

# GWINNETT COUNTY Connection

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## Sign up for the Great Days of Service to help your community

Participate in the largest volunteer event in the nation **October 25 and 26** for the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services' 20<sup>th</sup> Great Days of Service.

Participants can stock shelves at food pantries, plant gardens, pick up trash, help renovate a home, collect non-perishable food items, host a book drive, or contribute in many other ways to help community agencies in Gwinnett. An estimated 100,000 people in Gwinnett do not know where their next meal is coming from. About 61 percent of low-income children grow up in households with no books, greatly increasing their odds of dropping out of school.

There are many projects, so you can choose one that fits your skills, interests, or preferred location. Last year's event involved thousands of participants working on 451 projects that benefited 86 agencies. You can participate as an individual, group, family, or company. To register, call 770.995.3339 or visit [www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org](http://www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org).

## AROUND GWINNETT

### County honors veterans at annual ceremony

The public is invited to a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville to honor and recognize those who served and sacrificed for their country in the military. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm on **November 11**. The featured speaker will be retired Army Brigadier General Curt Rauhut of Georgia Military College.

### U.S. Census data is used extensively by the government, business, academics

The U.S. Census is used extensively by the government in setting policy and allocating resources and by the private sector in making business decisions.

The census is an invaluable tool for:

- Redistricting at the national, state, and local level
- Distributing billions of dollars in federal and state funds
- Analyzing local economic and demographic trends

It is important for all residents in Gwinnett to participate in the census. For more information, visit [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov).

### Career Expo could launch a new career path

The Gwinnett County Department of Human Resources is hosting its fifth annual Career Expo Friday, **November 1** from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. The free expo allows participants to meet with County staff to learn about career opportunities in a variety of fields. Visit [www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com) to see available positions.

### Recycle your used stuff at annual America Recycles Day celebration

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

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, and meet your haulers. Refreshments and giveaways will be available while supplies last.

Paper shredding is limited to five copier paper boxes; paint is limited to 10 gallons; tire recycling is limited to eight per vehicle, and dealer tires are not accepted; electronics recycling is free except for TVs, monitors, and printers. There is a \$15 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.

### County offices closed November 11

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 11 in observance of Veterans Day. All offices will resume regular hours Tuesday, November 12. 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](http://www.exploreGwinnett.com).

#### Intimate Apparel

November 1 through November 17  
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:00pm  
Lionheart Theatre Company  
10 College Street, Norcross

#### Sinatra Forever

November 15 through 17  
Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm  
Sunday at 3:00pm  
Buford Community Center  
2200 Buford Highway, Buford

#### The Nutcracker

November 29 through December 1  
Friday at 2:00pm and 7:30pm  
Saturday at 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 7:30pm  
Sunday at 2:00pm and 6:00pm  
Infinite Energy Center  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth

#### Christmas Canteen

November 14 through December 23  
Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:00pm  
Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30pm  
Aurora Theatre  
128 East Pike Street, Lawrenceville

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Questions about your water bill?  
Call 678.376.6700.



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### Improvements coming to West Park Place intersection

The Gwinnett County Department of Transportation is adding operational and safety improvements to the T-shaped intersection at West Park Place and Rockbridge Road located south of Lilburn near Stone Mountain.

The intersection will go from one to two left-turn lanes from eastbound West Park Place Boulevard onto northbound Rockbridge Road. Dual right-turn lanes will be constructed through the intersection for vehicles going north on Rockbridge Road. A raised median will also be added for approximately 500 feet on West Park Place Boulevard west of Rockbridge Road to separate traffic going in opposite directions. Construction is anticipated to begin late this year with completion in the fall of 2020. The \$2.17 million project is being funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### How to survive a house fire

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Gwinnett firefighters are offering tips on how to be prepared to react safely in a house fire such as:

- Have at least two clear ways out of each room
- Practice using different ways out twice a year
- Keep a multi-purpose ABC portable fire extinguisher handy
- Check smoke alarms regularly
- Have a place outside where everyone meets. Do not go back inside
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them
- To survive carbon monoxide, stay low, crawl to a door or a window, and get out immediately
- 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

Email [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.518.4845 for a free safety presentation.

## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES



### Save water, save money with conservation

As Gwinnett County continues to thrive and grow, our water resources are more vital than ever. With Lake Lanier serving as the primary water source for more than 900,000 residents, water conservation methods can preserve this valuable resource and even save you a few bucks on your water bill.

You can conserve water by implementing some simple strategies. First, consider replacing older, inefficient fixtures in the home. Many homes have outdated fixtures that can lead to excessive use of water and a bigger total on your bill. Toilets made before 1993 can use 3.5 gallons per flush, more than double that of newer models. Just changing your aerators can lower the water consumption from 2 or 3 gallons per minute to 1.5 gallons per minute.

Here are a few other tips to help you change some water wasting habits and conserve water:

- Turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth
- Only run the dishwasher when you have a full load
- Wash only full loads of laundry or adjust the water level to match the size of the load
- Install a low-flow shower head in your bathroom to reduce water use without losing water pressure
- Take shorter showers
- Check for leaks under all sinks and crawl spaces

The Gwinnett Department of Water Resources offers free leak detection kits that not only include toilet leak detection dye tablets, but also a flow meter bag to determine the gallons per minute for faucets and shower heads. Email [dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.376.6722 to have one mailed to you.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Skip a trip to the tag office!

Do you need to renew or cancel your tag? Need a duplicate registration or to pay insurance fines? Skip the trip and the line! Do all of these tasks and more online with the Georgia Department of Revenue's new online service center at [eservices.drives.ga.gov](http://eservices.drives.ga.gov).

## CHECK IT OUT



### Digital library eReads Kids now available at Gwinnett libraries

The Gwinnett County Public Library is offering a free, new digital library of ebooks and audiobooks for kids from Pre-K to fourth grade, helping them gain confidence, improve reading skills, and have fun with books. Called eReads Kids, the collection contains 15,000 fiction and non-fiction titles that can be downloaded onto computers, tablets, and smartphones. You can check them out at [gwinnettpl.org](http://gwinnettpl.org) with your library card and PIN. Early reading is essential to educational success. Studies show children who can't read well by the end of third grade are four to six times more likely to drop out of school.

**Department of Water Resources**  
2019 November Water Workshop  
**Cooking to Protect Water Quality**  
November 14 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm  
Rhodes Jordan Park  
100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

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

Three ways to register:  
**Visit** the Events page at [www.gwinnettH2O.com](http://www.gwinnettH2O.com)  
**Send** an email with your name, address, and phone number to [dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com)  
**Call** 678.376.7193