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July 2023



Greetings!

This summer, I've enjoyed traveling around District 4 attending events like Coffee with a Cop (thanks to all who attended!), speaking with constituents, and embracing the vibrant spirit of our community.

One of the great events I attended was a Northside Conversation about Connecting for a Healthy Gwinnett, where we discussed the aftermath of COVID-19, took a deeper look at emerging health trends, and engaged in a keynote address by Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson.



I also got to take part in a historic event, the Northside Medical Buford groundbreaking. Soon Northside will transform North Gwinnett with more outpatient imaging, primary care, cardiology, medical oncology, orthopedics, and urgent care. Northside Hospital Vice President of Physician Services Jay Dennard said, "Northside Hospital is excited to develop a new state of the art medical office building in Gwinnett County. Located at the intersection of Highway 20 and Rock Springs, this facility will provide the community with primary care, specialty care, imaging, and orthopedic ambulatory surgery services close to where we live, work, and play. By providing these services, Northside Hospital is fulfilling its commitment to enhancing quality and compassionate care!"



In addition to my official duties, I had the honor of once again speaking to our latest graduates and newly promoted staff at the Fire and Emergency Services Recruit Graduation and Promotional Ceremony. I'll also soon celebrate this summer's Gwinnett Youth Commission cohort at their induction ceremony. I'm grateful for these opportunities to share how thankful we all are for their service, engagement, and willingness to serve this wonderful place that we call home.



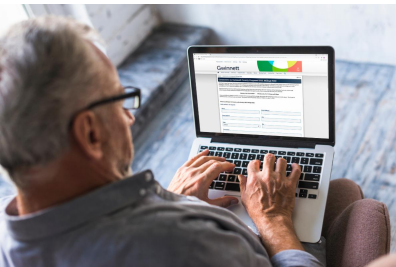
## Gwinnett Police collecting school supplies through July 28

Gwinnett Police are making sure students are ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

Residents are encouraged to drop off donations Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm through Friday, July 28. Donation boxes are located at the Gwinnett County Police Headquarters, Gwinnett County Police Training Center, and all Gwinnett County police precinct lobbies. [Find a precinct near you.](#)

## Take a survey to shape the future of transit in Gwinnett

Since 2022, we've been working on the [Transit Development Plan](#) and [Comprehensive Transportation Plan](#). Now, we're excited to share our proposed recommendations for future improvements in transit and transportation in Gwinnett. If you couldn't make it to our community conversations in early June, you can still learn about the plans and share your thoughts by taking a quick, five-minute [survey](#). We want to hear from you, so join the conversation and help shape the future of transit!



## Board hosts public hearing on proposed 2023 millage rate

The third and final public hearing to share in-person comments the general fund millage rate will occur on **Tuesday, July 18 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The proposed millage rate is 6.95 mills, the same as last year. County staff will be available for questions one hour before each public hearing. The Board of Commissioners will consider the millage rates during our meeting on the same day at 2:00pm.

Most property owners who benefit from the [Value Offset Exemption](#) won't see an increase in the county government portion of their property taxes. The [Homestead Tax Relief Grant](#), approved by the governor and Georgia General Assembly, will provide additional tax savings for those with a homestead exemption.

Please submit your comments in person at the public hearing or by using the [online comment form](#). Comments will be accepted online through **9:00pm tonight, July 17**. Learn more about [your property taxes](#).

## Safely dispose of paints, pesticides, and other household hazardous waste on July 22

Mark your calendars for the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day happening on **Saturday, July 22 from 8:00am to 11:00am** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Join us to safely drop off your household hazardous waste for reuse, recycling, or disposal without having to leave your vehicle. For more event details, including accepted items, visit [Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful](#).



## What's New in District 4



### Join me at a District 4 Town Hall in August

Save the date! I'll be hosting two town halls in August to share updates with residents about topics like transportation, public safety, economic development, smart growth and development, and more.

Join me at one of the following meetings:

**Wednesday, August 16** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the meeting room at the Collins Hill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, located at 455 Camp Perrin Road in Lawrenceville

**Thursday, August 17** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the chambers at Sugar Hill City Hall, located at 5039 West Broad Street in Sugar Hill

I hope to see you there!



## Share your thoughts during a land use community workshop

Planning and Development is hosting a series of workshops where we will be brainstorming ideas for community improvement related to the 2045 Unified Plan.

