

GWINNETT  
COUNTY

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# Connection

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## Commissioners continue to meet remotely

Despite the challenges associated with COVID-19, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is continuing to conduct its business remotely. Commissioners have held regular work and business sessions to approve projects, sign off on contracts, and set policy, while complying with social distancing recommendations.

For work sessions and business sessions, some commissioners are at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center while others connect by computer or by smartphone. The board canceled evening public hearings to limit in-person gatherings.

On March 17, the board approved a \$17 million resurfacing contract and accepted \$7 million in state grant funds for resurfacing. The board also approved contracts to build the Lloyd Harris Trail at Harbins Park and the Water Tower Global Innovation Hub at Gwinnett. On April 7, they approved a transit plan to be submitted to The Atlanta-Regional Transit Link Authority. Then on April 14, the board met virtually to discuss upcoming budget priorities.

Residents can watch work and business sessions at home live and on-demand on [TVGwinnett.com](http://TVGwinnett.com).



## AROUND GWINNETT

### Check County website for COVID-19 updates

Gwinnett County is continuing to monitor recommendations about the pandemic from health and medical professionals and directives from state and federal authorities. Check [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) for the latest information about the County's response to COVID-19.

### There's still time to participate in the census

More than half of Gwinnett's residents have already completed the 2020 Census, but we need your help to ensure everyone is counted. The census helps shape representation in government and influences federal and state governments' decisions about how to distribute funding and resources. It also informs plans for roads, hospitals, and new businesses. If you have not filled it out, there's still time. Complete your questionnaire online at [My2020Census.gov](http://My2020Census.gov), by mail, or by phone today.

### Primary elections set for June 9

The Georgia Secretary of State has moved the Presidential Preference Primary and the state and local primary from May 19 to June 9. Votes already cast in the Presidential Preference Primary will be counted whether in person or by mail. May 11 is the deadline to register to vote in the primaries. Advance in-person voting begins May 18 at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building on Grayson Highway. To find your assigned polling location or to check the status of your voter registration, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov) or call the Elections Office at 678.226.7210.

### Elecciones primarias establecidas para el 9 de Junio

El secretario de estado de Georgia ha trasladado la Primaria de Preferencia Presidencial, la primaria estatal y local del 19 de Mayo al 9 de Junio. Los votos ya emitidos en persona o por correo en la Primaria de Preferencia Presidencial serán contados. El 11 de Mayo es la fecha límite para inscribirse para votar en las primarias. La votación adelantada en persona comienza el 18 de Mayo en el edificio de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett Beauty P. Baldwin en Grayson Highway. Para conocer su lugar de votación asignado o para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, visite el sitio web de la Secretaría de Estado de Georgia en [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov) o llame a la Oficina de Elecciones al 678.226.7210.



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Repair leaks and fix a hole in your budget

Leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water waste in an average home every year — about the same amount of water used by a family of four in a month.

Even minor leaks can add up to major water loss and a higher water bill. You can compare your water usage using the histogram on the new version of the bill for indications of a leak. To check for leaks at home, look for dripping faucets and showerheads, inspect the pipes under sinks, in the basement, and around the water heater, or look for soggy areas in the yard.

A running toilet could be silently wasting up to 200 gallons of water or more daily. To find toilet leaks, put a dye tab or a couple of drops of food coloring in the tank. If the dye spreads into the unflushed bowl after 15 minutes, you likely have a leak, possibly from a deteriorating rubber toilet flapper, an easily fixable project that quickly pays for itself.

Department of Water Resources encourages you to conduct these simple tests for leaks. Maintenance and repair of pipes and fixtures can save money and conserves our valuable resources.

For more info, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com) and click on *Get Educated*.

## JUNE WATER WORKSHOP

### WATER WISE LANDSCAPING

June 16 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm




Five Forks Library

2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville

Learn how to create and sustain a water-efficient landscape to save money and time on maintenance.

Check for schedule updates at [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com).

Three ways  
to register:

-  Visit the *Get Involved* page at [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com)
-  Call 678.376.7193
-  Email your name, address, and phone number to [DWRWorkshops@gwinnetth2o.com](mailto:DWRWorkshops@gwinnetth2o.com)

## 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? Do these tasks and more online at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/eservices](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/eservices).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Help prevent underage drinking

Adults who buy, supply, or provide alcohol to minors may be fined \$1,000, sentenced to a year in jail, or sued for damages. Teen drinking can cause declines in school and athletic performance, accidents, DUIs, and fatalities. For more information, visit [Guidelnc.org](http://Guidelnc.org).

### Don't fall for work-at-home scams

Scammers are trying to take advantage of the pandemic in a variety of ways. Their targets include people hit hard financially.

You may see ads offering a variety of work-at-home jobs, such as internet businesses, shipping and mailing work, or selling goods, but many are ruses to steal your money.

The Federal Trade Commission has some useful tips to avoid becoming a victim.

- Don't pay to get a job. Scammers promise a job after you pay for training, equipment, supplies, or a certification, but the job never materializes
- Be skeptical of job ads. Research a potential employer by searching online for their name, email address, and phone number to find complaints or criminal history
- Don't believe ads for "previously undisclosed" federal government jobs. Information about federal jobs is free at [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov)



## SPLOST

### County buys four new fire engines

Gwinnett County commissioners recently approved about \$2.6 million in 2017 SPLOST program funds to buy four new fire engines over two years. The engines, known as triple combination rescue-style pumpers, will cost \$642,147 each.

With a staff of 1,008 employees, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services responds to more than 84,000 calls annually with 31 engine companies, 12 ladder trucks, and 31 ambulances. EMTs and paramedics staff all emergency response vehicles and carry essential medical equipment for advanced life support.

## CHECK IT OUT

### Gwinnett library system offers new online resources

In addition to the Gwinnett County Public Library's already varied digital services, some new resources are available at [GwinnettPL.org](http://GwinnettPL.org) to help the community cope while staying at home.

GCPL with the Gwinnett County Public Schools subscribes to [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com), providing K-12 tutoring to Gwinnett's 180,000 students. The ebook vendor OverDrive is accepting GCPL's online registration cards to access their content. Explore the genealogical database [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) for free.

GCPL provides access to newspapers, magazines, encyclopedias, ebooks, audio books, college and career planning, business resources, skills courses, language learning, and more.

GCPL staff is fielding emails and chats Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm at [GwinnettPL.org](http://GwinnettPL.org).

## SERVING GWINNETT

### County offering virtual tours of parks

You can take virtual tours of parks and recreation facilities, including the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, with videos about dinosaurs, plants, and historical artifacts on display. Virtual tours are available to watch on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and at [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com).

Park trails are still open, though the County is urging patrons to employ social distancing and other safeguards. Playgrounds and other parks facilities may continue to be closed. Check [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) for updates.

Gwinnett County events through the end of May are canceled. However, residents can register for future activities online. If the events are canceled, your money will be refunded.

### County offers services for elderly

People aged 60 and older who are facing hunger, health, or mobility issues during the pandemic can receive assistance by calling Gwinnett Human Services at 678.377.4150. Meals are still being delivered to the homes of seniors in our home-delivered meal program and to members of the senior congregate program. To learn more, visit [GwinnettHumanServices.com](http://GwinnettHumanServices.com).

### PAY YOUR WATER BILL WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

Visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com) on your smartphone to easily pay your water bill on the go. Just have your username or water account number and password ready. You can use this convenient service for nonrecurring, one-time only payments.

## 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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