

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

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Greetings!

Summer is in full swing, and with new guidance for fully vaccinated people from the CDC, Gwinnett is starting to look like it did before COVID-19 came to our community. However, there are still challenges to overcome, like continuing to roll out vaccines to residents 12 and up and supporting those who have faced financial difficulties during the pandemic.

Read more about these initiatives and more below!

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Board announces diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives

In her remarks at the inaugural Gwinnett Chamber Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summit, Chairwoman Hendrickson introduced the Gwinnett Place Mall Redevelopment Equity Plan and announced the opportunity for qualified consultants to submit proposals for the development of an Equity Action Plan on behalf of Gwinnett County. Both plans demonstrate the County's determination to embed an equitable, inclusive, and welcoming foundation in all services, programs, policies, decisions and developments made by the County – soon to be the largest county in Georgia. Learn more about the plans [here](#).



### COVID-19 Vaccines: Science-Tested, Mom-Approved

Across the country – including at nearly 100 sites here in Gwinnett – millions of people have already stepped up and made the choice to get vaccinated. And while the COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues to evolve every day, one fact remains the same: these vaccines are our best shot at safely getting back to the life we love, with the people we love.

Gwinnett County Government, with the support of our Gwinnett Moms, is here to support you on your vaccine

journey and make sure you're equipped with the most up-to-date information – including facts about just how safe and effective these vaccines really are. Backed by decades of science, tested extensively, and proven remarkably effective again and again, the truth is that these vaccines are safe, they're working, and it's time for everyone who is eligible to make a plan to get one today. So what are you waiting for? Learn more at [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](https://www.listen toegwinnettmoms.com) and join the conversation on social by tagging @GwinnettGov and using #ListenToGwinnettMoms.

### Gwinnett, CIDS, and state DOT to participate in connected vehicle program

Gwinnett County is partnering with the Georgia Department of Transportation and five Community Improvement Districts to implement the state's Regional Connected Vehicle Program on several major traffic corridors in Gwinnett County. The cutting-edge Connected Vehicle

Technology program seeks to enhance traffic safety by providing traffic and road condition information to vehicles equipped to receive the messages. The equipment can also communicate with traffic control centers to help improve traffic management. Special equipment will be installed on several roads including Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Pleasant Hill Road, Buford Highway, Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Stone Mountain Highway, Sugarloaf Parkway, and Lawrenceville Highway.



### Reminder: apply for rental and utility assistance through Project RESET 2.0

Applications are open for Project RESET 2.0, which will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support struggling renters in our community. The program offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Tenants and landlords interested in

participating in this program can access the Project RESET 2.0 application portal and program resources at [CGA.us/RentalAssistance](https://CGA.us/RentalAssistance). Interested parties can also contact the Project Reset 2.0 Call Center at 770.822.7501.

## What's New in District 3

### Swim and splash safely this summer

With the kids out of school and temperatures rising, we know many of you are gearing up to enjoy the pool, lake, river, creek, spa, or hot tub. To ensure the whole family stays safe this summer, follow these tips provided by firefighters and the American Red Cross:

- **Supervise** – Never take your eyes off children in and around the water. Teach children that they should never swim alone or unsupervised. If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.
- **Use barriers** – Fences with self-closing/self-latching gates and secured doors with access alarms can prevent small children from wandering into the swimming pool or hot tub. Gates should close and lock automatically. Latches for pool access should be out of the reach of children.
- **Learn to swim** – All family members should learn how to swim. Consider teaching children how to swim at a young age, usually around age four. Parks and Recreation offers [classes](#) for people of all ages. All GCPR pools are accessible for people with disabilities and offer safe, supervised swimming places for everyone.
- **Know how to respond** – Learn CPR and know basic water rescue skills. Post emergency numbers by the telephone. Have water rescue equipment such as a lifesaving ring, pole, and AED near the pool deck.
- **Follow the rules** – Be sure to follow all posted rules. No diving in the shallow end, no pushing, and no running on the pool deck. Obey the lifeguard if one is onsite.



### Gwinnett provides free summer meals to kids at 25 locations around the county

Gwinnett County is helping ease hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to feed Gwinnett's children during the summer. After Gwinnett County Public Schools wraps up its meal service, the Gwinnett Summer Meals program will provide free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years of age and younger at County parks, libraries, and other locations **beginning June 1**. Meals are also available for adults 19

years of age and older with physical or mental disabilities who are enrolled in a school-based program. Meals can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm while supplies last. Learn more and see a full list of locations [here](#).

### Outdoor burn ban in effect through September 30

To protect air quality, the state Environmental Protection Division has imposed a metro-wide burn ban through September 30. Most outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including burning trees, limbs, and yard waste, as well as the use of air curtain destructors. For more information, visit [GwinnettFireMarshal.com](https://GwinnettFireMarshal.com) or call 678.518.4980. For additional information concerning the summer

open burning ban, please visit the Environmental Protection Division [webpage](#).



### **Apply to be a lifeguard this summer**

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is seeking part-time and seasonal lifeguards and is waiving training fees for applicants ages 15 and older. Lifeguard training includes online and in-person components as well as a swim test and written exam. Trainees who pass all the requirements will receive an American Red Cross certification valid for two years.

The part-time/seasonal lifeguard position for ages 16 and older starts at \$9.27 per hour and includes benefits such as flexible hours and growth opportunities. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com) to apply.

## **Special Events and Happenings**

**Events and activities are ramping back up with the CDC's new guidance.**

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about upcoming events.

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