

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

March 11, 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:

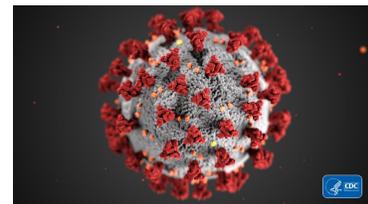
- Shorty Howell park is getting a green makeover
- Advance voting has expanded to seven satellite locations
- An invitation to fill out the 2020 Census form should arrive in your mailbox this week
- Don't miss out the Coney Island exhibit at Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center

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

Prevent coronavirus spread in communities

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus. The CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



Stay aware of the latest information on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), available on the CDC's website at [cdc.gov](#), the State Department of Public Health's website at [dph.georgia.gov](#), or the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale County Health Departments' website at [gnrhealth.com](#).

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Early voting expands to seven locations

The Voter Registrations and Elections office is offering more voting opportunities than ever before. **Satellite voting** has already started and runs through **March 20** from 7:00am to 7:00pm every day including



weekends at [seven satellite locations](#) around the county. In addition, eligible voters may **vote advance in person** every day, including weekends, until **March 20** at the Voter Registrations and Elections Office located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

Voters may request an **absentee/advance by mail ballot** for the March 24 Presidential Preference Primary **now** through **Friday, March 20**. Please call the Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an application

or complete the form online at [GwinnettElections.com](#).

[Learn more](#) about **voting advance in person or absentee/advance by mail**

To check voter registration status, see a sample ballot, and find a voting location on Election Day, visit My Voter Page at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](#).

For more information or to stay up-to-date with elections in Gwinnett, follow [@GwinnettGov](#) or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or visit [GwinnettElections.com](#).

La votación adelantada se expande a siete ubicaciones



Este año, la oficina de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones ofrece más oportunidades de votación que nunca. La **votación por satélite** ya empezó y es hasta el **20 de Marzo** de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana en [siete ubicaciones satélite](#) en todo el condado. Además, los votantes elegibles pueden **votar por adelantado en persona** todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana hasta el **20 de Marzo** en la oficina de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones ubicada en 455 Grayson Highway en Lawrenceville de 7:00am a 7:00 pm. Para

lugares de votación por satélite, visite [GwinnettElections.com](#).

Los votantes pueden solicitar una **boleta de voto de voto ausente o boleta de voto por adelantado ahora** para la Primaria de Preferencia Presidencial del 24 de Marzo hasta **viernes 20 de Marzo**. Llame a la Oficina de Elecciones al 678.226.7210 para solicitar una solicitud o complete el formulario en línea en [GwinnettElections.com](#).

[Obtenga más información](#) sobre **votación adelantada en persona o voto ausente/voto adelantado por correo**.

Puede verificar su estado de inscripción electoral, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación para el día de las elecciones visitando la página de My Voter Page en [mvp.sos.ga.gov](#).

Para obtener más información o mantenerse al día con las elecciones en Gwinnett, siga a [@GwinnettGov](#) en [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) e [Instagram](#) o visite [GwinnettElections.com](#).

Solicitor's Office host restriction summit for residents to expunge records

The Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office is hosting a Restriction Summit (Expungement) for misdemeanors **March 20** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the **Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center**. In order to have the criminal record reviewed for restriction, the applicant must meet this [criteria](#). Those interested in participating must preregister and provide their information and consent to pull their history by **March 15**. The forms can be accessed [on the Solicitor's webpage](#).



The summit will take place in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Animal Welfare celebrates Lucky in Love adoption event



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by adopting a new best friend! Adoption fees will be reduced to \$10 for pets adopted from the shelter at the **Lucky in Love** adoption event between **March 16** to **March 21**. All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare have been vaccinated, neutered, microchipped, and ready for their forever home.

Follow Gwinnett Animal Welfare on Facebook [@GwinnettAnimalShelter](#) or visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#) for more information, including available pets, adoption specials, and events. Animal Welfare is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

Check your mailbox for your census invite

Invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will arrive by mail in **mid-March!** Most areas will receive an invitation to respond online (or by phone), while the other households will receive a paper questionnaire along with an invitation to respond online. Regardless of which invitation you receive, all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire by mid-April.

United States
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Remember that the Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, or money or donations. The Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party. [Learn more](#) from the U.S. Census Bureau about avoiding fraud and scams.

Apply now to save on property taxes



If you own and occupy a home in Gwinnett County, you are likely eligible for a homestead exemption to reduce your property taxes. In addition to a standard exemption, there are several others for residents who are seniors, disabled, and other special circumstances. If you already have an exemption, you don't need to reapply. Here's how to get started:

- **Apply by April 1.** Exemptions are not automatic. Applications must be received by April 1 to reduce taxes in the current year.
- **Apply online** at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Exemptions](https://www.gwinnetntax.com/Exemptions). Watch for an email confirmation. If you do not receive this email, contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need help applying, contact Property Tax Customer Service from 8:00am to 5:00pm weekdays at 770.822.8800 or tax@gwinnettcountry.com.

Mark April 18 to attend the Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House

Gwinnett Police, County officials, and friends from across the globe will embrace our diversity at the annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House **April 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at **Pinckneyville Park Soccer Complex** in Berkeley Lake. Families can see exhibits and cultural performances from other countries, meet officers, and enjoy kids' activities such as a dunk tank, games, and inflatables. For more information, call 770.513.5119.



Celebrate National Library Week



National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's theme, "Find Your Place at the Library," shows how today's libraries are no longer just places for books, but provide resources for the communities they serve. You can apply for passports, borrow state park passes, prepare for GED and college entrance exams, and use Learning Labs to develop a business idea. Join us during National Library Week from **April 19 – 25** to check out all the Gwinnett County Public Library system has to offer.



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