

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

November 2023



Greetings!

Every November, we celebrate Veterans Day to honor all those who have served. I'm proud to be an Army veteran, and I look forward to our annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 to celebrate all of Gwinnett's military heroes.

Keep reading for more details about that event and more happening in November.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Get a grant toward your first home

Are you a first-time homebuyer? You might be eligible for Gwinnett's Homestretch Down Payment Assistance Program! New or existing Gwinnett residents aspiring to own a home can receive down payment assistance of up to \$7,500 as a five-year deferred payment loan with zero percent interest. To qualify, the home must be located within Gwinnett County and should not exceed \$323,000 for an existing home or \$346,000 for new construction.

For a list of eligibility requirements, visit GwinnettCounty.com/HomestretchDPA.



Chairwoman Hendrickson hosts Stand Down event

Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson, alongside local, state, and federal partners, will host the County's inaugural Stand Down event on **Saturday, November 4** from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The free event will take place at the Gwinnett Veteran and Family Services Center located at 567 Swanson Drive in Lawrenceville. Registration is encouraged at GwinnettCounty.com/VeteransStandDown.

For veterans and their families who need transportation, shuttles will run from the OneStop Norcross and the Lawrenceville Senior Center to the event location from 9:30am until 2:30pm. OneStop Norcross is located at 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross. The Lawrenceville Senior Center is located at 225 Benson Street in Lawrenceville.

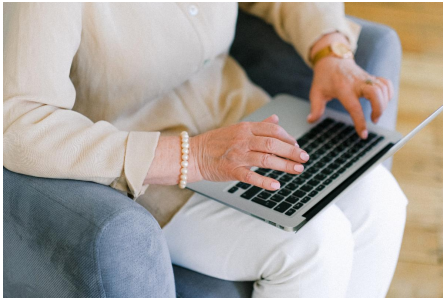
Help Gwinnett Police fill the sleigh!

Gwinnett Police are accepting toy donations for children ages 3 to 15 from **Wednesday, November 1** through **Friday, December 15**. Toys should be new, unwrapped, and priced at \$10 or more. Youth basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls are great gifts for teenagers. Toy weapons will not be accepted. Donations can be dropped off at [Gwinnett Police Headquarters or any precinct lobby](#).



If you or an organization would prefer to use an online retailer and send toys directly, please mail items to: Central Precinct, Attn: Community Affairs, 3125 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth, GA 30096. Donations will be distributed during

the Santa's Community Workshop events for local children in need. For more information about the Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive, email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.



Don't risk losing your Medicaid

Please take a moment to update your [Georgia Gateway profile](#) today to avoid losing coverage. The state of Georgia is now verifying eligibility for all Medicaid members, including PeachCare for Kids. Your contact information is crucial to ensure your coverage remains active. If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, or simply want to double check, please visit [Gateway.GA.gov](#) to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. To learn more, visit [StayCovered.GA.gov](#).

What's New in District 3

Veterans to be honored at annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us to pay tribute to Gwinnett's veterans during the 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on **Saturday, November 11 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.



I will emcee the event, my fellow commissioners will provide remarks, and Army veteran and Superior Court Judge Angela Duncan will give a keynote address. The ceremony will stream live on Facebook [@GwinnettGov](#) and be available on demand at [TVGwinnettLive.com](#) following the event.



Gather your items for America Recycles Day

Bring your hard-to-recycle items to America Recycles Day on **Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to noon** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. Volunteers will remove items placed in disposable containers from the trunk or back seat of your vehicle. Recycling electronics is free, but there is a \$35 fee per projection or console TV, \$15 fee per flatscreen TV or computer monitor, and \$5 fee per printer.

For a full list of acceptable items, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](#) or call 770.822.7141. The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are

located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

Bring home a new best friend

Don't miss [Shelter Pets Rock](#) on **Saturday, November 4** at the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville. Enjoy activities, entertainment, local vendors, and more from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Best of all, adoptions are free and include microchip, spay/neuter, and vaccinations! View available pets online at [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#) or on Facebook [@GwinnettAnimalWelfare](#).



There's still time to help us plan for Gwinnett's future

We have exciting fall events where you can share your ideas for improving our communities in Gwinnett! Join us at one of our Small Area Plan Charettes workshops where we will analyze specific areas and explore opportunities for improvement.

Or, if you prefer to learn about project recommendations and see how they could be implemented, come at one of our Community Fairs. To learn how you can get involved at these

fun, interactive events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](#).

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

Fungus Among Us!

Sunday, November 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Free! Kick off Conservation Week by learning about the secret world of mushrooms and other fungi, and test your fungi knowledge on a scavenger hunt. Be sure to dress for the weather. For ages 15 and up. Hikers under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by an adult or guardian. [Register online](#). Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville.

Gardening 101 and Volunteer Workday

Saturday, November 18 from 10:00am to noon

Free! Join Harvest Gwinnett to learn best practices as you work in your raised garden bed. Join gardeners of all skill levels and give back to your community while strengthening your gardening skills. All ages welcome. [Register online](#). Vines Park, 3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville.

Lighting of the Tree

Thursday, November 23 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Free! The tradition continues as the Great Tree is lit on the lawn of the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on Thanksgiving evening. Santa will light the tree and then will receive visitors in his living room. Visitors can enjoy self-guided tours of the beautifully decorated Courthouse. There will be kids' activities, s'mores, live entertainment, voting on gingerbread houses, and more! All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.



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