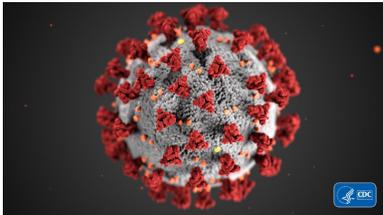


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for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

July 2, 2020



Greetings!

Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the spread of the coronavirus outbreak and how it may affect our residents, employees, and our delivery of important County services.

We are following the most up-to-date guidance from the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale County Health Departments, the state Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As the COVID-19 pandemic [impacts County services](#) in different ways, residents and business owners are encouraged to take advantage of the many [online services](#) provided by the County.

Remember to take preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory disease, including putting at least six feet of distance between yourself and others when in public, [wearing a cloth face covering](#) as much as possible, avoiding contact with people who are sick, practicing [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#), avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, [washing your hands thoroughly and regularly](#), and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces with a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. Learn more about how to protect yourself on the [CDC's Prevention & Treatment page](#).

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.

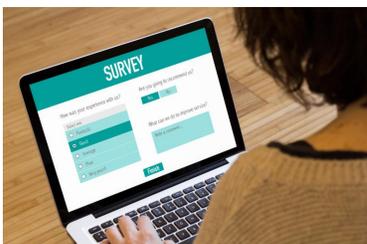
What you'll see in this episode:

- Gwinnett Summer Meals program expands to feed children at 33 sites
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection event scheduled for July 18
- County offers grants and loans for small businesses
- Be safe while using fireworks for Fourth of July celebrations

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



Share your thoughts on BRT in Gwinnett



Gwinnett County in partnership with the Gateway85, Gwinnett Place, and Sugarloaf Community Improvement Districts, and the Atlanta Regional Commission, is embarking on an integrated land use and transportation plan for its first proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.

The study will evaluate potential station locations, record stated preferences for surrounding development/redevelopment, and provide recommendations to make this vision a reality. These recommendations will be determined through technical analysis as well as by input from the community. The [survey](#) is the first opportunity to provide input into the Satellite Boulevard to Jimmy Carter Boulevard BRT Study. Like rail, BRT provides high quality transit service to move a large number of people quickly

and efficiently to and from their destinations.

To support public engagement in the time of social distancing, visit [GwinnettBRT.com](https://www.gwinnettbort.com) to find more information about the study as well as two initial ways for visitors to provide input.

Stay safe while using fireworks this Independence Day

Even though the traditional Independence Day celebrations will be a little different this year, the Gwinnett Department of Fire and Emergency Services encourages residents to leave fireworks displays to the professionals. For those planning to use consumer-type fireworks as part of their celebration, follow these safety tips:



- Purchase fireworks from a licensed and reputable vendor
- Read the directions carefully and inspect the device for any defects
- Keep a bucket of water, garden hose, and fire extinguisher close by
- Ignite fireworks outdoors in an open area away from buildings, vehicles, vegetation, or any other combustible material
- Ignite only one device at a time and use an ignition stick or fireplace lighter
- Always keep a safe distance between yourself and the device
- Before going to bed at night, remember to inspect the area where fireworks were used
- Call 911 in case of emergency

Illegal devices such as M80s, M100s, blockbusters, quarter-sticks, and ashcans are federally outlawed. These devices are extremely dangerous, contain large quantities of explosive powder, and may not include warning labels or manufacturing identification.

Please keep your neighbors in mind this Fourth of July, especially pets and those who are sensitive to the sound of explosions. Consumer fireworks may be used, ignited, or caused to be ignited on any day between the hours of 10:00am and 11:59pm unless a special use permit has been obtained.

For more information on fireworks safety, please contact the Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4980, or visit [GwinnettFireMarshal.com](https://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com).

Gwinnett offering federal grants, loans for struggling local businesses



Gwinnett County is offering \$20 million in federal CARES Act loans and grants under the [Gwinnett Small Business Assistance Program](#) for local for-profit businesses that have been hurt during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are intended to help businesses reopen their doors with such needs as deep cleaning facilities, modifying facilities to accommodate ongoing social distancing, restocking inventory, marketing to their clients, and/or paying staff in advance of reopening and achieving revenue.

Applications for the funds are now available. Grants are capped at \$75,000. The loans range from \$50,000 to \$200,000. For eligibility, application requirements, and more, visit the [Small Business Assistance Program webpage](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Collection event scheduled for July 18

Recycling or proper disposal of household hazardous waste helps protect the environment from pollution. Residents can drop off many of these hard-to-dispose-of items, including pesticides, spray paint, batteries, cleaners, and more during the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day **Saturday, July 18** at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds from **8:00am to noon**. This free event is hosted by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources. Due to COVID-19, special precautions will be in place to ensure the safety of residents and staff. Visit the [Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful event page](#) for more information about what to expect, as well as a full list of accepted materials and guidance on container sizes. The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds is located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.



Census self-response deadline extended until October 31

The Census Bureau has extended the time for filling out the

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national survey until October 31, so if you haven't participated, there's still time. The Census is incredibly important to Gwinnett as census data is used by businesses, the federal government, the state government, and other agencies in determining how many and what kinds of resources Gwinnett receives, including legislative and congressional representation. Your private information is confidential by law and can't be shared with any other agency. You can also fill it out by phone or online. To complete the census, visit [My2020Census.gov](https://www.my2020census.gov).

Get your groceries and renew your vehicle tag

While at Kroger stocking up on groceries, you can also renew your vehicle tag and walk away with your decal in hand. Tax Commissioner kiosks are located in Kroger stores throughout the metro Atlanta area, and you can renew your tag at any of them, even if they are outside Gwinnett County. For information about Kroger kiosk locations, hours, and requirements, please visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Locations](https://www.gwinnetntaxcommissioner.com/locations). Convenience fees apply.



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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