

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

January 2, 2020

Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community.

[Gwinnett County Government](#) would appreciate your help keeping your neighbors informed by sharing the following information through your homeowner association newsletter, website, and emails and by talking to your friends and family.

What's new on TV Gwinnett?

Gwinnett County brings you the latest news and happenings about your community through Eye on Gwinnett, our weekly news program.



What you'll see in this episode:

- The 2020 Census is around the corner
- GJAC's parking deck is now open
- Roundabout is planned in Lawrenceville at Nash Street and Constitution Boulevard

View other Eye on Gwinnett episodes on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, or watch them on [TVGwinnett.com](#).

Recycle your Christmas tree at Bring One for the Chipper

Drop off your live Christmas tree at one of many locations around Gwinnett through **January 20** as part of the annual Bring One for the Chipper event. Recycling your Christmas tree is easy and saves precious landfill space.

Gwinnett County fire stations will accept trees 24/7, and other locations will accept them during regular business hours. On **January 25**, the trees will be chipped into mulch for use at County parks. Click [here](#) to learn more, including how you can volunteer at the chipping event.



Georgia DOT, Gwinnett County studying improvements to I-85

Georgia DOT and Gwinnett County are partnering to conduct a Comprehensive Corridor Study along I-85. The study area is roughly 18 miles long and is primarily located within Gwinnett County. The study will propose solutions to reduce congestion, enhance traffic operations, and improve safety in this area. Through collaboration with stakeholders and the public, a wide range of potential solutions will be identified. These alternatives will be analyzed and the recommendations will be developed for implementation. Public feedback is an important part of the study so the I-85 study team created a survey so you can tell them what you think and help them better understand issues that are important to you. [Click here](#) to take the survey and share your ideas for improving I-85.

Share your ideas at a Transit Review Committee meeting



With Gwinnett County expected to continue rapid growth through 2040 and beyond, the need for a robust transit system will become even more critical. That's why the Board of Commissioners established the Gwinnett Transit Review Committee earlier this year to analyze Gwinnett's needs and recommend ways to address those needs.

The committee, made up of 13 residents representing different walks of life, is weighing different transit scenarios as they try to balance cost, coverage, and service with combinations of heavy rail, bus rapid transit, buses, and vans. When they're finished, the Transit Review Committee will make recommendations to

the Board of Commissioners. The next TRC meeting will be **January 11** at 9:00am in the breezeway of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. Other meetings are set for 6:00pm **January 16** and **January 27** om GJAC at Conference Room C. Other information, such as meeting notices, agendas, and minutes, is available [here](#).

January is National Radon Action Month; test your home and protect your loved ones

Colorless, odorless, and tasteless, radon could be in your home at dangerous levels and you wouldn't know it. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, and one-third of homes in Gwinnett County have unacceptable radon levels.

Take action this January and protect yourself and your loved ones by testing your home. Purchase a Radon Test Kit from UGA Extension Gwinnett's office for \$10 or [online](#) for \$15. UGA Extension Gwinnett is located at 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400 in Lawrenceville.

Give back to your community by becoming a poll official

Gwinnett County is hiring poll officials to staff 156 polling locations plus eight advance voting locations for the 2020 election season. The Voter Registration and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, including bilingual poll officials.

Workers can gain valuable work experience and get paid! Currently, positions pay up to a \$120 stipend. Learn more and apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#).



Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center offers computer courses



In-person registration for senior computer classes will be held at Bethesda Park Senior Center at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville **January 7, 2020**, from 10:00am to 11:00am and at George Pierce Park Community Center at 55 Buford Highway in Suwanee **January 9** from 10:00am to 11:00am. The Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center's experienced instructors and coaches provide hands-on training for a variety of low-cost basic computer courses. Visit [gsrlc.org](#) for online registration.

Extension Office annual plant sale features fruits, landscaping plants

The UGA Extension Gwinnett office is offering blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranates, muscadines, and landscape plants in its annual sale. Order your plants by **March 6** in person or by mail at the Extension Office in Lawrenceville. Pick up your prepaid order on **March 19** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. No orders are shipped. For order forms and plant sale information, visit [ugaextension.org/gwinnett](#), or call 678.377.4010 to request a form.



U.S. Census Bureau gearing up for 2020 count

The U.S. Census Bureau will start the process of counting every person living in the United States starting in January with remote locations in Alaska. By **April 1, 2020**, Census Day, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You can respond online, by



phone, or by mail.

Census takers then will begin visiting campuses, senior centers, and other locations. In May, census takers will visit homes that haven't responded, and in December 2020, the bureau will issue a report to Congress and the president. Learn more about the upcoming census at [2020Census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov).

County offices closed for MLK holiday

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **January 20** for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Offices will reopen **January 21**. The trash pickup schedule in unincorporated Gwinnett is not affected.



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