

GWINNETT  
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# Connection

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## Get ready for the November election

Remember these important dates leading up to the November 8 General Election:

- Voter registration deadline: **October 11**
- Advance in-person voting: **October 17 – November 4**
- Absentee by mail ballot request deadline: **October 28**

Voters intending to vote by mail must apply for a mail-in ballot at [SecureMyAbsenteeBallot.SOS.GA.gov](https://SecureMyAbsenteeBallot.SOS.GA.gov) or by using the forms at [GwinnettElections.com](https://GwinnettElections.com). Mail-in ballots must be delivered by hand or by mail to the Elections Office or dropped into a secure ballot drop box. Visit [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov) to check your voter registration status.

## Prepárate para las Elecciones Generales de Noviembre

Recuerde estas fechas importantes previas a las elecciones del 8 de Noviembre:

- Fecha límite de inscripción de votantes: **11 de Octubre**
- Votación en persona adelantada: **17 de Octubre – 4 de Noviembre**
- Fecha límite de solicitud de boleta de voto en ausente por correo: **28 de Octubre**

Los votantes que tienen la intención de votar por correo deben solicitar una boleta por correo en el sitio web [SecureMyAbsenteeBallot.SOS.GA.gov](https://SecureMyAbsenteeBallot.SOS.GA.gov) o visite [GwinnettElections.com](https://GwinnettElections.com) para usar los formularios. Las boletas por correo deben entregarse en mano o por correo en la Oficina de Elecciones o depositelas en un buzón seguro de boletas. Verifique el estado de su inscripción electoral en [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov).



For more information, scan the QR code or visit/Para más información, escanee el código QR o visite: [GwinnettCounty.com/ElectionSchedule](https://GwinnettCounty.com/ElectionSchedule)

## AROUND GWINNETT

### SPLOST renewal to be on November ballot

During November's General Election, voters will decide on the renewal of the one-cent special purpose local option sales tax. If approved by voters, the new program could raise \$1.35 billion over the next six years that would fund transportation projects, parks, public safety facilities and equipment, libraries, and more. For more information, scan the QR code or visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SPLOSTReferendum](https://GwinnettCounty.com/SPLOSTReferendum).



### Recycle your items at America Recycles Day

Have some hard-to-recycle items? Bring them, rain or shine, to America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field located in Lawrenceville. Volunteers will remove items placed in disposable containers from the trunk or back seat of your vehicle. Recycling electronics is free except for projection/console TVs (\$35), flat screen TVs/computer monitors (\$15), and printers (\$5). To learn more, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://GCSolidWaste.com) or call 770.822.7141.

### Assessor's Office conducting onsite property field visits

As part of the County's annual review process, Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff routinely conducts field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data. They verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs. Inspectors from Gwinnett County, LMC, and Tyler Technologies carry identification on field visits and will announce their presence before beginning a review. All building reviews are conducted from outside, and information will be left to advise you of the visit. Call 770.822.7200 or email [Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com) for more information.

### County host Veterans Day ceremony

Gwinnett County will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11 at 11:00am to pay tribute to our military heroes. Join us on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville, or stream the ceremony live on the County's Facebook page [@GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov).



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Reduce stormwater pollution at home

Household hazardous waste is any household waste that is corrosive, reactive, ignitable, or toxic. These can include cleaning agents, paint, pesticides, automotive fluids, and more. Improper disposal of these everyday products can impact water quality in our surface waters. An illegal discharge into a storm drain directly introduces pollution to our waterways. Gwinnett County's stormwater drainage system is only intended to control flooding and does not filter pollutants. Keep it clean with these helpful tips to prevent stormwater pollution:

- Never dump household hazardous waste down a storm drain
- Recycle automotive fluids at local auto parts stores
- Only buy as much of a product as you need
- Solidify paint with cat litter before throwing it away

Gwinnett County, in partnership with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, hosts two free household hazardous waste collection events a year. Visit [GwinnettCB.org/Events](https://GwinnettCB.org/Events) to find the next event.

### Improve the environment with useful cooking practices

Learn how the proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease in our kitchens can help protect our water resources at a cooking and cleanup demonstration on November 15 at 6:00pm at the Grayson Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library. To register, visit [GwinnettH2O.com](https://GwinnettH2O.com), send an email with your name, address, and phone number to [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com), or call 678.376.6914.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Renew your tags in three easy ways

Renew your tags online, by mail, or at a kiosk. If an in-person visit is necessary, you can check wait times online before you leave your house. You can also make an appointment at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments). Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Cook safely for the holidays

'Tis the season for holiday cooking. As the number one cause of home fires, here are some helpful tips to ensure safe cooking practices:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking
- Keep flammable items like oven mitts, potholders, food packaging, and dish towels away from the stovetop
- Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food; keep an eye on what you fry
- Fires start when the heat is too high – if you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off
- Keep children and pets away from the stove
- Install and maintain smoke alarms at home

Visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com) to find more safety tips for the holiday season.



## SPLOST

### Commissioners approve study for future trail design

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners approved a scoping study for the Piedmont Pathway Trail alignment. The 12-month study will establish a corridor pathway with alternative routes, if path barriers are identified.

The study will foster community input with an overall goal of connecting Gwinnett trails to others in DeKalb and Barrow counties.

This \$325,000 project is funded 74 percent by the Atlanta Regional Commission, 18 percent by 2017 SPLOST funds, and 8 percent by the County. This trail is one of several signature trails proposed in the Gwinnett Trails Master Plan.

## RESOURCES

### Get affordable internet access for your home

You may qualify for a \$30 monthly discount on your home or mobile internet service through the Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Program. Gwinnett County is encouraging eligible residents to claim this new benefit and start saving on internet service. Visit [FCC.gov/ACP](http://FCC.gov/ACP) or call 877.384.2575 to learn about eligibility and apply. Then, contact a participating broadband provider to start receiving your monthly discount.

## SERVING GWINNETT

### Receive aid through Gwinnett Veteran and Family Services

Are you a veteran or family of a veteran looking for assistance? In partnership with Disabled American Veterans Gwinnett County Chapter 90, services for veterans and their families are now available at the Gwinnett Senior Services Center, located at 567 Swanson Drive in Lawrenceville.

Meet with a representative for free help filing Veterans Administration benefits and claims, securing transportation to medical appointments, obtaining state and federal government services earned through military service, and more. In addition, a OneStop 4 Help Community Navigator is available to connect veterans and families in need to resources. Learn more at [GwinnettOneStop.com](http://GwinnettOneStop.com).

### County gets new Housing and Community Development Division

Gwinnett County recently formed a new Housing and Community Development Division led by Matt Elder. This division is responsible for helping to address Gwinnett's complex housing needs. The division will also administer grant funds that the County receives annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### Offices closed for November holidays

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day and will resume regular hours November 14. Offices will also be closed November 24 through November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trash will be collected as normal throughout the holidays, except for Thanksgiving Day, when collection will be delayed. Learn more at [GCSolidWaste.com](http://GCSolidWaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during each holiday.

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Water bill questions: 678.376.6700