

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with
Commissioner Carden

March 2023



Greetings!

Spring is around the corner, full of exciting events, festivals, and warm weather.

Keep reading below to learn more and find opportunities to get involved in your community.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Chairwoman Hendrickson issues State of the County address

In her third State of the County address, Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson remarked on how the County ensures today's decisions will build tomorrow's solutions by being thoughtful, purposeful, and deliberate.

[Watch the address](#), and learn more about our 2022 accomplishments at GwinnettStandard.com.



Police host firearm safety and security classes

Join Gwinnett Police to learn the guidelines and best practices for safe gun handling from police personnel. Classes will be held **Wednesday, March 15** and **Wednesday, April 12** at 6:30pm at the Gwinnett Police Training Center, located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please note that this class is not intended to teach firearm operation; its purpose is to teach

safe firearm handling and storage. For more information or to register, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

Add a pop of color to your landscape this spring

Shop more than 50 varieties of flowering and fruit plants that thrive in Georgia soil at UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual Plant Sale Fundraiser to benefit 4-H and Master Gardener projects. This year's diverse selection ranges from blueberries, peaches, and plums to dogwoods, gardenias, and hydrangeas. Preorder by mail or in-person through **Friday, March 3** at the UGA Extension Gwinnett office in Lawrenceville.

The pickup and bonus sale will be on Thursday, March 16 from 9:00am to 5:45pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in





Gwinnett awarded grant to address roadway safety
Gwinnett County has been awarded \$200,000 in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's [Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program](#). These funds will help to improve and build upon existing roadway safety projects.

The County will contribute a match of \$50,000 for a total of \$250,000 to create the Countywide Safety Action Plan, which will implement measures that prevent roadway deaths and injuries. This plan will aim at reducing motorist, bicyclist, and pedestrian fatalities on county-maintained roads and state routes.

Apply for a Homestead Exemption by April 1

Looking for a way to reduce your property tax bill? Apply for a homestead exemption. Owners who occupied their home as their primary residence on January 1 and apply by April 1 qualify for an exemption this year. The state's proposed Homeowner Tax Relief Grant could mean additional savings for owners with a homestead exemption in 2023. You can apply now at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](https://www.gwinnetntaxcommissioner.com/Apply) to take advantage. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.



What's New in District 1



Start your career with Gwinnett at the Career Starts Here hiring event

We hope to see you at the Career From Here hiring event on **Friday, March 17** from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Prospective candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with the Department of Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) to learn about opportunities with Gwinnett and apply.

The Gas South Convention Center is located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.

Apply to serve on the Tree Advisory Committee

If you're interested in getting more involved with our local government, you can apply to serve on a [board or authority](#) representing District 1. Boards and authorities advise commissioners and departments about specific areas, like animal welfare, stormwater, and zoning.



I'm currently seeking candidates to serve on the [Tree Advisory Committee](#), which is made up of nine members who serve two-year terms. The council advises the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Planning & Development about issues and matters of concern regarding the preservation and replacement of trees. To apply, fill out the [District 1 Application](#) and make sure to select Tree Advisory Committee in the first dropdown.



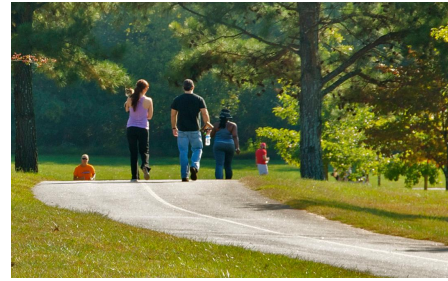
County accepting applications for next Gwinnett Youth Commission class

Another batch of high schoolers will get an inside look at Gwinnett County government, interact with local leaders, and receive community leadership training this summer. The Gwinnett Youth Commission is a year-long program, which includes an eight-week summer training session. To be considered for this upcoming term, participants must be rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors going into the 2023 – 2024 school year and must apply by Friday, April 7. There is no cost to participate in this program. For

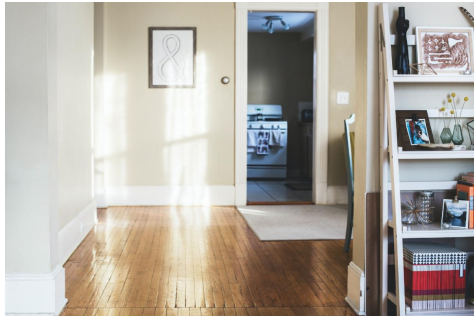
more information and to apply, visit GwinnettYouthCommission.com.

Take the Piedmont Pathway survey

Gwinnett County is seeking input from residents on the development of a trail that will ultimately connect several counties through a short [survey](#). The Piedmont Pathway Study explores how the trail can be built and its impact on the environment. As part of the Core Trail system and the Gwinnett Countywide Trails Master Plan, the 28-mile, cross-county trail is designed to provide multiple social, economic, and environmentally sustainable benefits.



The County will use the Piedmont Pathway to address connectivity needs in Gwinnett and provide alternate modes of transportation for residents and visitors. The trail will also increase access to recreation and greenspace and enhance connectivity to Gwinnett's neighboring counties — DeKalb, Fulton, and Barrow. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/PathwayStudy to take the online survey.



Board takes strides to strengthen enforcement inside rental properties

The Board of Commissioners recently [voiced our support](#) to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, with local amendments tailored to the needs of Gwinnett County. If the policy changes, Gwinnett County code enforcement officers will be able to work with tenants at residential rental properties to make sure the interior of the home is up to code.

State law requires the Department of Community Affairs to conduct a 60-day review of the proposed changes prior to final adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code by the Board of Commissioners.

Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Expression and Emotion Artist Reception

Thursday, March 16 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Free! View a stunning showcase of portrait photography featuring the Atlanta area. Meet the artists Arik Sparano and Francesca Lowe at this free reception. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). The Expression and Emotion show will be on display from March 6 to June 9 during the open hours at Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, Pinckneyville Park, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

Food Distribution

Tuesday, March 21 from 3:00pm until supplies run out

Free! Come pick up fresh and self-stable foods. No identification is required. Distribution is drive-thru and contactless. Trunks must be empty; food will not be loaded inside vehicles. Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Glow Skate Party

Friday, March 24 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Bring your skates and neon outfits and join us at the Pinckneyville Hockey Rink for loads of glow-in-the-dark fun with a DJ, neon art, and more! Food concessions will be available. For ages 5 and up. Fee: \$6 per person. [Register online](#). Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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