

# GWINNETT COUNTY Connection

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## Transit Review Committee explores transit's future in Gwinnett

With Gwinnett County's population expected to reach 1.5 million by 2040, the need for a robust transit system will become critical. The Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution creating the Gwinnett County Transit Review Committee, a group of citizens to help advise them how to proceed in expanding transit in Gwinnett County to meet future demand.

The resolution calls on the 13-member committee to conduct a thoughtful and thorough review of Gwinnett's transit needs and its options. The committee will present a written report with recommendations to the County Commission by the end of the year.

The committee will review the Connect Gwinnett: Transit Plan, a comprehensive blueprint approved in 2018, to analyze current and projected transit needs based on projected population and employment as well as the feasibility of various types of transit, including some suggested by the public.

Materials from the meetings are available to the public. For meeting schedule and locations as well as agendas and minutes, visit [www.gctransit.com](http://www.gctransit.com).



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## AROUND GWINNETT

### Census Bureau offers several ways to participate

The census, the decennial counting of every person in America, will have significant impact on Gwinnett for business, redistricting, and economic policy. To make it easy for people to participate, the census questionnaire can be filled out by phone, by mail, or for the first time, online.

In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail invitations to fill out the survey nationwide by Census Day, April 1, 2020. To receive information or help in filling out the census form, people can call the U.S. Census Bureau Call Center at 301.763.INFO (4636) or 800.923.8282. For more information, visit [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov).



### Elections Office seeks bilingual poll officials for upcoming elections

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for bilingual poll officials to staff elections in 2020. As a poll official, you have a front row seat to the election process, earn valuable work experience, and you get paid! Residents who can read and write English and Spanish are encouraged to complete a poll official application at [www.gwinnetcountyjobs.com](http://www.gwinnetcountyjobs.com).

### Volunteer this holiday season

With the holidays approaching, please consider giving your time, energy, and experience to help others in need. Volunteer Gwinnett can help you find the right volunteer opportunities, whether you have just a little or a lot of free time to help those less fortunate during the holidays. Volunteer Gwinnett is a countywide program designed to get residents involved in volunteer activities across our community. Check out [www.volunteergwinnett.net](http://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to find your next volunteer opportunity.

### County offices closed for Thanksgiving

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Monday, December 2. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Thursday is a holiday for trash hauling. Trash pickup will be delayed by a day.

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these and more at [www.gwinnetcountyevents.com](http://www.gwinnetcountyevents.com).

#### Holiday Train Display

December 2 to January 4

George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

#### Family Snow Day

December 6 at 6:00pm

Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center  
4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross

#### Photos with Santa

December 14 at 10:00am

Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center  
4651 Britt Road, Norcross

#### Holiday Cookies

December 18 at 9:00am

OneStop Buford  
2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford

#### Swim with Santa

December 21 at 11:00am

Bethesda Park Aquatic Center  
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville

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### Alexander Park Phase II opening with a new playground, other features

A new section of Alexander Park, located south of Lawrenceville on State Road 124, is opening up, featuring new playground equipment, a dog park, trails, additional parking, and restrooms.

The 22-acre landscaped project has a playground with swings and a two-story structure with a cargo net to climb, some tube slides, a swing that can accommodate multiple kids, and other fun features. A smaller playground has age-appropriate equipment for toddlers. Both are shaded. A 2.2-acre fenced dog park includes agility equipment, water fountains, wash-off hydrants, and an area for smaller dogs. It also has a new parking lot with 347 spaces, two pavilions, trail connections to other areas of the park, and a new entrance off State Route 124.

The \$4.6 million project was paid for with revenue from the 2014 and 2017 SPLOST programs.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Be safe in the kitchen this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. By following a few safety tips, you can prevent these fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking so you can keep an eye on the food
- Use timers to keep you from forgetting food on the stove or in the oven
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away
- Always turn off burners and the ovens as soon as you're done with them
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, or mixer are not dangling off the counter
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the way of children
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button
- Have a fire extinguisher close by
- Never drop a frozen turkey in a deep fryer
- Never bring a deep fryer inside your home

## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES



### Don't invite fats, oils, and grease clogs to your holidays this season!

Many of the traditional family holiday recipes bring FOG—Fats, Oils, and Grease—along with them. FOG could mean sewer clogs and backups could become unwelcome guests in your home or in the environment.

Sewer backups can occur at your home or on public sewer lines. Backups in your home can cost you a lot of money, but backups on the public system can be costly to the environment. Often these backups are caused by FOG being poured into sink drains. FOG includes items such as meat trimmings, salad dressing, gravy, frying oil, buttermilk, ice cream, peanut butter, and more. When these items cool and solidify in pipes, they can create a blockage and give wastewater no other option but to overflow into our homes, yards, streets, and local waterways, posing a serious risk to public health.

FOG clogs are preventable. Avoid a mess and a costly repair bill by following a few basic rules when it comes to disposing of food waste:

- Scrape your plates: Use paper towels or a food scraper to wipe excess dressings, condiments, food waste, and debris from plates, bowls, pots, pans, and work areas into the trash prior to washing
- Catch the scraps: Minimize using the garbage disposal as much as possible by using a sink strainer or basket and tossing these items into the trash
- Cease the grease: Once cooled, pour oils and greases from cooking into a can or jar, let them solidify, and throw them away

Don't let FOG take your holiday fun down the drain. For more information, visit [www.uncllogthefog.com](http://www.uncllogthefog.com).

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Thanksgiving birthday? Relax and renew online!

Tags can always be renewed in advance online or same day at kiosks. Be sure to get your emissions test, if required. Visit [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) to find out how and where to renew. If you want to fit a tag office visit into your holiday, the Lawrenceville tag office will maintain its regular Saturday hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm November 30.

## CHECK IT OUT



### Gwinnett libraries offer Gale Courses to prepare for career, college tests

Prepare for upcoming standardized tests with Testing & Education Reference Center from Gale Courses, an online education program, available at the Gwinnett County Public Library system.

Gale Courses includes full-length practice tests for GED, SAT, ACT, PSAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, TOEFL, U.S. citizenship, and more. It offers information on undergraduate and graduate programs and tuition and scholarship assistance, as well as advice on writing resumes, interviewing, and networking.

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