

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

January 2025



Hello Suleica,

I hope each of you had a great holiday season! As we head into 2025, I hope we continue to push forward together.

I want to thank those who attended my swearing-in ceremony in December. It is the ultimate honor to represent the residents of District 3 and Gwinnett County for a new four-year term. [You can view the ceremony here](#).

Keep reading below to learn more about some exciting events we have across Gwinnett this month.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Board of Commissioners adopts 2025 budget

At our first meeting of the year, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved a \$2.67 billion budget for 2025 to fund County operations and projects for the year. This year's spending plan consists of a \$2.11 billion operating budget and a \$555 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program.

The adopted budget addresses local needs such as public safety, community health, and high-quality infrastructure while balancing increasing costs of labor, materials, and services facing the County and residents alike. For more information about the adopted

budget, visit GwinnettCounty.com.

Attend Gwinnett's annual hiring event

Explore impactful career opportunities and interview to join the Gwinnett County Government team during the annual Career From Here Hiring Event on **Friday, January 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at Gas South Convention Center in Duluth.

Participants can take part in resume reviews, resume editing, meetings with current employees to learn how to thrive in a variety of different fields, and interviews with County representatives. Interviews will be held on a first-come, first-served basis. [Participants must register for the event](#). Visit GwinnettCountyJobs.com to view current job openings and apply for positions with onsite interviews.



Recycle your live Christmas tree

Want to make the holiday season sustainable? Drop off your live Christmas tree at a designated fire station between December 26 and January 22 as part of Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's Bring One for the Chipper event. All collected trees will be chipped into mulch to use at County parks on **Saturday, January 25** at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville.

Volunteers are needed and must be 14 years of age to volunteer.



Before dropping off your live Christmas tree at a County fire station, it must be free of lighting, tinsel, decorations, and tree stands. For more information and to volunteer, visit GwinnettCB.org.

What's New in District 3

Give back on MLK Day

Get the new year off to a great start by giving back! Join Volunteer Gwinnett for several opportunities to lend a helping hand in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Opportunities include the beautification and habitat restoration projects at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville on **Monday, January 20 from 10:00am to 1:00pm** and preparing food for homebound seniors at the Gwinnett Senior Service Center in Lawrenceville on **January 17 and January 21 from 10:00am to noon**. To sign up to volunteer, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



Free food distribution at Rhodes Jordan Park

Free food distribution will take place on **Tuesday, January 14** at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville from 3:00pm until supplies last. Get fresh and shelf-stable foods with drive-thru, contactless distribution. No ID is required.

Volunteer opportunities are available. For more details, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net or email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com.

Trash and recycling set out guidelines

Trash, recyclables, bulk items, and yard trimmings are scheduled to be collected between 7:00am to 6:30pm on the day of service. Homeowners should place containers or items curbside prior to 7:00am on collection day. Trash and recycling carts should be placed within three feet of the curb or edge of the street and at least three feet away from any obstacles, preferably on the opposite side of the driveway from the mailbox with the trash cart lid opening facing the street.



Residents should use the approved solid waste cart provided by their haulers with trash placed inside with the lid closed. Any overflow **will not** be collected. When recycling curbside, ensure cans, bottles, and containers are rinsed before being placed in the cart and break down cardboard boxes. For more information on Gwinnett's set out guidelines and a list of unacceptable waste, visit GCSolidWaste.com.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Waltz Workshop

Thursday, January 9 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Discover the joys of waltzing, the easiest style of dance to learn, in this free-spirited class with an emphasis on feeling the music. No experience of a partner is needed. Resident Fee: \$12. Non-resident Fee: \$21. Open to ages 18 and up. [Register here](#). Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

S'more Winter Fun

Friday, January 17 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Free! Meet at the Pavilion to make s'mores by the fire and enjoy fun games and activities. Spruce up your s'mores by bringing extra toppings of your choice! Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

Monday, January 20 from noon to 5:00pm

Free! Celebrate MLK Day 2025 at United Ebony Society's annual MLK Day Parade! The ceremony will begin at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, followed by a parade to Central Gwinnett High School, ending with a celebration. Open to all ages. Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

HBCU College Fair

Saturday, February 1 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Free! College representatives from over 20 HBCUs will present information related to their universities, admissions, scholarships, and housing policies. Sponsors will also provide information critical to managing costs related to obtaining a college degree. [Register here](#). South Gwinnett High School, 2288 East Main Street, Snellville.

County News

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