

GWINNETT COUNTY CONNECTION

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Amended solid waste agreement yields savings for residents

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved an amended agreement with residential solid waste haulers lowering fees for residents of unincorporated Gwinnett effective July 1. Haulers and collection schedules will remain unchanged.

The monthly fee for solid waste collection will be reduced from \$19.16 to \$17.91. The senior discount for those 62 and older will increase from 15 percent to 25 percent, reducing senior fees to \$13.75 per month. Haulers will also provide covered 65-gallon recycling carts on wheels.

Glass will no longer be accepted with recycling and should be disposed of with household trash or taken to a recycling facility.

Residents electing optional yard waste collection on a 12-month basis will receive a 25 percent discount.

For more information, visit www.gcsolidwaste.com or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141 weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm.



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AROUND GWINNETT



Schools to register new students in July

If you're new to Gwinnett or your child is changing schools due to a move, then summer is the best time to register! Gwinnett County Public Schools locations will be open for registration from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July, starting July 10. If you're unsure which school your child will attend, visit bit.ly/GCPSSchoolLocator. Start the process online at bit.ly/18-19OnlineRegisGCPS, then go to the school on designated days to complete registration. School starts August 6.

Gwinnett Bicentennial inspires Preservation Hall of Fame

Eighteen Gwinnett groups and individuals were inducted into a new Preservation Hall of Fame during a ceremony next to the historic Isaac Adair House in Lawrenceville. The event was hosted by the Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board and the Gwinnett County Department of Community Services, which promotes the county's natural and cultural resources. Visit www.gwinnettcountry.com for the full article listing the inductees to the 2018 Preservation Hall of Fame and how they helped preserve Gwinnett County history, as well as to access the County's flickr page to view the ceremony photos.

County approves design contract for Snellville branch library relocation

County commissioners recently approved a contract with an architectural firm to design a new branch library as part of a joint project with the city of Snellville. The library will occupy about a third of the new Market Building in the city's planned Towne Center development on Wisteria Drive. The city will use the remaining space for a public market, restaurants, shops, and other public, civic, or educational uses. The County and the city are sharing the design cost. The SPLOST-funded, 22,000-square foot library branch will replace the existing library branch at 2740 Lenora Church Road.

County offices closed Independence Day

County government offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day, except for operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents. All offices will resume regular working hours Thursday, July 5. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the County Detention Center. Independence Day is not a trash holiday for residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these and more at www.gwinnettcountryevents.com.

City of Lawrenceville's Prelude to the 4th | FREE!*

July 3 • 5:00pm to 10:00pm
Lawrenceville Lawn
210 Luckie Street, Lawrenceville

Star Spangled Fourth | FREE*

July 4 • 5:00pm
Mall of Georgia
3333 Buford Drive, Buford

Good Old-Fashioned Bicentennial Pool Party

July 6 • 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center
2200 Collins Hill Road, Lawrenceville

200th Birthday Bash Family Night

July 9 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Lenora Park Pool
4315 Lenora Church Road, Snellville

Button Days Family Picnic

July 10 • 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Mountain Park Aquatic Center
1063 Rockbridge Road Southwest, Stone Mountain

**Stop by the Gwinnett 200 table for Bicentennial Fun!*

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for transportation

Gwinnett, state to install smart signal technology on four county roads

The Gwinnett Department of Transportation soon will begin installing technology to allow County engineers to communicate with traffic signals and cameras along four high-volume corridors to help smooth traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve public safety.

The installation of 29.5 miles of fiber optic cable, 55 new monitoring cameras, and wireless radios will allow interaction between Gwinnett's Traffic Control Center and 31 traffic signals and cameras along the following routes:

- Ronald Reagan Parkway from Pleasant Hill Road to State Route 124
- Old Peachtree Road from Sugarloaf Parkway to Dean Road
- State Route 316/University Parkway from State Route 20 to the Barrow County line
- Five Forks Tricum Road from Rockbridge Road to Sugarloaf Parkway

The state is funding most of the project while the County's share is from the 2009 SPLOST. For more information on these or other SPLOST-funded projects, please visit www.GwinnettSPLOST.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

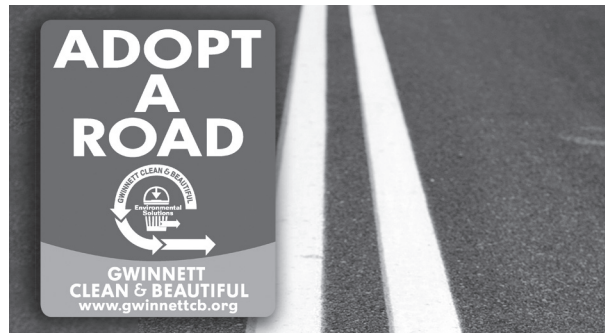
Stay water safe throughout the summer

Drowning accounts for a third of all fatal accidents for children 4 or younger. SafeKids Gwinnett and Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services suggest the following pool safety rules:

- Never take your eyes off children in and around the water
- Tag-team responsibility for watching kids in water
- Replace missing or broken drain covers
- Learn to swim or wear an approved floatation device
- Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills

To learn more, visit www.safekids.org, call 678.518.4845, or visit fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES



Adopt-a-Road program keeps trash out of waterways

Improperly disposed waste on land accounts for around 80 percent of the trash in oceans and waterways. Storm drains do not lead to treatment plants, so roadside litter gets washed by rain into the rivers and streams. Roadside litter can damage aquatic ecosystems and watersheds and even poison local wildlife.

You can be part of the solution by getting involved in the Adopt-a-Road program. This program, sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation, enables residents to get involved in keeping their roadsides clean and free of litter.

Adopt-a-Road makes it simple to get started:

- Identify a road you want to adopt
- Review the official Adopt-a-Road agreement online at www.gwinnettcb.org
- Contact Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful to confirm your section of the road and participation in the program
- Hold your first of four annual cleanup events – Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful provides free garbage bags, "Volunteers Working" signs, and safety vests
- Fill out a post-cleanup report on the Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful website to share your results

More than 200 miles of roadway have been adopted through the program already, and roughly 206,000 pounds of litter is collected every year. Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett DOT can help with trash debris that is too difficult to remove, and will install signage with your group's name as the adopter of the road.

Don't forget to attend our free workshop!

TAX COMMISSIONER

Self-service kiosks available for tag renewal

Two new self-service kiosks are available for citizens to renew their tags nights and weekends. They're located at the Lawrenceville and North Gwinnett tag offices. The kiosks accept credit and debit cards with a processing fee and dispense a current decal for your tag. For more information and hours visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

CHECK IT OUT

If you're looking for some summertime poolside reading, here are some fascinating picks from the Not Your Mother's Book Club that meets at the Peachtree Corners branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library.

The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit, by Michael Finkel

A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild Ride to the Edge and Back, by Kevin Hazzard

Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things, by Jenny Lawson

Department of Water Resources 2018 July Water Workshops

Rain Barrel – Make and Take

Lilburn City Park, Gartrell Nash Pavilion
76 Main Street, Lilburn 30047
July 14, 2018 • 10:00am–noon

Learn how to collect and store rainwater in a rain barrel for use in your landscape. Please pre-pay \$30 for your new rain barrel.

Send check payable to Gwinnett Water Resources to:
684 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville 30045,
ATTN: John Butler

Or stop by the office to pay by cash, check, or card.

Three ways to register:

Visit the public education page at www.gwinnettH2O.com

Send an email with your name, address, and phone number to dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com
Call 678.376.7193