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Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center applications open this summer

Gwinnett will start taking applications this summer for membership in the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center, an incubator for startups and small businesses looking to grow.

The program, which provides facilities and coaching for beginner business owners, will accept between 30 and 40 Gwinnett-based members. The center is encouraging applications from minority business owners and those from financially challenged households.

The 6,000-square-foot center in downtown Lawrenceville includes coworking spaces, a training room equipped with technology, conference rooms, a break-room/dining area, outdoor workspace, and offices. The center will provide instruction such as workshops, coaching, peer learning, connections to customers and capital, and market research. For more information and to sign up to receive updates from the center, visit GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com.



AROUND GWINNETT

Gwinnett County establishes new Sustainability Commission

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recently established a new five-member commission to assess the County's current and future environmental sustainability needs. The commission will make recommendations on existing sustainability practices and programs and produce reports on the basis for its recommendations, such as infrastructure needs, feasibility of proposed approaches, quality of life, and potential economic benefits and impacts. The commission will also provide public education and outreach on sustainability and reducing environmental impact.

View Board of Commissioners meetings on Facebook Live

You can now watch Board of Commissioners meetings on Facebook Live at [@GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov). Broadcasting meetings on Facebook Live is another way to connect with residents and keep them informed about their County government. People without Facebook can still watch the Board of Commissioners meetings live on TV Gwinnett or stream them online at TVGwinnettLive.com. View a full list of upcoming board meetings at GwinnettCounty.com.

Gwinnett offering free meals this summer to kids at 25 locations

Gwinnett County is helping ease hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to feed Gwinnett's children during the summer. After Gwinnett County Public Schools wraps up its meal service, the Gwinnett Summer Meals program will provide free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years of age and younger at County parks, libraries, and other locations beginning June 1. Meals are also available for adults 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities who are enrolled in a school-based program. To view locations, visit GwinnettSummerMeals.com.

County offices closed Independence Day

County government offices will be closed Monday, July 5 for Independence Day, except for operations required for the comfort and safety of residents. All offices will resume regular working hours Tuesday, July 6. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Detention Center. Trash pickup will not be affected in unincorporated Gwinnett County.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Water wisely this summer and save money

As temperatures rise, many people begin paying more attention to their yards. It is important to remember that frequent watering is not always needed for a green landscape. Excessive outdoor watering is not necessary and is also one of the fastest ways to raise your summer water bill.

Follow the tips below to help reduce your summer water use and keep your water bill low:

- Don't overwater – most plants only need about 1 inch of water per week
- Water early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are lowest
- Plant native vegetation to reduce the overall water requirement in your landscape
- Mulch landscaped areas to increase water retention in the soil
- Make sure irrigation systems don't run during or immediately after rain

You can keep your lawn looking good, conserve water, and save money with smart watering. For more tips on outdoor and indoor water conservation, please visit DWRConserve.com.

Attend a virtual lawn care and pest management workshop

Learn to identify causes of common lawn and garden problems along with tactics to address these problems in an environmentally friendly way. A virtual Lawn Care and Pest Management workshop is being held on July 15 at 6:00pm. Register at Gwinnetth2o.com by sending an email with your name, address, and phone number to DWRWorkshops@GwinnettCounty.com, or by calling 678.376.7193.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Get your groceries and renew your tag

While you're restocking groceries at Kroger, you can also renew your tag and walk away with your decal in hand. These kiosks are located in Kroger stores throughout the metro Atlanta area, and you can visit any of them, even if they're outside Gwinnett County. For Kroger kiosk locations, hours, and requirements, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Locations. Convenience fees apply.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Be careful with fireworks this Fourth of July

According to the National Fire Protection Association, every Independence Day, thousands of people — mostly children — are hurt while using fireworks. They warn that it's easy to underestimate the dangers of fireworks, which can include burns, injuries, and death.

- Read the fireworks directions carefully
- Keep a bucket of water, garden hose, and fire extinguisher handy
- Never try to relight a malfunctioning device, which should be soaked in a bucket of water
- Ignite fireworks on a flat surface in an open area away from buildings, vehicles, vegetation, or combustible materials
- Light only one device at a time and use an ignition stick or fireproof lighter
- Never give fireworks to a child and keep children away from the fireworks area
- Before going to bed, inspect the area where fireworks were used
- Wet the area with a garden hose for added protection
- When discarding fireworks, soak them in water before placing them in the trash
- Never handle fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol



SPLOST

Peachtree Ridge Park improvements complete

The Peachtree Ridge Park playground and ball field improvements are done and open to the public. Upgrades included replacing a rubber-track type surface on the wheelchair-accessible baseball field with synthetic turf, which still remains wheelchair accessible but makes the field usable for all children.

There will be a cozy cocoon, a quiet, safe space for children with autism to take a break from the action. The Peachtree Ridge Park baseball playground also received new climbers, swings, and slides, plus more shade and a synthetic turf surface.

Wheelchair-accessible elements of the playground include a large multi-person rocker and a ground-level spinner. A new electronic game includes eight ground-level stations in a 10-foot diameter circle. A 60-inch sectional slide features a wide landing to help children return to their wheelchair after sliding. Other elements are a firetruck climber, multi-height triple slide, and a multi-person basket-style swing. The improvements were funded by your pennies from the 2017 SPLOST program.

CHECK IT OUT

GCPL's 2021 Summer Reading Challenge brings stories and animals to life

It's summer and that means it's time for the Gwinnett County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge. Use the Beanstack app to track your reading, and you can win free books, bookmarks, and maybe even a tour of the Yellow River Wildlife Sanctuary. This free program is open to all ages. This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and it's all about animals. Learn how scientists are trying to clone the passenger pigeon, make reindeer cookies, or complete your origami menagerie. Sign up now by visiting this webpage: bit.ly/GCPLSummer2021.



SERVING GWINNETT

Gwinnett, CIDS, and state DOT to participate in connected vehicle program

Gwinnett County is partnering with the Georgia Department of Transportation and five Community Improvement Districts to implement the state's Regional Connected Vehicle Program on several major traffic corridors in Gwinnett County. The cutting-edge Connected Vehicle Technology program seeks to enhance traffic safety by providing traffic and road condition information to vehicles equipped to receive the messages. The equipment can also communicate with traffic control centers to help improve traffic management. Special equipment will be installed on several roads including Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Pleasant Hill Road, Buford Highway, Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Stone Mountain Highway, Sugarloaf Parkway, and Lawrenceville Highway.

Cameras coming to school zones

The County Commission has authorized speed cameras in school zones in unincorporated Gwinnett County to improve safety around schools. Notices will be posted before the cameras start operating, and warnings will be issued initially to allow drivers to get accustomed to the new procedures. A state-authorized judicial process will ensure fairness and transparency.

COVID-19 vaccines available for everyone over 12

Gwinnett Moms are pumped that all Georgians over the age of 12 are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC also says that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in most settings, except where required by law, rules, and regulations or policy. Visit ListenToGwinnettMoms.com for more information on COVID-19 vaccines, scheduling your appointment, and of course, encouragement. Join us on social media by tagging [@GwinnettGov](https://www.instagram.com/GwinnettGov) and using [#ListenToGwinnettMoms](https://www.instagram.com/ListenToGwinnettMoms).

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