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Gwinnett County offers the Apartment Adviser newsletter to help multifamily communities throughout Gwinnett thrive and maintain the Gwinnett County standard of excellence. Apartment Adviser consists of tips and articles from various departments in Gwinnett County's Government to assist apartment managers in better serving their residents.

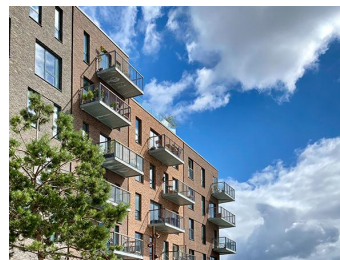
You are receiving this newsletter because you have been identified as a contact for a community located in Gwinnett County. While you are welcome to unsubscribe through the link at the bottom of this email, we hope you continue to subscribe

to our quarterly newsletter – where you can receive safety tips, learn about upcoming events, and stay updated on commercial codes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

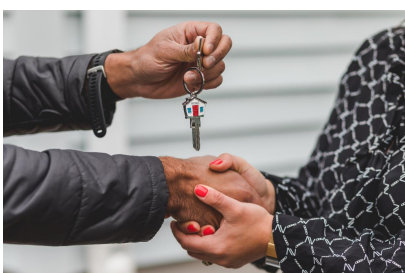
Enhancing community living standards

To help maintain a safe, livable, and healthy community, Gwinnett Code Enforcement began enforcing the interior standards of the International Property Maintenance Code at residential rental properties since July 31. These new requirements were adopted by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to ensure safety and well-being of the community.



Tenants can request an inspection by visiting GwinnettZIP.com, emailing CodeEnforcement@GwinnettCounty.com, or calling 770.513.5004. Once a request is submitted, an inspection appointment will be scheduled. During the inspection, any code violations will be documented on a notice of violation. A Gwinnett Code Enforcement officer will then work with the property owner or manager to address all violations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Get a grant towards 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.

Apply for a developer's grant

Attention developers! Gwinnett's distributing up to \$18 million to support and expand affordable housing across the county. The Affordable Housing Development Fund offers funding to facilitate the development of affordable housing units for households earning 65 percent or less of Area Median Income, addressing the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.



Qualified applicants must submit all required documents by mail or in-person by 4:00pm on Monday, October 30. For a list of

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



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.

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](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/2045UnifiedPlan).

FIRE SAFETY

Stay fire-safe this holiday season

'Tis the season for holiday festivities! Did you know more than one third of home decoration fires are started by candles? Additionally, more than two out of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Here are some helpful tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for family and friends:

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other flammable things
- Test your smoke alarms and share your home's fire escape plan with your guests
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop
- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed



Find more holiday safety tips at [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://www.gwinnettsafety411.com).

COUNTY NEWS

Visit our website, social media for latest news

To stay up-to-date on the County government, visit our website, [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.

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