

GWINNETT COUNTY CONNECTION

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Beat the lines and cast an early ballot before the General Election

You don't have to wait for November 6 to vote in the General Election. By voting early, voters can cast their ballots when it's more convenient and avoid long lines.

From **October 15 to November 2**, citizens can vote on most days at the main elections office in Lawrenceville. There are also seven satellite voting locations countywide where people can vote from **October 20 to November 2** on most days. Visit www.gwinnettelections.com for schedules and locations and to request a mail-in absentee ballot.

To vote on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling location. To find your polling location or view a sample ballot, visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Evita las líneas de espera y emite tu voto temprano antes de las Elecciones Generales

No espere hasta el **6 de Noviembre** para votar en las Elecciones Generales. Los electores pueden emitir sus boletas cuando sea más conveniente y evitar las largas líneas mediante la votación por adelantado.

Desde el **15 de Octubre** al **2 de Noviembre**, los ciudadanos pueden votar en la mayoría de los días en la Oficina principal de Elecciones en Lawrenceville. Además, hay siete ubicaciones satelitales para votar en todo el condado donde las personas pueden votar desde el **20 de Octubre** al **2 de Noviembre**.

Para ver los horarios y lugares y para requerir una boleta de votación ausente, visite www.gwinnettelections.com.

Para votar en el Día de las Elecciones, usted votará en su lugar de votación asignado. Para encontrar su lugar de votación asignado o ver una boleta de muestra, visite www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.



Ahora pueden leer Gwinnett County Connection en español en www.gwinnettcounty.com.

AROUND GWINNETT

Veterans Day Ceremony honors Gwinnett's veterans and fallen heroes

Gwinnett County will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Sunday, November 11 at 1:30pm** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Please join us in paying tribute to the men and women who have served honorably in the military, during wartime or peacetime, and to remember the fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.

Recycle your used stuff at America Recycles Day

Recycle your electronics, tires, paint, ink cartridges, and more at America Recycles Day on **Saturday, November 17 from 9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville.

You can also bring your old sneakers and gently used clothing to be donated to those in need or to be recycled into new products. Come for free kids' activities, including touch-a-truck, the chance to meet your haulers, plus refreshments and giveaways while supplies last.

Here are some things to remember before you come: paper shredding is limited to five copier paper boxes; paint is limited to 10 gallons; tire recycling is limited to eight per vehicle, but dealer tires are not accepted; electronics recycling is free except for TVs, monitors, and printers. There is a \$10 cash fee per TV or computer monitor and a \$5 cash fee per printer. For more information, please call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141.

Gwinnett bicentennial website features new documentaries

Gwinnett200.com now offers two more documentaries in celebration of Gwinnett's 200th birthday.

The "New Pioneers" video celebrates Gwinnett's multicultural population. The new documentary shares individual courageous stories that detail why people settled in Gwinnett and highlight their dreams for the future.

"200 Years of Commerce" traces the history of Gwinnett business and industry, highlighting the old Bona Allen leather factory, Technology Park, and the county's booming economic development.

To view the videos and learn more about Gwinnett's history, visit www.gwinnett200.com.

County offices closed November 12

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of the county, will be closed Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. All offices will resume regular hours Tuesday, November 13. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Trash collection in unincorporated Gwinnett is scheduled as normal.

Explore Gwinnett is Gwinnett's official tourism agency and promotes Gwinnett as a place to meet, stay, and play.

View the complete events calendar at www.exploreGwinnett.com.

Eddie Owen Presents: 1950s Rock and Roll Tribute

November 10 at 8:00pm
Red Clay Music Foundry
3116 Main Street, Duluth

Christmas Canteen

November 15 through December 23
Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:00pm
Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30pm
Aurora Theatre
128 East Pike Street, Lawrenceville

A Christmas Carol

November 30 through December 16
Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00pm
Sundays at 3:00pm
Buford Community Center Theatre
2200 Buford Highway, Buford

The 7th Annual Hudgens Juried Members' Exhibition

November 6 through January 27
Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm
Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Center for Art & Learning
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Building 300, Duluth

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Questions about your water bill? Call 678.376.6700.



