

GWINNETT  
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## Microtransit coming to Snellville and Lawrenceville

Gwinnett is expanding its Ride Gwinnett service to include microtransit, an on-demand service beginning August 28. Riders will be able to request a shared-ride vehicle — typically a small van or shuttle — to travel to their destination within Snellville and Lawrenceville. This includes the Centerville area to the Shoppes at Webb Gin and Northside Hospital to Sugarloaf Parkway.

The service will provide additional mobility options and allow for better connectivity and accessibility to medical resources, education, and points of interest. It will also provide brand new connections to areas of the county that are not currently served by transit, which opens the service to new customers and increases the transit destination options for residents by 41 percent. To learn more, visit [RideGwinnett.com](https://www.ridegwinnett.com).



## AROUND GWINNETT

### Host a project for Gwinnett Great Days of Service

Save the date! Gwinnett's flagship volunteer initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to bring about meaningful change and address Gwinnett's most critical needs. Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22.

Want to host a project? Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to apply by August 20.

### Assessors' Office to conduct onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett County, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs.

Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at the property before beginning a review.

If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions or concerns, email [Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.7200.

### Visit 4-H Farm Friends at the fair!

Learn about life on the farm inside the Big Red Barn at the annual 4-H Farm Friends exhibit at the Gwinnett County Fair! Get up close and personal with rabbits, goats, and sheep, and even try "milking" Daisy, the wooden sawhorse cow! There's something for everyone, including 30-minute group tours available weekdays from 9:30am to 11:30am. The exhibit runs from Thursday, September 14 through Sunday, September 24 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. To learn more, visit [GwinnettExtension.com](https://www.gwinnettextension.com).



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Keep your lawn green and water bill low

During the warmer months, residents tend to use more water to try to keep their lawns healthy. Not only can excessive watering contribute to a higher water bill, but it isn't necessary due to summer rainfall. Here are some simple tips to keep your yard green and your water bill low:

- Use a rain gauge to track rainfall and only water if it's less than 1 inch per week
- Water your lawn in the early mornings or late evenings to prevent evaporation
- Consider using a rain barrel to collect water for irrigating shrubs and flowers

For more indoor and outdoor water conservation tips, visit [DWRConserve.com](https://www.dwrconserve.com).

### Learn how to prepare your fall landscape

Join us for the Fall Gardening and Compost workshop on Thursday, September 14 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Grayson Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library to discover composting and how to prevent stormwater pollution. Attendees may qualify for a five percent credit on their stormwater utility fee. Then, learn how to maintain your landscape without excessive outdoor water use at the WaterWise Landscaping workshop on Tuesday, September 19 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at George Pierce Park in Suwanee. Attendees will receive a free outdoor water conservation kit. To register, visit [Gwinnett20.com](https://www.gwinnett20.com), call 678.376.6914, or email [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number.

### TAX COMMISSIONER

#### Property tax bills coming in August

Property tax bills should arrive to your mailbox by mid-August. Even if you sold a property this year, you will still receive a tax bill, as required by law. This is because taxes are calculated based on the ownership status on January 1, and the owner at that time is responsible for the full amount. Typically, taxes are paid on time and the responsibility transfers seamlessly to the new owners. However, if it doesn't happen, sellers may face tax liens placed on the property. To protect yourself as a seller, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Sold](https://www.gwinnetntaxcommissioner.com/sold).

### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### Keep children safe while walking

More than 40 children are hit by vehicles every day in the United States. Help prevent tragedies by teaching your child about pedestrian safety. Share these important tips with your child to keep them safe as they walk to school or the bus stop:

- Walk on the sidewalk and cross at street corners using crosswalks
- Stop before crossing the street and obey all traffic signals
- Wear bright colors to be seen at night
- Watch for vehicles backing out of driveways
- Do not play in the street

Visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://www.gwinnettsafety411.com) for more pedestrian safety tips.



### SPLOST

#### Commissioners approve 2023 SPLOST projects

The Board of Commissioners approved the allocation of more than \$759.8 million in anticipated 2023 SPLOST program revenue toward transportation and parks projects.

The transportation project list was developed by an 11-member Citizens Project Selection Committee over the course of 10 meetings held since last fall. The projects cover enhancements to major roads and intersections, bridges, pedestrian safety, and more. About 73 percent of the 2023 SPLOST funds is dedicated to these projects. Additionally, the Recreation Authority helped prioritize parks projects through updates to the parks and recreation master plan. Commissioners have allocated \$97.2 million for new trails and parks, park expansions, and more. To learn about SPLOST, visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](https://www.gwinnettsplost.com).

### RESOURCES

#### Discard your recyclables at home

Did you know that residential solid waste haulers use dedicated trucks for recycling? Items such as cardboard boxes, soda cans, and milk jugs can be picked up at your home. Just place these items and other acceptable items in your recycling bin for curbside pickup. Be sure to rinse cans and containers first. Get familiar with acceptable curbside recyclable items at [GCSolidWaste.com/RecyclingInformation](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com/recyclinginformation).



### SERVING GWINNETT

#### Construction to begin on Collins Hill Road

Construction on Collins Hill Road will begin mid-September to reduce traffic congestion near Georgia Gwinnett College and downtown Lawrenceville. The project includes lane additions and the installation of a 12-foot-wide multiuse path. Temporary lane closures may happen during construction. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2024. Visit [GwinnettTransportation.com](https://www.gwinnetttransportation.com) to learn more.

#### Enjoy yoga in a Gwinnett park

Focus on breath and alignment with Live Healthy Gwinnett at the Yoga in the Park series. Join certified yoga instructors in September for National Yoga Month at one of the parks throughout the county. These free sessions are for people of all skill levels. Just bring a mat, towel, and water bottle. Learn more at [LiveHealthyGwinnett.com](https://www.livehealthygwinnett.com).

#### County offices closed for Labor Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 5.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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