

GWINNETT  
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# Connection

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## Commissioners place transit referendum on November ballot

The Board of Commissioners recently approved placing a 1 percent sales tax to fund a wide range of transit projects on the November 3 ballot.

If approved by voters, the Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax would run for 30 years and fund 82 transit projects that include premium high-capacity services like bus rapid transit (BRT) and arterial rapid transit (ART), enhanced and expanded coverage of the county by local bus and express commuter bus service, on-demand micro-transit, and paratransit service.

The proposed transit plan also features an extension of heavy rail from Doraville to Jimmy Carter Boulevard, subsidies for vanpools and transportation network companies, and funds to improve pedestrian connectivity to transit services.

Under the referendum, the County would design and construct the transit projects; it would also operate and maintain the transit system except for the heavy rail extension, which MARTA must operate as stipulated by state law. To see the list of projects, please visit [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com).



## AROUND GWINNETT

# United States® Census 2020

## Census takers set to visit households that haven't completed the survey

Census takers will soon begin interviews at homes that haven't yet completed the 2020 Census questionnaire. You can still complete the survey today.

Each Georgian participating in the 2010 Census effectively brought **\$1,639.10 in federal funding** to the state for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, road construction, the National School Lunch Program, and more. Census data also affects reapportionment.

Your private information is confidential by law and can't be shared with any other agency. You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. For more information, visit [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

## Assessor's Office to conduct onsite property field visits

The appraisal staff of the Gwinnett Board of Assessors routinely conducts field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data. Currently, these inspections continue on a limited and as-needed basis. County appraisers carry identification at all times and will announce their presence beforehand. No contact or involvement is needed during the review. Please call 770.822.7200 or email [taxpayer.services@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:taxpayer.services@gwinnettcountry.com) for questions or concerns.

## Gwinnett Emergency Management attains national accreditation honor

The Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management recently became the first county agency in Georgia to be accredited by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program. To be accredited, applicants must meet 64 standards assessing their ability to coordinate personnel, resources, and communications from multiple agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to any disaster. Accreditation is valid for five years.



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Adopt a road and make Gwinnett a better place

Join the Adopt-a-Road program and prevent trash from reaching rivers and streams through the stormwater system by picking up litter with friends, family, or co-workers. Removing trash and refuse from the roadways also improves your commuting experience and beautifies your community. This program is sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation.

Here are five easy steps to Adopt-a-Road:

- Select a road that you would like to adopt
- Review the official Adopt-a-Road agreement at [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org)
- Contact GC&B to confirm your road section and participation
- Hold your first cleanup event – GC&B will provide free cleanup supplies
- Report your results on the GC&B website

Afterward, your group can receive road markers with your group's name at your adopted section of road. For each year of participation, you will be awarded as an outstanding Gwinnett Adopt-a-Road Partner. Most importantly, you will leave Gwinnett roads clean and litter-free. To learn more, please visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org) or call 770.822.5187.

## WATER TIPS

### LEARN ABOUT WATER QUALITY

The Water Resources website is a great place to learn about ways to protect water quality in Gwinnett, conserve water at home, and prevent troublesome clogs in your plumbing. Go to [GwinnettH2O.com](http://GwinnettH2O.com) and click 'Get Educated' to find tips on leak detection, septic systems, fats, oils, and grease clogs, and more!

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Plan for emergencies during National Preparedness Month

If there was a fire in your home, would everyone know how to get out of the house? Do your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms work? What would you do if you found a loved one unconscious on the floor?

September is National Preparedness Month, a time for everyone to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. Planning ahead could save lives and property.

If you need help in making a plan, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will conduct a free home safety survey. The survey covers areas outside and inside your home to identify potential fire and injury hazards and ways to address these hazards. As a part of this survey, residents will receive free smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm installations, if needed.

Visit [GCGA.US/FirePrograms](http://GCGA.US/FirePrograms) to schedule a home safety survey. Please email [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com) for more information.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

The 2020 Gwinnett County property tax bills are expected to be mailed by September 15 and are due November 15. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is available to your mortgage company; however, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid. You can make multiple payments as long as the total balance is paid by the due date. To find more information about ways to pay or to pay online, please visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com).



## SPLOST

### Roundabout coming to Snellville/Grayson area

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners recently approved construction of a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 84/Grayson Parkway at Ridgedale Drive between Snellville and Grayson.

Roundabouts allow better flow than intersections with stop signs or traffic signals and tend to have fewer severe accidents than traditional right-angle intersections.

The project will also include curb and gutter and drainage improvements plus an upgrade of the existing water main, which will be funded by Gwinnett Water Resources.

About 84 percent of the \$1.075 million project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program with the balance coming from Gwinnett Water Resources.

Construction should start this summer and be finished by fall 2021.

For more information on Gwinnett County SPLOST projects, please visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](http://GwinnettSPLOST.com).

## CHECK IT OUT

The Gwinnett County Public Library offers free access to thousands of newspapers and magazines digitally through PressReader. All you need is an internet connection, a library card, and a pin number. You'll be able to catch up on the latest news and events or browse magazines on a variety of topics and interests. PressReader also offers newspapers and magazines in more than 60 different languages. Visit [GwinnettPL.org](http://GwinnettPL.org) and head to the digital resources page to view this and many other resources available with your library card!



## SERVING GWINNETT

### Gwinnett seeking poll workers

Gwinnett County residents who want to be actively involved in the electoral process and to give back to the community are urged to apply to be poll workers.

The Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, especially Spanish speakers. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$300 for the day.

Interested citizens are encouraged to apply online at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### Gwinnett está buscando trabajadores electorales

Se insta a los residentes del Condado de Gwinnett que quieran participar activamente en el proceso electoral y retribuir a la comunidad a aplicar para ser trabajadores electorales.

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, particularmente personas que hablen Español. Es una gran oportunidad para observar cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$300 por el día.

Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados que apliquen en línea en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### **FOLLOW THE THREE Ws TO PREVENT COVID-19**

Wear a mask | Wash your hands | Watch your distance

## GWINNETT COUNTY CONNECTION

The new *Gwinnett County Connection* and water bill designs are here! We hope you enjoy the new look and feel, and we look forward to keeping you connected to all things Gwinnett County.

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