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County opts out of Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners voted in February 2025 to opt out of the new Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption introduced in House Bill 581. Three public hearings were held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in January and February – while cities and schools hosted their own hearings.

The County has an existing Value Offset Exemption that protects homeowners from tax increases due to increased property market values. Compared to the new Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption, the County's existing VOE protects against inflation and keeps County government taxes lower for homeowners. Unlike the existing County Government VOE, the base value of the home is adjusted annually for inflation under the new Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption, making it subject to increases. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com).



AROUND GWINNETT

Join the Gwinnett Youth Commission

Get an inside look at Gwinnett County Government, interact with local leaders, and receive community leadership training through the Gwinnett Youth Commission. This summer intensive program includes an eight-week training session and focuses on personal and professional development, public service, and more.

To be considered for this upcoming term, rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors must apply by Tuesday, April 15. There is no cost to participate in this program. Visit [GwinnettYouthCommission.com](https://www.gwinnettyouthcommission.com) for more information and to apply.

New roundabout coming to Lakeview Road

Gwinnett County is improving traffic flow and safety around Lakeview Road in Grayson. This project will add a new roundabout at the intersection of Lakeview Road, Pharrs Road, and Hillside Drive, where the three approaches are controlled by stop signs. It will also include new concrete sidewalks along the north side of Lakeview Road from Pharrs Road/Hillside Drive to Derrick Drive.

In addition to these improvements, the area will be enhanced with new curb and gutter, lighting, and drainage upgrades. Funded in part by the SPLOST program, the project is anticipated to be completed by 2026.

Help shape the future of the Park Place district!

Residents are invited to share their vision for a thriving Park Place district! Join us on Monday, March 17 for the Draft Recommendations Workshop at Shiloh High School from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and share your feedback on the Park Place Master Plan draft recommendations. The Park Place district generally surrounds the intersections of Park Place Boulevard and Stone Mountain Highway. As an important southern gateway to Gwinnett, this corner of the county is commonly known as Mountain Park, Snellville, or Stone Mountain. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/ParkPlacePlan](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/ParkPlacePlan).



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Pick up after your pet

Whether you're walking through your neighborhood, enjoying a day at the park, or just relaxing in your own backyard, there is a simple yet essential responsibility that comes with being a pet owner – cleaning up after your furry friends.

Dog waste can contain pathogens that make people and other dogs sick. Leaving it unattended means rain carries it into storm drains and nearby waterways, which can lead to water pollution or a threat to public health. Do your part to protect our community – bag your pet's waste and dispose of it properly. To learn more about protecting our waterways, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://www.gwinnetth2o.com).

Safely dispose of hazardous waste

Learn how to identify, handle, and safely dispose of hazardous home products at the Household Hazardous Waste workshop on Thursday, April 10 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Grayson Senior Center. Experts will share the risks associated with common household chemicals and how to minimize their impact on the environment. To register, please visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://www.gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Apply for a Homestead Exemption by April 1
Looking to reduce your property tax bill? Apply for a homestead exemption. Owners who occupy a home in Gwinnett as their primary residence as of January 1 may qualify for an exemption this year. Visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](https://www.gwinnettx.com/TaxCommissioner/Apply) to apply by April 1. We will help determine your eligibility and the best exemption for you. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Avoid tax scams

Each tax filing season, scammers pose as IRS agents to trick residents into sharing personal information. By sharing this information, your life savings could be compromised. Here are some tips to help you avoid tax scams:

- Be cautious when choosing tax preparers and do research before handing over your information
- Watch for unsolicited emails, texts, and fake websites that might prompt you to click a link or share personal information
- Be on alert for phone scams; IRS representatives will never demand payments over the phone or leave threatening messages

If you suspect fraudulent tax activity, report it to the IRS. You can also report fraud or scams to the Federal Trade Commission. For more tips, visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).



SPLOST

Exciting changes coming to the Dacula Park Activity Building

County officials recently broke ground on the Dacula Park Activity Building expansion project. This project will convert the existing 7,440-square-foot building into a two-story, 34,000-square-foot community recreation center with a full-service senior wing. With a focus on enhancing programming on the eastern side of Gwinnett County, the new facility will include a gym with an upper-level walking track, art and dance studios, 76 additional parking spaces, and more. The \$12.8 million project is funded by the County's SPLOST program and Community Development Block Grant funds.

RESOURCES

Apply for mortgage assistance

Gwinnett homeowners can apply for up to \$50,000 in mortgage assistance through the Georgia Mortgage Assistance program. To be considered, homeowners must be a legal Georgia resident, the household income must meet the Area Median Income limits, and the home must be the homeowners' primary residence. For the full list of eligibility requirements and to complete the application, visit [GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.GA.gov](https://www.GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.GA.gov).



SERVING GWINNETT

Recycle responsibly this Earth Day

Join the global community to celebrate Earth Day! Bring your hard-to-recycle items to Gwinnett's annual Earth Day recycling event on Saturday, April 26 at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. From 9:00am to noon, residents can drop off items that are typically more difficult to recycle, like electronics, latex and oil-based paints, tires, paper, and clothing. No need to get out of your vehicles because volunteers will remove items from disposable containers in your trunk or back seat. For a list of acceptable items and more details, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.GCSolidWaste.com).

Adopt a shelter pet

Celebrate Adopt a Shelter Pet Day on April 30! This special day raises awareness about the countless pets waiting for forever homes in shelters across the country. By adopting from a shelter, you not only gain a loyal companion but help reduce pet overpopulation and give a shelter pet a second chance at a happy life. Consider adopting your new best friend from the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville where all adoption fees are waived and adoptable animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. Find available pets and more at [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](https://www.GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com).

Celebrate National Volunteer Week

Roll up your sleeves and lend a helping hand during National Volunteer Week! This annual celebration recognizes the contributions of volunteers who make a difference in their communities and highlights the importance of volunteering. Gwinnett County has a series of volunteer opportunities from April 27 through May 4. Sign up today at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.VolunteerGwinnett.net).

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