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Board looks to strengthen enforcement inside rental properties

Gwinnett Commissioners voiced their support to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code with local amendments tailored to the needs of Gwinnett County.

If the policy changes, Gwinnett Code Enforcement officers will work with tenants at residential rental properties to ensure the interior of the home is up to code. Currently, officers do not have the authority to issue citations for interior code violations.

The amendments are limited to residential rental properties to allow Gwinnett County to effectively address complaints by tenants. State law requires the Department of Community Affairs to conduct a 60-day review of the proposed changes prior to the final adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code by the Board of Commissioners.



AROUND GWINNETT

Join us at the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival

The annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House is back! Join us Saturday, May 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall on Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth. Residents can enjoy a fun-filled day with cultural performances from around the globe, bounce houses, carnival rides, touch-a-truck with public safety vehicles, and more. For more information, email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.442.6520. All ages are welcome at this free event.

Tax Assessors' Office issues Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2023 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, 2023. 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 Assessors' Office or by visiting Gwinnett-Assessor.com.

Celebrate Older Americans Month

Gwinnett County is highlighting our vibrant senior community with a lineup of events this May in honor of Older Americans Month. Residents ages 50 and older are invited to celebrate this year's theme, Aging Unbound. Join us for Hot Dogs and Horseshoes at Dacula Park, Hats and High Tea at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville, a barbecue potluck at Bogan Park in Buford, and more. To learn more and register, please visit GwinnettOneStop.com.

Honor Gwinnett's fallen heroes

The County will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29 to pay tribute to our fallen military and public safety heroes.

Join us on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Get rid of hazardous waste properly

Next time you're cleaning out your garage, keep an eye out for household hazardous waste products like paint, motor oil, batteries, cleaning chemicals, and more. If not disposed of properly, these products can catch fire, react, or even explode and can be toxic to the environment. Pouring it down your drain, into the storm drain, or in your trash can lead to pollution in our waterways.

Here are some safe and sustainable ways to dispose of household hazardous waste:

- When possible, recycle used batteries
- Solidify liquid waste, such as latex paint, with cat litter or sawdust
- Prevent the need for disposal by using all the product
- Bring them to one of Gwinnett's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days; find the next event at Gwinnetth2o.com/GetInvolved

Save water and protect its quality

Join us at the virtual Homeowner H₂O: Saving Water, Saving Money Workshop on Thursday, May 11 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to discover how new habits can help you save money on your water bill. Learn how to create your own rain garden at a Rain Garden Workshop on Wednesday, May 17 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Want to learn indoor and outdoor water conservation methods? Register online at Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

New self-service kiosk available for tag renewal

A new self-service kiosk is available for residents to renew their tags on nights and weekends. The kiosk is located in the Kroger at 3050 Five Forks Trickum Road in Lilburn. All self-service kiosks accept credit and debit cards with a processing fee and dispense a current decal immediately for your tag. You must have a valid Georgia driver's license and the correct address on your renewal notice. Proof of insurance and a current emission inspection, if applicable, must also be on file in the state system. For hours and locations, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keep kids safe at the pool

Drownings and near-drownings are traumatic and avoidable events. Although 90 percent of parents say they supervise their children while they are swimming, they are sometimes distracted by other activities. Follow these helpful tips to ensure the safety of your kids while swimming:

- Stay alert; even with a lifeguard on duty, your children are your responsibility
- Install a fence or other secure barrier around home pools to keep children away from the pool when it's not in use
- Ensure children are wearing a fitted life jacket whenever they are around water
- Designate a Water Watcher, a responsible adult who watches kids in the water without distractions

Visit GwinnettSafety411.com to find more safety tips for the upcoming warmer months.



SPLOST

New sidewalks coming to Pleasant Hill Road

The Board of Commissioners approved safety enhancements for pedestrians around Plazas las Americas.

New sidewalks will be installed on Pleasant Hill under the Ronald Reagan Parkway overpass. In addition to new sidewalks, a warning system will alert drivers when pedestrians are crossing the road.

Smart Road Technology was awarded the construction contract. The \$868,000 upgrades are funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as SPLOST. Visit GwinnettSPLOST.com to learn more about SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Find free groceries for families in need

Struggling with food insecurity? Volunteer Gwinnett, in partnership with Atlanta Community Food Bank, is helping those in need through their free drive-thru food distributions. The food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The next one is on Tuesday, May 9 at Bryson Park in Lilburn and on Thursday, May 23 at Shorty Howell Park in Duluth. For more dates, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



SERVING GWINNETT

Water bill payment address to change

Beginning Monday, May 1, residents will have a new mailing address to pay their water bills. Water Resources will accept payments by mail at P.O. Box 105023, Atlanta, GA 30348-5023, by phone at 678.376.6800, online at GwinnettH2O.com, and in person at 648 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

Take the Piedmont Pathway survey

Gwinnett County is seeking input from residents on the development of a trail that will ultimately connect several counties. The Piedmont Pathway Study explores how the 28-mile, cross-county trail can be built and its impact on the environment.

The County will use the Piedmont Pathway to address connectivity needs in Gwinnett and provide alternate modes of transportation for residents and visitors. The trail will also increase access to recreation and greenspace and enhance connectivity to Gwinnett's neighboring counties — DeKalb, Fulton, and Barrow. To take the online survey, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/PathwayStudy.

County offices closed for Memorial Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 30.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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