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Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers 2025 State of the County Address

Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson addressed business owners, residents, and stakeholders in her fifth State of the County address themed 'One Gwinnett,' reflecting on how collaboration helps Gwinnett County thrive.

During her address, Hendrickson announced a historic step in addressing affordable housing, highlighting the County's first-ever acquisition of an extended stay hotel for conversion into affordable rental housing. In partnership with the Gwinnett Housing Corporation, the County secured the property in Peachtree Corners with a \$7.7 million investment, using funds from the Affordable Housing Development Fund and federal HOME-ARPA dollars.

To watch the address and to learn more about Gwinnett's 2024 accomplishments and 2025 vision, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SOTC](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/SOTC).



AROUND GWINNETT

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

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2025 will be mailed in May. 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, 2025. 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](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

Learn about proposed improvements to Scenic Highway

In an effort to ease congestion and enhance safety, Gwinnett County and the Georgia Department of Transportation are proposing to widen State Route 124/Scenic Highway from north of the US 78/SR 10 intersection to north of Ronald Reagan Parkway. The proposed improvements include expanding SR 124 to six lanes, three in each direction, and adding a 16-foot-wide raised median and urban border areas. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SR124Widening](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/SR124Widening) to learn more and get involved.

Join us at the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival

The annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House is back! Join us Saturday, May 17 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall. 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, please call 678.442.6520 or email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com. All ages are welcome at this free event.

Pay tribute to Gwinnett's fallen heroes

The County will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26 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

Keep your home safe from hazardous waste risks

Did you know that improper disposal of household products can negatively affect the water quality in lakes and streams? The illicit discharge of household hazardous waste — like paint, automotive fluids, cleaning agents, and batteries — can lead to contamination of surface waters and harm wildlife. Here are some safe and sustainable ways to dispose of household hazardous waste:

- Recycle batteries and lightbulbs at stores that accept these items for recycling
- Solidify liquid waste, like latex paint, with cat litter or saw dust
- Take used motor oil to auto supply stores

Call 678.376.7000 to report household hazardous waste or anything other than stormwater being discharged into a storm drain.

Reduce water usage and save money!

Join us at the virtual Homeowner H2O: Saving Water, Saving Money Workshop on Thursday, May 8 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to discover how new water 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 21 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Gwinnett Technical College in Lawrenceville. Want to learn indoor and outdoor water conservation methods? Register online at [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://www.gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Renew your driver's license at a kiosk

The Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner's Office has partnered with the Department of Driver Services to now offer driver's license and ID renewals at select tag-renewal kiosks around the county. Currently, five of Gwinnett's 13 kiosks offer this service with additional services planned for the future. For more information and to find a kiosk near you, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Kiosks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keep babies safe as they sleep

Unintentional suffocation is the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children under a year old. Create a safe sleeping environment for your baby with these helpful tips:

- Check to make sure that your crib meets safety standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
- Avoid cribs with design cutouts on the headboard or footboard
- Avoid allowing babies to sleep on beds, sofas, or chairs of any kind
- Lay your baby on their back to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome
- Consider using a sleep sack on cold nights
- Learn CPR with Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services

Find more baby safety tips at GwinnettSafety411.com.



SPLOST

Upgrades coming to the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center

A project to renovate and expand the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center will kick off soon. The 3,520-square-foot addition will enhance animal intake, adoption services, and training spaces and add new shade structures over outdoor animal bonding areas. The project will also convert the existing K-9 unit building into specialized high-risk and quarantine isolation kennels. Expanded parking and reconfigured intake and adoption spaces will improve accessibility and streamline operations, reflecting the County's commitment to prioritizing animal welfare. Place Services Inc. was awarded the construction contract. The \$4.4 million upgrades are funded by the 2023 SPLOST. The center will remain open to the public during renovations.

RESOURCES

Food distribution serves families in need

Struggling with food insecurity? Gwinnett, in partnership with Atlanta Community Food Bank, is helping those in need through free drive-thru food distributions. The food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The next events will be Tuesday, May 13 at Lenora Park in Snellville and Friday, May 30 at Bryson Park in Lilburn. For more dates, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/FoodResources.



SERVING GWINNETT

Practice water safety

Whether you're planning a beach vacation or a family outing to the neighborhood pool, National Water Safety Month in May is a great reminder to be vigilant in, on, and around bodies of water. People of all ages and abilities can take swim lessons at one of Gwinnett's aquatic centers. Residents ages 15 and up can also become a lifeguard with American Red Cross-based training. To learn more, please visit GwinnettParks.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. This annual campaign is designed to challenge stereotypes about aging and empower older adults to remain engaged, independent, and included. Residents ages 50 and older are invited to celebrate this year's theme Flip the Script on Aging at various activities around the county, including the Art Deco Dance and a Senior Resource Fair. To learn more and register, please visit GwinnettHumanServices.com.

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 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 27. 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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