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New local routes enhance transit service around Gwinnett

Ride Gwinnett is enhancing its transit services with new routes this fall. In August, Ride Gwinnett launched Local Route 25 and Local Route 70 serving new areas in Snellville through Stone Mountain. Local Route 50 will start in November, servicing Lawrenceville, Suwanee, and Buford with stops at Sugarloaf Mills, Suwanee Town Center, the Mall of Georgia, and Coolray Field.

The new services allow for better connectivity and access to local resources – providing additional options, relieving congestion, and increasing employment and economic opportunities for residents. To learn more about local service areas, visit [RideGwinnett.com](https://www.ridegwinnett.com).



AROUND GWINNETT

Recycle your items at America Recycles Day

Have some hard-to-recycle items? Rain or shine, you can bring them to America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to noon at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 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). For a full list of acceptable items, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com) or call 770.822.7141.

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 will 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.

County hosts Veterans Day ceremony

Join us to honor our military heroes at Gwinnett County's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, November 11. The event will take place on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony begins at 11:00am.

Light the Great Tree on Thanksgiving night

The annual Lighting of the Tree kicks off the holiday season on Thursday, November 23 at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in downtown Lawrenceville. From 5:30pm to 8:00pm, enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, a visit from Santa, and more. Following the event, explore the courthouse with self-guided tours and experience the magic of Santa's headquarters. Don't miss this treasured family tradition!



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Keep fallen leaves out of the storm drain

As the seasons change, our trees will be filled with rich colors and leaves will begin to fall. While raking is now on your outdoor to-do list, it's important to keep leaves out of storm drains, safeguarding our stormwater drainage system. Leaves can pollute waterway and cause blockages that lead to localized flooding during heavy rain.

Here are helpful gardening tips to protect water quality and storm drains this fall:

- Rake leaves out of the curb and gutter
- Compost fallen leaves for free fertilizer
- Use fallen leaves as mulch in your landscape

Following these practices can help protect our water resources and help you maintain a sustainable fall garden. Visit [Gwinnett20.com/GetEducated](https://www.gwinnett20.com/GetEducated) for more helpful tips.

Protect the environment while cooking

Learn how the proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease in our kitchens can help protect our water resources. Join us for a cooking and cleanup demonstration during the Better Cooking for a Better Environment workshop on Monday, November 14 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Suwanee Branch Library. To register, visit [Gwinnett20.com](https://www.gwinnett20.com), call 678.376.6914, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Renew your vehicle's tag at a kiosk

Skip the trip to the tag office and renew your tag at one of 10 kiosks around the county. The Gwinnett Tax Commissioner's office has provided a convenient and easy way to renew your vehicle's tag. All you need is a valid Georgia driver's license, the correct address on your renewal notice, proof of liability insurance transmitted to the state system, and a valid emission inspection on file, if applicable. For more information and to find a kiosk near you, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Kiosks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keep kids safe this Halloween

Halloween is a time of excitement for kids, but it's important to prioritize their safety. Children are twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car walking on Halloween than any other day of the year. To ensure a safe trick-or-treating experience, encourage your little ones to follow these tips:

- Cross the street safely, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Walk on sidewalks or paths away from vehicle traffic
- Slow down, stay alert, and keep an eye out for cars
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights to make them visible to drivers, especially after dark

You can also reduce fire hazards for your kids by opting for costumes made from nonflammable fabrics. For more holiday safety tips, visit GwinnettSafety411.com.



SPLOST

New library branch opens in Snellville

County leaders joined the Gwinnett County Public Library Board of Trustees and Snellville officials to open the new Elizabeth H. Williams Library branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library in the Grove at Towne Center in September. The new facility will replace the existing branch on Lenora Church Road.

The library occupies the first floor of the 44,000-square-foot, two-story building, while the second floor houses the City of Snellville Business Center.

The branch also offers children, teen, and adult areas, 30 computer workstations, and a multipurpose room. The County's \$10.2 million contribution to the project was funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Support available for local veterans

Are you a veteran or family of a veteran seeking assistance? Services are available at the Gwinnett Veteran and Family Services office 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. To learn more, visit GwinnettOneStop.com.



SERVING 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 your phone number or email, or simply want to double check, please visit Gateway.GA.gov to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. To learn more, visit StayCovered.GA.gov.

County receives grants to help seniors

Gwinnett seniors will continue to have access to the programs they need the most. Gwinnett County recently received a grant through the Atlanta Regional Commission to help residents ages 60 and older get access to services such as case management, meals at senior centers, home-delivered meals, recreation, personal care, and respite care for caregivers. The Atlanta Regional Commission will provide \$2.2 million, with the County matching about \$158,000.

County offices closed for November holidays

All Gwinnett County government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Friday, November 10 for Veterans Day and will resume regular hours on Monday, November 13. Offices will also be closed November 23 and 24 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. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during each holiday.

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