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Board approves new transit study

The Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Foursquare Integrated Transportation, Inc. to develop a new transit development plan.

Foursquare will help the Gwinnett Department of Transportation create a fresh new plan, focusing first on existing conditions, then identifying the needs and opportunities of Gwinnett's transit system.

This plan will increase the accessibility, connectivity, and mobility of multimodal transit throughout Gwinnett and the region. The goal is to provide Gwinnett County Transit with information, tools, and data that will support short and long-range plans for future development and capital priorities.

With the contract base amount of about \$1.5 million, the study is being paid by County Transit Capital Funds and will take 18 months.



AROUND GWINNETT

Tax Assessor's Office to issue Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2022 will be mailed in April. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2022. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT-311A state appeal form to the Tax Assessor's Office or visiting Gwinnett-Assessor.com.

Recycle your used items for Earth Day

Recycle your electronics, paint, tires, and paper on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. This annual Earth Day event is brought to you by Gwinnett Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful. All attendees must remain in their vehicles at all times. Items to be recycled should be placed in the trunk or back of vehicle where they will be removed by vendors. Materials should be placed in disposable containers or boxes as containers will not be returned. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com.

Gwinnett County Transit receives award

The Georgia Transit Association awarded Gwinnett County Transit with the Performance Award for excellent service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Georgia Transit Association recognized Gwinnett County Transit's ability to provide premier service without reducing local service for customers amidst a global pandemic. Gwinnett County Transit offers commuter express, local, and paratransit services. GCT operates seven local routes throughout Gwinnett County and five express routes servicing Atlanta and Decatur.

Drop off unused medications on April 30

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the National Take Back Initiative on Saturday, April 30 to provide a safe and convenient way to drop off unused and expired medications at various collection sites. Tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs can be dropped off at police headquarters and its six precincts from 10:00am to 2:00pm for proper disposal. Liquids, syringes, sharps, and other drugs will not be accepted. To find a collection site, visit GwinnettPolice.com.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Save money and water by fixing leaky pipes at home

Leaks account for thousands of gallons of residential water waste yearly. Even a minor leak can waste almost 200 gallons of water a month. Not only does this contribute to a higher water bill, but an unchecked leak can damage your home and require expensive repairs. Being aware of leaks in your home and repairing them quickly can save you a significant amount of money. To check for leaks in your home, look for:

- Dripping faucets or showerheads
- Wet spots under your sinks
- Soggy areas in the yard

One of the most common leaks comes from toilets. Listen for a running toilet or ghost flushes as a sign of a leak. This can often be fixed at home by replacing the toilet flapper for just a few dollars. To view our easy DIY repair videos that will help to lower your water costs, visit Gwinnetth2o.com and click Save Water Save Money.

HHW workshop set for April

Learn how to identify and store household hazardous waste and how to properly dispose of or recycle these items. Water Resources is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste workshop April 14 at 6:00pm in Lilburn City Hall.

Please 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

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 to the tag office and do all this and more from GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/EServices. You can learn about these services, important dates, and more in the new monthly Tax and Tag Tips newsletter that can be found at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Beware of tax scams

The Internal Revenue Service is warning the public to be on the alert for scammers posing as IRS agents demanding personal information or threatening criminal penalties.

Some callers even trick caller ID into displaying "IRS" on the recipient's phone. They often speak in a crisp authoritative tone, demand taxes be paid immediately by debit card, gift card, or wire transfer, and say noncompliance will result in local authorities arresting the innocent victim.

The IRS will never demand payment that way or threaten to bring in local law enforcement. Generally, the IRS will mail a bill first for overdue taxes and allow the taxpayer to question or appeal the amount.

If you receive a scam call, record the number and hang up. Then, report the number to Phishing@IRS.gov with IRS Phone Scam in the subject line.



SPLOST

Roundabout to be installed at Burns and Dickens Roads

The Department of Transportation is building a roundabout at the intersection of Burns and Dickens roads near Lilburn.

Traffic engineers find roundabouts allow traffic to flow more smoothly than a four-way stop, and accidents tend to be glancing, instead of more serious T-bone collisions. The \$1.4 million project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.

The County has several roundabouts in the works or recently completed, including projects at Constitution Boulevard and Langley Drive in Lawrenceville, Dogwood Road at Holly Brook Road near Brookwood High School, and Ridgedale Drive at Pharrs Road in Snellville.

CHECK IT OUT

Search for anything, anywhere, anytime!

The Gwinnett County Public Library provides digital resources for the community that extend far beyond printed materials. Whether you are searching for information, entertainment, or assistance and support, the library can help. Access a wide variety of resources, including online materials, career support, education, genealogy services, streaming video, and much more. With a library card and internet access, patrons are not limited by what their local branch has on its shelves. Visit GwinnettPL.org/Digital-Resources to start your research.



SERVING GWINNETT

Gwinnett seeking poll workers for May election

Want to be actively involved in the electoral process and give back to your community? Apply to be a poll official in the May general primaries and future elections. Our Voter Registrations and Elections Office is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers. It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$390 per day. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales para la segunda vuelta de Mayo

¿Quiere participar activamente en el proceso electoral y retribuir a tu comunidad? Aplique para ser un trabajador electoral en las primarias generales de Mayo y futuras elecciones. Nuestra Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente hispanohablantes bilingües. Es una gran oportunidad para ver cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$390 por día. Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados a aplicar en el sitio web GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Fight COVID-19 variants by getting vaccinated

With COVID-19 continuing to take its deadly toll, we all need to roll up our sleeves and go to work fighting this disease by getting vaccinated or receiving a booster. The vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommend wearing a tight-fitting mask over your nose and mouth in public indoor settings. Visit Vaccines.gov to find a location to get vaccinated near you.

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