

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

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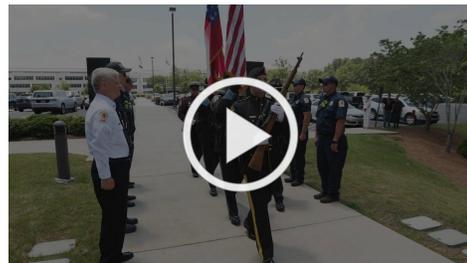
Greetings!

I want to take a moment to share some information about an important County service. Did you know that Gwinnett County offers residents help accessing food, financial assistance, employment assistance, mental health services, rental assistance, and more? Through OneStop 4 Help, we're mobilizing navigation experts to connect those in need of social services with community-based organizations with help to give. You can call 770.822.8850, send an email to OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com, fill out the [online request form](#), or walk in to a [OneStop center](#) to find support.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Gwinnett opens new Veteran and Family Services office

On October 10, we cut the ribbon on a new office of Veteran and Family Services. Veterans and their families can walk into the office to connect with a Community Navigator and find resources available to them from Gwinnett County, community organizations, and state and federal agencies. The office is at the Gwinnett Senior Services Center, located at 567 Swanson Drive in Lawrenceville. See photos from the event below.



Get the facts about the SPLOST question on your November ballot

When Gwinnett County voters head to the polls during November's General Election, they will decide on the renewal of the one-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or SPLOST. SPLOST collections are used to fund capital projects like roads, bridges, parks, fire stations, police precincts, libraries, and more.

Gwinnett voters have approved a series of SPLOST programs that since 1985 have raised more than \$3.9 billion, allowing the County to save more than \$1.9 billion

in financing costs compared to issuing bonds. If given the green light by voters, the new program could

raise \$1.35 billion over the next six years, 25 percent of which would go to cities. Get your questions about the 2023 referendum answered at [GwinnettSPLOST.com](https://www.gwinnettsplost.com).

County celebrates Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

This year's Hispanic Latino Heritage Month theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger County."

On October 4, we held our annual heritage night reception. If you missed it, you can still check out the Hispanic Latino Heritage Month display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center through October 15.



Save the date for our 2022 Veterans Day Ceremony

Gwinnett County will honor those who served our country in military service at our 2022 Veterans Day Ceremony on **Friday, November 11 at 11:00am**. I hope you'll join us to celebrate and uplift our county's veterans.

The ceremony will be held at the Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. If you are unable to attend in person, the ceremony will also stream live on

Facebook [@GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov).

What's New in District 3

Attend Centerville Planning Day!

Gwinnett Planning and Development Department wants to hear from you! Residents and business owners of the vibrant Centerville community and surrounding areas are invited to attend the Centerville Community Planning Day on Saturday, October 15 at the Centerville Senior Center located at 3075 Bethany Church Road in Snellville.



Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about services provided by the Gwinnett Planning and Development Department and share their vision for the future. From 10:00am to 2:00pm, residents will receive community area maps to review and provide feedback, and the Department of Transportation and Department of Water Resources will also be present to share public education information, as well as answer any questions. Snacks and activities will be available for kids. For more information, email PandDO Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.518.5705.



Gwinnett seeking poll workers for November election

Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials. If you're interested in participating in the November election, gaining valuable work experience, and earning up to \$390 per day, apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com). Applicants can also apply in person at a [Gwinnett County Public Library branch](#).

Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales para las elecciones de Noviembre

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente personas bilingües. Si estás interesado en participar en las elecciones de Noviembre, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral, y ganar hasta \$390 por día, puede aplicar en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com). Los solicitantes pueden presentar su solicitud en persona en una de las [sucursales de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Gwinnett](#)

Gwinnett Police partners with DEA for National Drug Take Back Initiative

Our Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for National Drug Take Back, an initiative that allows residents to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Gwinnett Police precincts will be accepting prescription items on **Saturday, October 29** from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



Residents can drop off tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs at any precinct location. Liquids, syringes, and sharps will not be accepted. The event is a part of an effort to help prevent drug abuse and overdose in the community.



Property tax bills due November 1

In August, the Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. Prior to the vote, the Board held three public hearings and accepted comments through the County's website. Most homeowners in Gwinnett benefit from the [Value Offset Exemption](#), which means they will not see an increase in the county government portion of their tax bill. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, the schools, and cities. One mill equals a dollar tax per thousand dollars of assessed property value.

You can take a closer look at details on the [2022 millage rates and additional information about how property taxes are calculated](#). The Tax Commissioner's Office mailed property tax bills in September, and payments will be due November 1. Property owners or mortgage lenders can make payments by mail, online, in person, or by using one of the drop boxes located at tax and tag offices across the county.

Volunteer to support our warming stations

Join our team! Gwinnett Health and Human Services is seeking energetic individuals for seasonal part-time positions as staff assistants for Gwinnett's overnight warming stations. The position pays \$18 per hour. Apply online at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#).

Want to volunteer instead? When called on, volunteers will be needed to assist staff with helping organize check-in materials, greet participants, monitor program areas, help with set-up/break down, and other related station tasks. Register at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](#).



Get the latest news about Rowen

Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings at Rowen by finding the project on social media. Follow [@RowenLife](#) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). You can also follow the Rowen Foundation on [LinkedIn](#).

Special Events and Happenings

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

Senior Field Day

Friday, October 14 from 10:00am to 11:30am

Free! Have fun participating in outdoor lawn games, get facts on nutrition and take home some healthy recipes. Centerville Senior Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Family Garden Festival

Saturday, October 15 from 10:00am to 11:00pm

Free! Our second annual Fall Family Garden Festival is back at Vines Park Community Garden. Join us for family activities, cooking demos, volunteer projects, and more. RSVP on the [event page](#). Vines Park, 3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville.

A Horsey Halloween

Saturday, October 15 from noon to 2:00pm

Trot over to Little Mulberry Park in your best horse and rider Halloween costume for our first ever Equine Costume Contest! Please reserve your trailer space when registering. Fee: \$10 per person. For information on becoming a vendor call 678.277.0851. Little Mulberry Park,



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