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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.

FIRE SAFETY

Grill safely this summer

Outdoor grilling and barbecues are a great way to create memories with family and friends. However, the safe use and operation of open-flame devices are just as essential to having a good time. One of the leading causes of apartment and townhome fires involves the misuse of outdoor grills.



The following fire safety regulations will help you enjoy this outdoor activity:

- Don't use grills and barbecues indoors or on apartment balconies
- Grills and barbecues should be on ground level and at least 10 feet away from buildings
- Coals should completely cool and dry before disposing of them
- Grills and barbecues must always be attended
- Keep children and pets at least 5 feet away from any cooking area

To learn more about fire safety regulations and fire education programs, visit GwinnettFire.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Keep your dumpster area clean

A well-maintained multifamily community attracts new residents and results in happy, long-term residents. To reduce possible waste management challenges, here are some tips to prevent code violations in designated trash areas:

- Establish **waste management rules and penalties** in your lease agreement
- **Communicate** the importance to tenants through monthly newsletter or email that all trash must be placed in a trash bag and disposed of inside the dumpster or compactor
- **Post signs** in the dumpster area that explain penalties and advise the area is monitored with cameras
- **Solicit help from your hauler** to:
 - Secure your area through code access for residents only
 - Increase frequency of pickup and/or size of dumpster/compactor
 - Have regular preventative maintenance on compactors

- Investigate trash to identify source and include it as a lease violation with fines that require payment of clean up and/or pursue prosecution especially for nonresidents (illegal dumping)
- Provide a screened in storage option for **bulk trash items** to prevent them being placed in the dumpster/compactor areas and notify residents especially prior to move out
- Invest in a **valet** trash service

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Help us plan for the future of Gwinnett!

We have exciting events this summer where you can share your ideas for improving our communities in Gwinnett. Join us at the Daily Community Café interactive workshop on **Thursday, July 20** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dacula Park Activity Building in Dacula, on **Wednesday, July 26** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Lawrenceville Senior Center in Lawrenceville, and on **Thursday, July 27** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Water Tower in Buford. Come out to help brainstorm ideas for community improvement!



Want to learn how to connect communities through redevelopment? Join us on **Wednesday, July 12** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the Speak Up! Speaker Series at the Red Clay Foundry Theatre in Duluth. National experts will share insights on innovative solutions that could be implemented in Gwinnett. To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan and upcoming events, visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan.

WATER RESOURCES



Get rid of hazardous waste properly

Next time you're cleaning out your home and storage, keep an eye out for household hazardous waste products like paint, batteries, cleaning chemicals, and more. If not disposed of properly, these products can catch fire, react, or even explode and can be toxic to the environment. Pouring it down your drain, into a storm drain, or in your trash can lead to pollution in our waterways. Here are some safe and sustainable ways to dispose of household hazardous waste:

- When possible, recycle used batteries
- Solidify liquid waste, such as latex paint, with cat litter or sawdust
- Prevent the need for disposal by using all the product
- Bring them to Gwinnett's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, July 22** from 8:00am to 11:00am at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville

To learn more about upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, visit Gwinnetth2o.com/GetInvolved.

TRANSIT

Take our survey for transit in Gwinnett!

We want to hear from you about Gwinnett's Transit Development Plan! Please take a short, five-minute survey at GwinnettCounty.com/TDPSurvey2 to share your thoughts on how we can improve transit for tomorrow.

The plan will help us develop transportation options that meet the needs of our county now and in the future.



RESOURCES

Grab a summer meal on-the-go

The Gwinnett Summer Meals program will provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger or those 19 and older with a physical or mental disabilities. Meals are available until **Tuesday, August 1**, and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last. Visit GwinnettSummerMeals.com to learn more and find a complete list of meal locations. If you're



interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.

COUNTY NEWS

Visit our website, social media for latest news

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