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BOC approves Smoke-Free Air Ordinance

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved a Smoke-free Air Ordinance during its public hearing on May 24 as a measure to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Gwinnett residents. The ordinance will replace Article V of Chapter 38 in the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County entitled Clean Indoor Air and will take effect on June 23.

In 2005, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance to protect public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in most public places and private places of employment. Since then, public awareness of the harms of smoking and second-hand smoke has increased, and the smoking industry has seen changes with the development and increased use of e-cigarettes and vaping. In Georgia, more than 11,700 adults die from smoking-related illness each year.

The Board also approved an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance during the May 24 public hearing. The ordinance now addresses cigar bars in the same manner as hookah lounges and includes definitions related to each. To learn more about both ordinances, visit GwinnettCounty.com.



AROUND GWINNETT

Transforming Gwinnett Transportation event set for July 16

Join us for the free Transforming Gwinnett Transportation event Saturday, July 16 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Alexander Park. Learn about transit route improvements, resurfacing, the creation of new residential speed humps and traffic light services, and much more.

You'll also get more information about the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Transit Development Plan, and Airport Master Plan studies that will analyze current conditions and identify improvements to meet the mobility needs of our growing community. Alexander Park is located at 955 Scenic Highway in Lawrenceville.

Take a survey to help shape the County's sustainability efforts

Gwinnett County is seeking your ideas and priorities when it comes to environmental sustainability in our community. Please take the quick, 10-minute survey at GwinnettCounty.com/SustainabilitySurvey.



The survey is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese. Your feedback is anonymous and will be used to shape the County's sustainability planning efforts. We want to hear from you! The survey will be available until June 30.

Consumer Confidence Report now available

The annual Consumer Confidence Report containing important information about the quality of your drinking water is now available. The report details results of state and federally mandated tests for various contaminants. In 2021, there were no EPA Safe Drinking Water Act violations to report. See the report and learn more about your drinking water at GwinnettWaterWords.com.

County offices closed Independence Day

County government offices will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day, except for operations required for the comfort and safety of residents. All offices will resume regular working hours Tuesday, July 5. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett Jail. Trash pickup will not be affected in unincorporated Gwinnett County.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Be wise with your water outside

A typical American household uses about 100,000 gallons of water each year. That's enough to fill almost six swimming pools! Outdoor water usage during the summertime can dramatically increase the amount of water you use, but it doesn't have to. Implementing a few easy steps can help you keep your landscape green while conserving water. Here are a few tips to help conserve water outdoors:

- Use native, drought-tolerant landscape plants
- Use a rain barrel to irrigate your landscaping
- Check your sprinkler systems for leaks

Also, remember to use a rain gauge to measure rainfall. An inch of rain per week is all you need for most plants and lawns. To learn more about efficient water use indoors and out, visit DWRconserve.com.

Conserve water with a rain barrel

Learn how to collect and store rainwater in a rain barrel for use in your landscape. A \$30 pre-payment is required to take home your new rain barrel. Join us for a Rain Barrel Workshop on July 9 at 10:00am at the Lilburn City Park pavilion, located at 76 Main Street in Lilburn. Register at Gwinnett20.com, by sending an email with your name, address, and phone number to DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com, or by calling 678.376.6914.

TAX COMMISSIONER

We mourn the passing of Gwinnett Tax Commissioner Porter

Gwinnett County is mourning the loss of Gwinnett Tax Commissioner Tiffany Porter, who passed away May 5. Porter became the first African American Tax Commissioner in the County's history. Prior to that, she was the first African American judge in the Duluth Municipal Court. "Ms. Porter overcame many obstacles to achieve the ambitious goals she set for herself," said Deputy Chief Denise Mitchell. Mitchell was sworn in as Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner on May 13, and she will complete Ms. Porter's term through 2024. For more information, please visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Water safety around the house

More children ages 1 to 4 die from drowning than any other cause of death except birth defects. However, pools, lakes, and oceans are not the only places where kids are around water. Other areas at home where children must be watched include bathtubs, backyard pools, ponds, and buckets. Keep your kids safe around water by using these simple tips:

- Supervise kids when they are in or around water and keep them within arm's reach of an adult
- Empty buckets, containers, tubs, and kids' pools immediately after use
- Keep toilet lids and doors to bathrooms closed when not in use
- Install a pool fence at least 4 feet tall that surrounds all sides of the pool with self-closing and self-latching gates
- Learn CPR to respond in an emergency without putting yourself at risk

Visit SafeKids.org/WaterSafety for more water safety tips for your home.



SPLOST

Renovations underway at Collins Hill Park playground

Visitors will soon enjoy updated playground facilities at Collins Hill Park. The renovations will include changes to the large and small playgrounds in the baseball and softball plaza as well as the small play area in the pavilion.

The 95-acre park — located at 2225 Collins Hill Road in Lawrenceville — features seven ball fields, lighted basketball courts, a fishing lake, pavilion, a 1.5-mile unpaved trail, and an aquatic center across the street.

The \$644,380.54 project is funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.

CHECK IT OUT

GCPL's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing!

The Gwinnett County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge is officially in full swing, but it's not too late to join in the fun. Our Summer Reading Challenge is available for readers of all ages and runs until August 15. Throughout July, the library will host fun storytimes, crafts, and ocean-themed activities. From July 18 to July 27, each library branch will host special performances by magician Ken Scott. For more information, visit Bit.ly/GCPLSummerReading22.

SERVING GWINNETT

Chandler Road entrance now open at Tribble Mill Park

The new entrance to Tribble Mill Park at 2400 Chandler Road is now open. This new entrance leads to a parking lot with 89 spaces and includes picnic shelters, a restroom, and a kiosk at the new trailhead for the Lloyd N. Harris Greenway trail that will connect with Harbins Park in Dacula. The project was funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.

Celebrate Park and Recreation Month

July is National Park and Recreation Month, and Gwinnett will be celebrating parks and recreation professionals who support our community.

These professionals provide services that are vital for all residents, from protecting open space and natural resources to promoting wellness activities and providing essential resources for all people. We will be hosting a variety of events throughout the county to encourage people to reflect on the value park and recreation professionals bring to our vibrant communities. For a complete list of events, visit GwinnettParks.com.

Gwinnett Police gets more speed cameras

Gwinnett Police will get four additional speed detection cameras and license plate readers in Gwinnett County school zones as approved by the Board of Commissioners. The new equipment will be placed at Archer High School and Corley Elementary School in Lawrenceville, Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, and Lanier Middle School in Sugar Hill, bringing the number of monitored school zones for the 2022 – 2023 school year to seven. The cameras will help slow traffic and increase safety in school zones.

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