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October 2023



Greetings!

Over the past few weeks, I've enjoyed opportunities to connect with some of the employees in our County facilities who ensure our residents get great services every day.

One of my stops was the Buford Branch of the [Gwinnett County Public Library](#). Did you know that your library card gives you free access to the Wall Street Journal and [other online subscriptions](#)? Visit your local branch today! If you stop by the Buford branch, be sure to say hello to Nessa Griffin, the branch's director.



I also want to thank all of the residents who came to the joint town hall I hosted alongside Commissioner Carden in Suwanee. If you missed it, you can [watch the recording of the event](#) on Gwinnett County's Facebook page.

We thank you for your engagement and care for our community.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Honor our military heroes this Veterans Day

Join us to honor Gwinnett's military heroes during our annual Veterans Day ceremony on **Saturday, November 11 at 11:00am**.

The event will take place on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. In the event of rain, the ceremony will move indoors to the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium. I hope to see you there.



Gather hard-to-recycle items for America Recycles Day!

Have some hard-to-recycle items? Rain or shine, you can



bring them 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 TVs, \$15 fee per flatscreen TVs or computer monitors, and \$5 fee per printers.

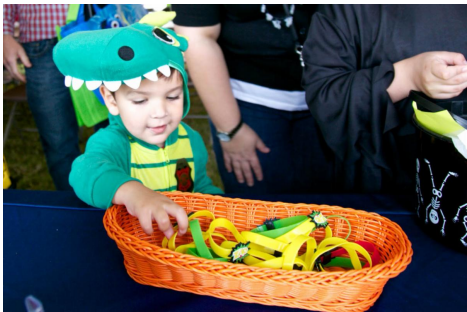
For a full list of acceptable items, visit GCSolidWaste.com or call 770.822.7141. The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are located at 2405 Sugarloaf

Parkway in Lawrenceville.

Help us plan for the future of Gwinnett

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 through design-focused analysis.

If you prefer to learn about project recommendations and see how they could be implemented, come to one of our community fairs. To learn how you can get involved at these fun, interactive events, visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan.



Join us for the Yellow River Trick or Treatment Fall Festival

Our annual Yellow River Trick or Treatment Fall Festival is back on **Saturday, October 28!** From **10:00am to 2:00pm**, you can enjoy this free, family-oriented event that offers games, crafts, and informative exhibitors. The event also includes giveaways, food, touch-a-truck experiences, and tours of the Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility. Attendees will have the chance to learn how water is reclaimed, cleaned, and returned to the environment.

The Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility is located at 858 Tom Smith Road in Lilburn.

What's New in District 4

Gwinnett Small Business Grant application deadline extended

Gwinnett has extended the application deadline for its [Small Business Grant](http://SmallBusinessGrant) to **October 31** to give potential applicants more time to apply and gather the required documents. Applicants must present verification of their business license and payroll records, as well as documentation of COVID-19's impact on their business. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant to apply.



The Gwinnett Small Business Grant program is part of the county's response to the economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Travel to Hollywood during Walk Among the Stars

Lights, camera, action! Travel to Hollywood and celebrate National Lights on Afterschool, the nation's biggest rally for out-of-school time! Come dressed as your favorite movie character and enjoy games, crafts, entertainment, community partners, and more.

This free, all ages event will take place **Thursday, October 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, located at 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Chairwoman Hendrickson hosts resource event

for veterans

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 to 2:30pm.



Learn about Ride Gwinnett's newest route at a virtual meeting

Ride Gwinnett is launching a new route that will serve Lawrenceville, Duluth, Suwanee, and Buford! Starting November 20, [Route 50](#) will provide service from the Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride in Lawrenceville through downtown Suwanee. It will also provide connections to the Mall of Georgia, the Exchange at Gwinnett, and Coolray Field.

Learn more about Route 50 and [join a virtual meeting](#) before it launches.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Spooky Bingo

Friday, October 20 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Have a blast playing bingo, and win spooky prizes for Halloween. For ages 50 and up. Fee: \$5 per person. [Register online](#). OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Spooktacular Bake Off

Tuesday, October 31 from 10:00am to noon

Free! Enter your best fall baked goods in our spooktacular bake off and participate in a creative costume contest. For ages 50 and up. [Register online](#). Prime Timers Pointe at George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

Community Health Fair: American Diabetes Month

Saturday, November 4 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Free! Take charge of your health. Visit vendors for free information and resources, participate in health screening, learn about ongoing community wellness activities for all ages, win giveaways, and more. For ages 5 and up. [Register online](#). Bogan Park, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford.

Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Join us for a tournament of one of Gwinnett's favorite sports: pickleball! For ages 18 and up. Fee: \$20 per person. Call 678.277.0910 for more information. E.E. Robinson Park, 885 Level Creek Road, Sugar Hill.

Did You Know?



Get to know the Gwinnett County Public Library

These days, libraries are so much more than places where you check out a book. While the paper offerings are still amazing, our Gwinnett County Public Library branches provide internet access, digital resources, classes, and events to help our community members gain knowledge, hone their skills, and find new opportunities. The Gwinnett County Public Library is a community gathering place that is

open every day, inclusive and welcoming to everyone, staffed by friendly and knowledgeable professionals who are passionate about providing innovative service, with flexible space that can be adapted for many uses.

If you don't already have one, [getting a library card](#) is simple and free. Just apply online, and then visit any

branch to verify your address and pick up your card.

Having a library card allows you to check out books, and it also opens up a [whole word of digital resources](#). Some of these great resources include:

- **Kanopy:** a streaming video service where you can find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, and educational videos
- **LinkedIn Learning:** a place to access training for business, creative, and software skills that can help you achieve your goals
- **Mango Languages:** a language-learning software that teaches real-work conversations in more than 70 languages
- And so much more!



More from our Partners

Braselton Public Open House in November

Braselton is working to update its development code, which determines what type of development is allowed, where it is allowed, and how dense it can be. It also controls how new development looks and works, including building materials, parking, and landscaping. Visit the [Braselton Development Code Update](#) webpage for more information.

Municipal Elections

Several of our cities will be holding municipal elections this fall. You are eligible to cast your ballot in a city's election if you live within city limits. Learn more from each city:

- [Auburn](#)
- [Buford](#)
- [Dacula](#)
- [Lawrenceville](#)
- [Suwanee](#)
- [Sugar Hill](#)



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