Commissioners approve sidewalk improvements on Pleasant Hill Road

The Board of Commissioners recently awarded a contract to make \$987,000 worth of sidewalk improvements on Pleasant Hill Road.

The 1.15-mile project has two sections: Shackelford Road to Club Drive and Old Norcross Road to Satellite Boulevard. In addition to the sidewalk, the project includes landscaping, curb and gutter, and drainage structures.

The project is funded by the 2009 SPLOST program and the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District. For more information on this project and other SPLOST-funded projects, please visit www.gwinnettsplost.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Know what to do in a house fire

October is Fire Prevention Month. Survival in a house fire largely depends on knowing what to expect and what to do.

To keep your family safe and prepared for an emergency, firefighters recommend having a home fire escape plan and practicing family drills regularly.

Have at least two clear ways out of each room. Keep a multi-purpose ABC portable fire extinguisher handy. Check your smoke alarms regularly. In a fire, have a place outside where everyone knows to go. Do not go back inside.

Expect dense smoke to make it impossible to see. Carbon monoxide can knock you unconscious and be fatal within seconds. To survive, stay low, crawl to a door or a window, and get out as fast as you can.

If you are trapped upstairs, stuff a sheet or blanket under the door. Cover the HVAC vent. Cover your face with a wet towel, stay low by an open window, and signal to firefighters with a bright colored garment or other object. Call 911 and give your location inside the home.

For a free safety presentation, call the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services at 678.518.4845 or email fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES



Conserve water even when it rains and the weather cools off

Lake Lanier provides all of the drinking water in Gwinnett while the Chattahoochee River provides water for multiple municipalities. And even though it's been raining and the weather is starting to cool, water conservation remains important to preserving our water supply.

Here are a few indoor water-saving habits we can all adopt:

- Turn off the water while brushing teeth and shaving to save about four gallons a minute
- Clean your dishes with a dishwasher, which uses less water than washing by hand
- When using the washing machine or dishwasher, only run full loads
- Shorten your showers – aim for a five-minute shower
- Check for leaks and have them repaired promptly
- When buying a water-using appliance, check the Consortium for Energy Efficiency website for the best ratings
- When cleaning your fish tank, use the nutrient-rich water to water your non-edible plants

Another way to save water: when you're waiting for your shower to warm up in the morning, place a small bucket under the faucet to catch the cool water to water household plants, fill a pet bowl, or soak the compost pile.

Because Gwinnett shares our water source with millions of other Georgians, it is always important to conserve water. For more information and ways to save, Visit our website www.gwinnetth2o.com and select "Water Conservation."

Don't forget to attend our free workshop!

TAX COMMISSIONER

Skip a trip to the tag office!

Renewing your vehicle registration online is quick and easy. Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com, and click "On-line Tag Renewal" to renew your tag today. Tags are mailed within five business days.

CHECK IT OUT

Be prepared to be scared for Halloween with some of these classic horror books by America's foremost writers of keep-you-up-at-night fiction. You can visit the library website at www.gwinnettpl.org.

It, by Stephen King

Silence of the Lambs, by Thomas Harris

Rosemary's Baby, by Ira Levin

The Exorcist, by William Peter Blatty

The Haunting of Hill House, by Shirley Jackson

Department of Water Resources
2018 November Water Workshop

Cooking to Protect Water Quality
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center
Conference Room A
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville
November 8 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Learn how fats, oils, grease, and rags from your kitchen can contribute to water pollution in nearby waterways at this free workshop.

Presented by James Jones,
Department of Water Resources

Attendees from unincorporated Gwinnett County or the city of Lilburn may qualify for a maximum 5 percent credit toward their stormwater utility fee for the following year.

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