, limbs, and yard waste, as well as the use of air curtain destructors. For more information, call 678.518.4980 or visit GwinnettFireMarshal.com.

Register your kids for summer camp

Looking for summer childcare? Plan ahead and sign your kids up for exciting adventures all summer long! Our camps are filled with age-appropriate, hands-on experiences for kids ages 5 to 13. Secure your child's spot today and register at a camp location near you.

All County staff-led camps are Childcare and Parent Services Program approved. To learn more and register, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SummerCamps.

Offices closed for Juneteenth

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and will resume regular hours on Friday, June 20.

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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