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Transit's hitting the road with a new design and name

Gwinnett County Transit is embracing a new look and a new name – Ride Gwinnett. In January, County leaders and employees gathered for the first look at the new name, logo, and bus design. Embodying the County's brand, Ride Gwinnett will carry and support its vibrant people by connecting them to the places they need to go.

After more than 20 years of service in Gwinnett, the transit system's new look reflects the County's evolving focus on mobility. The rebranding includes the County's buses, bus stop shelters, and signs.

Stay tuned for more information about new routes, which were approved as part of the County's 2023 budget. To learn more about our local service areas, visit [RideGwinnett.com](https://www.ridegwinnett.com).



AROUND GWINNETT

Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

Ever wondered how Gwinnett County Government provides high-quality services to the community? Here's your chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at County operations, meet local leaders, and tour government facilities! The Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy is a 12-week program offered twice each year to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County. To be considered for the spring term, apply at [Gwinnett101.com](https://www.gwinnett101.com) by Wednesday, March 1.

Gwinnett County to host a hiring event

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the annual Career From Here hiring event on Friday, March 17 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with the Department of Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) to learn about opportunities with Gwinnett and apply.

The Gas South Convention Center is located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.

Add a pop of color to your landscape

Shop more than 50 varieties of flowering and fruit plants that thrive in Georgia soil at UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual Plant Sale Fundraiser to benefit 4-H and Master Gardener projects. This year's diverse selection ranges from blueberries, peaches, and plums to dogwoods, gardenias, and hydrangeas. Pre-order by mail or in-person through Friday, March 3 at the UGA Extension Gwinnett office in Lawrenceville.

The pickup and bonus sale will be on Thursday, March 16 from 9:00am to 5:45pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. For more information, visit [GwinnettExtension.com](https://www.gwinnettextension.com).



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Learn how to enhance water efficiency

Gwinnett's Water Resources Assistance Program is available to help homeowners enhance water efficiency in their homes. This partnership with Habitat for Humanity helps qualified homeowners with plumbing services, septic system repairs, and water-saving appliances, which can protect our water resources and help to save costs on your water bill and repairs.

To qualify for WRAP, applicants must be a Gwinnett County homeowner, reside in the home where assistance is provided, and have an income at or below 60 percent of the area median income. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/wrap) to complete an application and provide all required documentation. For questions, email WRAP@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.376.6800.

Learn how to identify and repair leaks

On Thursday, March 16 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, join us at the Fix-a-Leak workshop at OneStop Centerville in Snellville to learn how identifying and repairing leaks can save money. Another session will be held on Saturday, March 18 from noon to 1:30pm at the Lilburn Activity Building in Lilburn. To register, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://www.gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Seniors may qualify for tax breaks

Older adults qualify for some tax breaks in Gwinnett. Residents who are 65 or older as of January 1 with Georgia taxable income below \$112,048 might qualify for the Senior School Tax Homestead Exemption. An emissions waiver is also available for seniors 65 or older whose vehicles are at least 10 years old and driven less than 5,000 miles per year. To check eligibility and apply, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reduce your chances of falling

Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury death for older adults? Falling accidents rise with age. For many older adults, the fear of falling may cause them to avoid activities like walking, shopping, or even taking part in social activities. Read these safety tips to help you and your loved ones avoid falls:

- Exercise to strengthen your legs and improve your balance
- Visit the eye doctor yearly to monitor potential vision problems
- Make your home safer by repairing or removing things you could trip over
- Talk to your health care provider about fall risks and prevention

To learn more about fall prevention, visit CDC.gov/Falls. To find more safety tips, visit GwinnettSafety411.com.



SPLOST

Grant supports County roadway maintenance

Smooth roads are ahead for Gwinnett County travelers. The Board of Commissioners voted to apply for a Georgia Department of Transportation grant worth more than \$7 million. This local maintenance and improvement grant will extend the life of approximately 55 miles of roadway throughout the County through resurfacing.

Each year, Transportation staff rate the pavement conditions of roadways throughout the County. Streets with a rating of 55 or below on a scale of 100 are prioritized for resurfacing. Streets above that level are patched and reexamined in the following years. The grant will be matched by the County with \$2.1 million from the 2017 SPLOST program.

RESOURCES

County offers help with urgent needs

If you or someone you know is facing challenges related to hunger, health, housing, or other issues, emergency assistance is available. Our community navigators are ready to help you find valuable resources and overcome adversities you may face. For more information or to complete an online assistance request form, visit GwinnettOneStop.com.



SERVING GWINNETT

Support available for dementia caregivers

Are you caring for a loved one who is showing signs of dementia? Join Gwinnett Health and Human Services for monthly support meetings at our OneStop Centers in Centerville, Buford, and Norcross as we help navigate this challenging journey. For more information, please visit GwinnettOneStop.com.

Enroll your kids in an afterschool program

Learning doesn't stop when children are out of school. At select schools throughout the county, the B² Afterschool program provides a safe and fun environment where children can participate in afterschool enrichment activities.

Gwinnett County accepts Child and Parent Services assistance for several eligible programs when school is out of session. Through the CAPS program, qualified families may be able to attend at little to no cost. For additional information about your child's school, please visit B2Anywhere.com, email B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com, or call 770.904.3500.

Test yourself for COVID-19 at home

If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, at-home tests can be taken anywhere and give results within 30 minutes. Together, we can keep our community healthy. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, stay at home when you're sick, and get tested if you have been exposed to or have symptoms of COVID-19.

To learn more about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19, visit CDC.gov.

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