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County awarded SMART grant for safety improvements

Gwinnett was awarded a \$1 million Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant from the United States Department of Transportation.

To ensure Gwinnett is the preferred community where everyone thrives, Gwinnett Transportation will use the grant to examine safety and mobility technological solutions — such as focused lighting and warnings — for all roadway users along Singleton Road. Funding will also be used to update the County's Connected Vehicle Technology Master Plan, which previously identified smart corridor deployment.

Senator Reverend Warnock, Senator Jon Ossoff, and Representative Lucy McBath supported the County in securing the federal funding to upgrade its transportation infrastructure. The SMART Grants Program provides grants for projects that improve transportation efficiency and safety through advanced smart community technologies and systems.



AROUND GWINNETT

Don't risk losing your Medicaid

Update your profile today to avoid losing coverage. The state of Georgia has started verifying eligibility for all Medicaid members, including PeachCare for Kids. Your contact information is crucial to ensure your coverage remains active. If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or emails, or simply want to double check, please visit Gateway.GA.gov to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. Learn more at StayCovered.GA.gov.

Assessors' Office will 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, 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 or call 770.822.7200.

Burn ban in effect through September 30

To protect air quality, the state Environmental Protection Division is imposing a metro-wide burn ban through September 30. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including burning trees, limbs, and yard waste, as well as the use of air curtain destructors. For more information, call 678.518.4980 or visit GwinnettFireMarshal.com.

Make a splash at County aquatic centers

Gwinnett Parks offers an array of water activities for all ages and abilities at our state-of-the-art aquatic centers. From group swim lessons and water aerobics to a summer job, there's something for everyone to enjoy. To apply to become a lifeguard, visit GwinnettCounty.com/LifeguardJobs. To learn more, visit GwinnettParks.com or call 770.822.8840.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Don't spill your pills

Many of us have unused, expired, or forgotten medicine in our cabinets. To get rid of these medications, you might be tempted to flush them down your toilet. However, that can negatively impact wastewater treatment or even disrupt the function of your septic system. Follow these helpful steps to dispose of pharmaceuticals correctly:

1. Take drugs out of the original container
2. Mix with an undesirable substance such as cat litter or used coffee grounds
3. Put the mixture into a sealed plastic bag or container
4. Remove any personal information on the empty containers
5. Place the container in the trash

Proper disposal of your medicines keeps them from harming children and pets, prevents illegal misuse of drugs, and protects our water systems. Not sure where to get rid of your medicine? Visit GwinnettCB.org/Recycling to find a drop-off site near you.

Learn how to keep your lawn plants healthy

Join Gwinnett Water Resources on Thursday, June 15 for the Smart Irrigation Workshop at Collins Hill Library in Lawrenceville. From 6:00pm to 7:30pm, learn how keeping your outdoor plants healthy can save you money on your water bill. To register, visit Gwinnett2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

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 complete all of these tasks and more at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/EServices.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Beat the summer heat

The summer season is known for bringing extreme heat to Georgia. Temperatures can easily reach 100 degrees or hotter, which can be especially dangerous to seniors, children, and people with asthma. Limit exposure to the soaring temperatures with these helpful tips:

- Stay hydrated during outdoor activities by drinking cool water
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing
- Protect your head, face, and eyes with a brimmed hat and sunglasses
- Use sunscreen to protect your skin
- When outdoors, look for shaded areas to rest or take breaks
- Consider staying indoors when temperatures increase into the 90s
- Limit outdoor activities to early morning or late evening to avoid the hottest part of the day

These necessary precautions can help you stay safe and cool during the summer months. For more information, visit GwinnettSafety411.com.



SPLOST

Sugarloaf Parkway underpass to receive lighting improvements

The Board of Commissioners will use SPLOST funding to upgrade the lighting at the I-85 and Sugarloaf Parkway underpass to LEDs. LED lights are more energy efficient than the current incandescent lighting, which was installed in 1997 when the interchange was built. The Sugarloaf Community Improvement District will contribute \$30,000 toward the project and the County will contribute the remaining \$165,000, funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.

RESOURCES

Grab a summer meal on-the-go

The Gwinnett Summer Meals program will provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities. Meals are available from Tuesday, May 30 through Tuesday, August 1, and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last.

Visit GwinnettSummerMeals.com to learn more and find a complete list of meal locations. If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



SERVING GWINNETT

Learn about recycling at your next HOA meeting

Help protect the environment by educating your neighborhood about curbside recycling.

Schedule an onsite visit at your next homeowners' association meeting to learn more. For additional information, please call 770.822.7141 or email GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com.

Funds available for small businesses

Gwinnett County is paying it FORWARD by helping small businesses find relief. The County will work with the FORWARD firm to help Gwinnett businesses impacted by the effects of the pandemic.

Nearly \$6 million in funds is available, and applications will be available on GwinnettCounty.com within the next month.

County offices closed for Juneteenth

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, June 20. Trash and recycling collection will remain the same 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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