

# A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF GWINNETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# County seeks proposals for Gwinnett Place Mall site redevelopment

Gwinnett County, through its Urban Redevelopment Agency and partnership with global real estate services firm CBRE, has released a nationwide request for proposals to design, finance, construct, and deliver the Gwinnett Place Mall site redevelopment.

Located on more than 72 acres in the heart of Gwinnett, the property is well positioned for redevelopment into a dense, mixed-use activity center. The eventual redevelopment will turn the underutilized retail hub into a gathering place for Gwinnett residents, local businesses, and visitors alike, while preserving the area's cultural diversity and international character. This aligns with the County's 2045 Unified Plan and Greater Gwinnett Place Urban Redevelopment Plan and will be guided by extensive public input gathered through two studies.

Visit **GwinnettPlaceRedevelopment.com** to learn more about developer submission details and the selection process.



#### **AROUND GWINNETT**

### Police collect toys for local children

Gwinnett Police is collecting toy donations for children ages 14 and younger through Friday, December 12. Bring a new, unopened gift valued at \$10 or more to the headquarters lobby or any precinct between 8:00am and 4:00pm. These donations will brighten the holidays for children in need and show the power of community support. Together, we can make the season a little brighter for Gwinnett families. Learn more at GwinnettPolice.com.

# Tax Assessors' Office conducts 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.

# Planning and Development awarded for 2045 Unified Plan

Gwinnett Planning and Development earned national recognition from the American Planning Association, receiving the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan for the County's 2045 Unified Plan. This prestigious honor recognizes visionary planning marked by excellence, innovation, and lasting impact.

The 2045 Unified Plan was adopted in 2024 with a core focus on accommodating the county's growing population, preserving Gwinnett's high quality of life, and promoting intentional and community-beneficial development. Learn more about the plan at GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan.



### **PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES**

## Protect your pipes this holiday season

Certain ingredients make tasty additions to your favorite holiday recipes but leave fats, oils, and grease, known as FOG, on your dishes. When poured down the drain, FOG solidifies and creates blockages that can lead to plumbing problems and environmental hazards. Avoid costly repairs with these helpful tips to properly dispose of FOG:

- · Let FOG on dishes cool
- Scrape solids into the trash
- Pour liquid FOG into a disposable container

Visit UnclogTheFog.com to explore more.

#### Water Resources earns top state honors

Gwinnett Water Resources received multiple honors in 2025 from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, recognizing the department's excellence in water management and community engagement. The Lanier Filter Plant and Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility were named Plants of the Year, while Shoal Creek earned the TopOP Award for operational performance. The department also received the Hugh A. Wyckoff Award and the Stormwater Professional Excellence Award for its public outreach efforts, underscoring its leadership in sustainability and service.











#### **TAX COMMISSIONER**

# Make an appointment for required in-person visits

Navigating transactions like title processing, tax lien resolution, and other complex services requires expert guidance and hands-on support. Residents are encouraged to reserve in-person visits to get the assistance they need. Our experienced team accepts appointments up to two weeks in advance to help you tackle paperwork, deadlines, and more. To schedule an appointment, please visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

## Deck the halls safely for the holidays

Decorations are a joy for many during the holiday season, but it's crucial to be aware of potential fire hazards and to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Follow these helpful tips to make the holidays safe and enjoyable:

- Choose flame-resistant or flame-retardant decorations.
- Inspect and discard damaged holiday wiring before use.
- Test your smoke alarms and share your fire escape plan with guests.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Be sure to water real trees daily.

Visit GwinnettSafety411.com for more safety tips.





### **SPLOST**

# Visit the new Singleton Park and Greenway

Gwinnett officials unveiled Singleton Park and Greenway in October, converting the former Singleton Road Activity Building into a 2-acre public space with year-round access for recreation and gatherings. The revitalized park features a playground, a covered picnic area, restroom facilities, a 41-space parking lot, and a ¾-mile, 12-foot-wide concrete multiuse trail connecting Singleton Road to Dickens Road. The trail is part of the 2018 Gwinnett Countywide Trails Master Plan's initiative to link Norcross to Lilburn to expand outdoor recreation.

The \$6.4 million project was funded in part by the County's 2017 SPLOST program, the state of Georgia's Improving Neighborhood Outcomes and Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant, and a Community Development Block Grant.

#### **RESOURCES**

# Stay warm during the coldest nights

Gwinnett County is opening five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term exposure to frigid temperatures. These stations will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00am on nights when temperatures fall to 35 degrees Fahrenheit or below, providing residents with a meal and a warm place to rest.

For locations and the latest activation status, please visit **GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations**. To volunteer, email **OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com** or call 770.822.8850.

#### **SERVING GWINNETT**

### Register your kids for winter break camp

Winter break camp registration is now open, and we have a variety of action-packed programs planned at select parks for kids ages 5 to 12! Adventure Days Out camp is from 7:30am to 6:00pm on weekdays Monday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 23 and Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31. The cost is \$61 for the two-day session or \$91 for the three-day session. To learn more and register, visit **GwinnettParks.com**.

#### Find free groceries for families in need

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on Tuesday, December 9 at Rock Springs Park in Lawrenceville and on Tuesday, December 16 at Shorty Howell Park in Duluth starting at 3:00pm while supplies last. Each distribution site is a contactless drive-thru, and no identification is required. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/FoodResources to learn more about upcoming distributions.

### County offices closed for December holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday and will resume regular hours on Friday, December 26.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week following Christmas Day for residents in unincorparted Gwinnett. Visit **GCSolidWaste.com** for more information. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

#### **GWINNETT COUNTY CONNECTION**

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