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Gwinnett County is proud to announce its first Apartment Adviser newsletter, created to help multifamily units throughout Gwinnett thrive and maintain the Gwinnett County standard of excellence. Apartment Adviser consists of tips and articles from Gwinnett County's Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Police Department, and the Code Enforcement Unit in the Department of Planning and Development to assist apartment managers in better serving their residents.



You are receiving this newsletter because you have been identified as a contact for a community located in Gwinnett County. While you are welcome to unsubscribe through the link at the bottom of this email, we hope you continue to subscribe to our quarterly newsletter – where you can receive safety tips, learn about upcoming events, and stay updated on commercial codes.

FIRE SAFETY



Take advantage of the County's apartment fire safety checklist

Apartment owners, managers, and maintenance personnel are encouraged to use the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services' Apartment Fire Safety Checklist as a tool for frequent self-inspection.

The checklist can help identify occupancy hazards and non-compliant conditions, which will assist owners and managers in achieving a fire-safe environment for tenants and prepare the apartment complex for its annual fire and life safety inspection by Fire and Emergency Services.

To download a copy of the check list, please click [here](#).

QUALITY OF LIFE/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Keep your dumpster area clean!

A well-maintained apartment community results in happy, long-term residents and attracts new residents. To keep your community safe and clean, please consider the following:

- Inspect your premises daily and immediately remove litter, trash, and debris
- Regularly check dumpster areas to ensure all items are inside the dumpster for pickup. Keep the enclosure clean and the fence and gate in good repair to avoid illegal dumping and rodents
- Schedule weekly bulk item pickups with your hauler
- Monitor trash compactors to ensure they are operational and not overflowing
- Check balconies and patios for unsightly or potentially dangerous items such as gas cans, tires, appliances, or trash
- Recommend that residents place trash on their hood instead of trunk when transporting trash to the dumpster so they don't forget about it



POLICE



Crime Free Multi-Housing Program teaches safety to managers

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a partnership between property owners/managers, residents, and law enforcement officers to eliminate crime in multi-family properties through lectures, inspections, and tenant involvement.

This three-pronged program with seminars, onsite inspections, and meet-and-greets with tenants is designed to be easy, yet very effective in reducing crime on rental property. Seminars for property managers cover topics such as screening tenants, key control, smart design, evictions, and gangs. Inspections focus on issues like whether the grounds have sufficient lighting, whether landscaping hides threats, or if doors and windows are secure. The third step is tenant involvement with police meeting with residents to discuss issues they might have, sharing safety tips, and building relationships.

The Gwinnett County Police Department implemented the CFMH Program in 2012 to reduce the number of violent crimes and police calls-for-service in apartment properties. For more information on the program and ways to safeguard property and protect residents, click [here](#).

COUNTY NEWS



Gwinnett County announces extension of Emergency Rental Assistance Program set for April

The Board of Commissioners announced that the County will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to launch an extension of its Project RESET eviction prevention program. This extension offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. Applications for this program will open in late April. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility

providers for past-due balances. Visit GCGA.us/RentalAssistance to learn more about the program, who qualifies for assistance, required documents for the application submission, and more. Households in immediate need are encouraged to seek resources currently available in the community at GCGA.us/COVID19Resources.

Meet our new commissioners

Newly elected Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson, District 1 Commissioner Kirkland Carden, and District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III are the newest members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.



Hendrickson served as associate director of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services before joining Gwinnett County Government in 2015 as director for the new Community Outreach Division, where she launched Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy, Dinner & Dialogue, and the Gwinnett Youth Commission. Carden is a Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy graduate. In his professional capacity, he has assisted state and local governments in developing, maintaining, and implementing transportation plans. Carden was elected to the Duluth City Council in 2017 and served on the Duluth Urban Redevelopment Authority. Carden has also worked as an urban planning technician. Watkins is a nuclear pharmacist and is the principal/consultant for Watty Consultant, LLC. A retired lieutenant colonel in the Army, he received the Legion of Merit among other honors and helped coordinate responses to 9/11, and hurricanes Katrina and Andrew. He also graduated from Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy.

The board is rounded out by returning District 2 Commissioner Ben Ku and District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque.

Visit our website, social media for latest COVID-19 news

To stay up-to-date on the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website, GwinnettCounty.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.

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