Upcoming workshops will take place:

- **Thursday, July 20** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Auburn Avenue, Dacula
- **Wednesday, July 26** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Lawrenceville Senior Center, 225 Benson Street, Lawrenceville
- **Thursday, July 27** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Water Tower, 2500 Clean Water Court, Buford



To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan and see more upcoming events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).



### Care for your lawn and our water resources

During the summer, we crank up our lawnmowers and grass clippings fly. These clippings can be a great source of nutrients for your lawn to help save fertilizer costs, but it's important to keep these clippings out of our storm drains. Anything that enters a storm drain will eventually end up in our waterways. This means that if you dump or blow grass clippings into a storm drain, you could be contributing pollution to our waterways. The nutrients in the grass clippings can lead to excessive growth of algae, which can harm aquatic life in our rivers, lakes, and streams.

Instead, leave grass clippings in your yard where these nutrients can return to the soil or compost them. For more information on protecting our waterways, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com/GetEducated](https://Gwinnetth2o.com/GetEducated).

## Special Events and Happenings

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

### Splash Pad Day

**Friday, July 21 from 10:30am to 12:30pm**

Free! Splash into summer with Be Active Gwinnett. Cool off and enjoy splash pad fun with summer games, ice pops, and a water slide! [Register online](#). For ages 3 and up. E. E. Robinson Park, 885 Level Creek Road, Sugar Hill.

### Probate Clinic

**Thursday, August 17 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm**

The Gwinnett County Probate Court and the Gwinnett Pro Bono Project are teaming up to host a free Probate Clinic. At the clinic, local attorneys will provide 15-minute consultations to address basic questions about uncontested matters involving wills, estates, administrations, guardianships, and conservatorships. However, please note that this clinic won't help with creating wills or other legal matters. [Reservations are required](#). Be sure to bring documents that may assist the volunteer attorney in reviewing the case. Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

### Supplier Networking Event

**Wednesday, August 16 from 8:30am to 11:00am**

Interested in doing business with Gwinnett County Government? Meet buyers and contracting officers from Gwinnett and other metro Atlanta agencies to learn about needs and procurement procedures. [Register online](#). Gas South Convention Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth.

### Clear the Shelter

**Saturday, August 19 from noon to 4:00pm**

Free! Help our shelter pets find their forever homes while enjoying activities, crafts, music, and local vendors. All adoption fees are waived during this annual event. All ages are welcome. No registration necessary. Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville.

## Did You Know?

### Get to know Gwinnett Financial Services

Gwinnett County's Department of Financial Services is an essential

group that promotes sound stewardship of our stakeholders' investment through an innovative, efficient, and effective financial infrastructure.

With the values of integrity, conscientious service, and continuous improvement, our Finance staff dedicate themselves to the fiscal stability of our organization.



Financial Services manages purchasing, accounting, tax assessment, and the County's grants. This dedicated group also maintains stringent standards and controls to improve financial standards across our organization. The department also holds our Office of Strategic Excellence, which strives to promote continuous improvement of processes, strategy, and efficiency Countywide.

You can get to know some of our Finance team at the Supplier Networking Event on August 16 mentioned above. I'd like to

thank our Department of Financial Services team for their support of our organization and their dedication to fiscal responsibility.

## More from our Partners

### **Gwinnett DFCS Back-to-School Health Fair**

Saturday, July 22 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

For any questions or to RSVP, please call 404.309.2019 or email [Vittoria.Anderson@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Vittoria.Anderson@dhs.ga.gov).

### **City of Auburn Farmers Market**

Tuesdays

See the [city of Auburn](#) calendar for information.

### **City of Braselton Summer Movie Series**

Visit [Explore Braselton](#) for information.

### **City of Dacula Comprehensive Plan Survey**

Visit the [city of Dacula](#) website to take the survey.

### **City of Sugar Hill ENVISION100 Survey**

Visit [city of Sugar Hill's website](#) to take the survey, see the community roundtable interest form, and more.

### **Broadway in the Park**

July 28 at 7:00pm in Suwanee

Visit [the city of Suwanee's events page](#) for location, parking, and more.

### **Free Public Art at the Train Depot**

July 27 at 5:00pm

Exhibit information can be found on the [city of Lawrenceville's events calendar](#).

### **Movie Under the Stars at the Mall of Georgia**

July 22 at 5:00pm

Visit [Mall of Georgia events](#) for information.



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