

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community. Read this newsletter to stay up-to-date on the latest news from your County government.

[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:

- Gwinnett is now offering Community Navigators to connect our neighbors in need
- Commissioners adopted the final 2022 budget
- Recycle Christmas trees at annual Bring One for the Chipper event
- Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy during the upcoming holiday

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

Commissioners approve 2022 budget



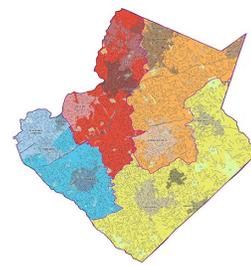
The Board of Commissioners approved a \$2.07 billion budget for 2022, up 8.1 percent from last year. The newly approved budget does not require a millage rate increase. The adopted spending plan consists of a \$1.6 billion operating budget and a \$455 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's voter-approved SPLOST program.

With more growth on the horizon, the County's services and infrastructure must keep up. Two-thirds of the operating budget is dedicated to the areas of public safety and public works. The capital budget will pay for new facilities, roads, and parks as well as maintenance for existing assets and infrastructure. [Learn more and read highlights from the 2022 budget.](#)

Commissioners propose new district map to legislative delegation

Once every decade, the Georgia General Assembly modifies the district boundaries for various governing bodies to rebalance representation. Georgia legislators grant local governments the opportunity to propose their own maps for consideration by the General Assembly. Through a series of open houses, commissioners obtained public input and learned what matters most to residents when it comes to redistricting. These preferences were taken into account while working with the General Assembly's Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office to draft the proposed commission district map. [View the proposed district map](#) and [the current district map](#).

The Georgia General Assembly plans to address local government redistricting during the 2022 legislative session for new district lines to be in place by the next election cycle. **Tomorrow, January 13 at 7:00pm**, the Gwinnett State House and Senate Delegations will hold a public joint committee meeting on the proposed maps for the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners and Board of Education at the **Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville**. Residents are welcome to attend and share their feedback. You can also tune in online at TVGwinnett.com or on Facebook Live [@GwinnettGov](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov).



Chairwoman Hendrickson signs order requiring masks in County facilities

In response to the rapidly increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in our community, Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson signed a [Local Emergency Order](#) requiring face masks or coverings to be worn in all facilities that are owned or leased by the County.

The Local Emergency Order is effective through January 26. At that time, Chairwoman Hendrickson may reevaluate this order based on recommendations by the CDC and the state DPH. [Learn about the order and view exceptions to the new policy.](#)



Republic Services and Waste Management temporarily suspend certain services



Republic Services and Waste Management are temporarily suspending certain collection services due to a surge in COVID-19 infections among their workforces.

After pausing recycling collection completely earlier this month, **Republic Services has resumed limited recycling services** based on staff availability. Republic will notify customers on the evening prior to recycling to inform customers that recycling will be serviced the next day. **Pickup of bulky items and yard waste remains suspended** in order to prioritize trash collection while its workforce is limited. **Waste Management has paused bulky item and yard waste collection** in unincorporated Gwinnett County while its workforce is limited. Waste Management will prioritize trash and recycling services. [Visit our website for the latest information and to learn about free drop-off sites for trash, recycling, and bulky items.](#)

Volunteer on Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service

Gwinnett is honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a weekend of service. Volunteer opportunities are available across Gwinnett parks, including:

- [Freeman's Mill Park](#) on **Saturday, January 15 from 9:00am to noon**
- [Rhodes Jordan Park](#) on **Monday, January 17 from 8:00am to 10:00am**
- [McDaniel Farm Park](#) on **Monday, January 17 from 9:00am to noon**



[View additional locations](#) and visit VolunteerGwinnett.net to register.

Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy



A new group of Gwinnett County residents will soon get an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at how police officers serve and protect our vibrantly connected community. Gwinnett Police will accept applications for the next [Citizens Police Academy](#) until **Thursday, February 10**. The program will run from March 8 through May 5 on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Residents who are interested in joining the academy are encouraged to [complete an application](#) to be considered. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for future CPA sessions. Residents can apply by emailing Sergeant Eric Rooks at William.Rooks@GwinnettCounty.com or by mailing P.O. Box 602 Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

Donate to the Gwinnett Transit Coat Drive

Help Gwinnett County Transit provide coats to communities in need. New coats for women, men, and children of all sizes will be accepted as donations at several locations, including:

- **GCT Customer Service Office** – 3525 Mall Boulevard, Suite 5C in Duluth on January 24 through January 28 from 6:00am to 8:00pm
- **Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride**– 1905 North Brown Road in Lawrenceville on January 24 and January 25 from 5:00am to 9:00am
- **Buford Park and Ride** – I-985 at SR 20 in Buford on January 26 from 6:00am to 8:30am
- **Indian Trail Park and Ride**– 1560 Indian Trail Lilburn Road in Norcross on January 27 and January 28 from 6:00am to 7:30am



Donations received will be delivered to local cooperative ministries.

Find a career with Gwinnett County Government



Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the Career From Here hiring event on **February 25 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** in Duluth. Interview with County representatives, participate in resume review, and meet with current employees to learn how you can thrive in a variety of fields. To be considered for an onsite interview, apply at [GCGA.us/HiringEvents](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/GCGA.us/HiringEvents) by **February 11**.

The event will take place at the Gas South Convention Center, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more

COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Piedmont Eastside open Fridays and Saturdays

Gwinnett County and Piedmont Eastside are making it easier to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The vaccine clinic offers all three authorized vaccines, meaning kids ages 5 and up can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine onsite. The clinic also offers doses of the Moderna vaccine to adults ages 18 and over. Johnson & Johnson vaccines may also be provided when supply is available. Learn more about the [different vaccine types](#) from the CDC.



The clinic, located at 1800 Tree Lane, Suite 250, in Snellville, is open Fridays from 8:00am to 8:00pm (drive-thru from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, weather permitting) and Saturdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm. To speed up your visit, [register in advance](#), bring your vaccination card if you are seeking a second dose or booster, and bring your driver's license or birth certificate.

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](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.



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