

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

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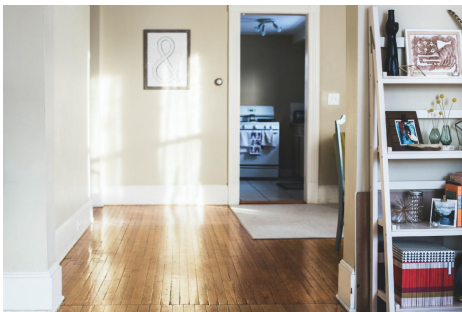
Greetings!

August is Purple Heart Month, a time to honor the brave servicemembers who have been wounded or killed while serving our country. During this busy back-to-school season, please take some time to remember those who make our freedoms possible.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Board adopts millage rate for 2023

The Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. 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. 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. Before holding the vote, the commissioners took public comments at three public hearings and online. Details on the [2023 millage rates](#) and additional information about [how property taxes are calculated](#) are available on the County's website.



### New property maintenance ordinance in effect

Gwinnett Code Enforcement [will begin enforcing](#) the interior standards of the International Property Maintenance Code at residential rental properties. These new requirements were adopted by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to help maintain a safe, livable, and healthy community.

Tenants can request an inspection by visiting [GwinnettZIP.com](#), calling 770.513.5004, or emailing [CodeEnforcement@GwinnettCounty.com](#). Once a

request is submitted, an inspection appointment will be scheduled. During the inspection, any code violations will be documented on a notice of violation. A Gwinnett Code Enforcement officer will then work with the property owner or manager to address all violations.

### Gwinnett receives \$20 million RAISE Award to transform Gwinnett Place Transit Center

County officials were recently joined by Congresswoman Lucy McBath, Senator Jon Ossoff, and U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Christopher Coes to celebrate a \$20 million RAISE award granted to Gwinnett County.

With the award, the County will transform the existing Gwinnett Place Transit to include a two-story building that

will house onsite customer service, an attached mobility building that will offer travel training and mobility assistance, 12 bus bays with amenities, and more. Gwinnett's Transit Development Plan identifies the site as a foundational investment that will allow the county to plan for continued growth and the expansion of current transit services.



## What's New in District 3



### Join me for a town hall meeting

Join me on **Monday, August 14 at 6:00pm** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium to discuss the millage rate, transportation, housing affordability, and food insecurity.

Residents are welcome to learn updates and share their thoughts. The event will also stream live on the County's Facebook page [@GwinnettGov](#).

### Help us clear the shelter!

Join Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement for some tail-wagging fun at Clear the Shelters on **Saturday, August 19** at the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center, located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. Part of a national campaign to place shelter pets, this event offers free adoptions, plus hands-on activities, crafts, music, local vendors, face painting and more from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Adoptable animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped; most pets can go home the same day as adoption. For more information, visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#) and follow [@GwinnettAnimalWelfare](#) on Facebook.



### Gwinnett Police Training Center expansion opens

Gwinnett County officials on Monday cut the ribbon for the expansion of the Gwinnett Police Training Center. The \$6.2 million expansion adds more than 23,000 square feet of training space, instructional space, and administrative office space to accommodate growth within the department and the population Gwinnett Police serves.

The new facility includes three additional classrooms with AV equipment, stadium seating and an electrical emergency back-up generator; a 5,000-square-foot multipurpose room to allow for physical and defensive recruit training; expanded locker

rooms and a breakroom. The larger training center will offer more space for recruit training and free up room for more classes for veteran officers and civilian staff.

### Attend a Piedmont Pathway Study input meeting

Residents are invited to learn about the 28-mile cross-county trail and share their thoughts on its development. Join us at these locations:

- **Monday, August 21** at Best Friend Park Gym, Norcross
- **Tuesday, August 22** at Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center, Lawrenceville
- **Wednesday, August 23** at Dacula Park Activity Building, Dacula

Can't attend in person? Share your [input online](#).



## Special Events and Happenings

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

### **Resale Market**

**Saturday, August 12 from 9:00am to 1:00pm**

Hunt for bargains during this indoor sale. No registration required for shoppers. Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

### **Free Food Distribution**

**Tuesday, August 22 from 3:00pm until supplies last**

Pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods with no identification required during this drive-thru, contactless food distribution. Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

### **Let's Play Ball**

**Friday, August 25 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

Head outdoors for dinner and Wiffle ball. Fee: \$10 per person. [Register online](#). Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.



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