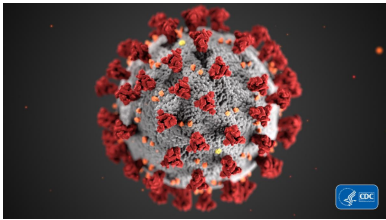


NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

September 11, 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.

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.

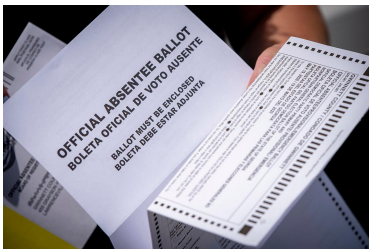
What you'll see in this episode:

- Lawrenceville is selling its water system to the County
- Property tax bills will be mailed next month and will be due in December
- Free online safety classes from Fire and Emergency Services continue through September

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



Georgia Secretary of State launches absentee ballot request website



The Georgia Secretary of State's Office has launched a new online portal for voters to request an absentee ballot. Voters can now visit BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov to request an absentee by mail ballot for November 3 election. The new website asks voters to enter their first name, last name, date of birth, and provide a Georgia driver's license or personal identification card issued by the State of Georgia, as well as their county of residence. The request is then sent to county election officials. When the ballots are available, voters will receive their ballot in the mail.

Please call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 if you have any questions. To check the status of your voter registration and see a sample ballot, visit the My Voter Page at mvp.sos.ga.gov. To stay up-to-date with elections in Gwinnett, visit GwinnettElections.com and follow @GwinnettGov on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

La Secretaría del Estado de Georgia lanza un sitio web para solicitar boletas de voto ausente

La Oficina del Secretaría de Estado de Georgia ha lanzado un nuevo portal en línea para que los

votantes soliciten una boleta de voto en ausente. Los votantes ahora pueden visitar BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov para solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las elecciones del 3 de Noviembre. El nuevo sitio web solicita a los votantes que ingresen su nombre, apellido, fecha de nacimiento y proporcionen una licencia de conducir de Georgia o una tarjeta de identificación personal emitida por el estado de Georgia, así como su condado de residencia. Luego, la solicitud se envía a los funcionarios electorales del condado. Cuando las boletas estén disponibles, los votantes recibirán su boleta por correo.

Llame a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones al 678.226.7210 si tiene alguna pregunta. Para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral y ver una boleta de muestra, visite My Voter Page en mvp.sos.ga.gov. Para mantenerse al día con las elecciones en Gwinnett, visite GwinnettElections.com y siga a @GwinnettGov en Facebook, Twitter, e Instagram.

Fire and Emergency Services hosts virtual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Fire and Emergency Services paid tribute to 9/11 victims and first responders with a virtual remembrance ceremony Friday, September 11. The ceremony featured remarks from public safety leaders and members of the Board of Commissioners, as well as a presentation of colors and ceremonial wreath laying by the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Honor Guard. The ceremony premiered at 8:45am September 11 on TVGwinnettLive.com and [@GwinnettFire](https://Facebook). It is also available to watch on-demand at TVGwinnett.com and shared on various County social media pages.



Prepare for census takers in your neighborhood



Census takers are currently going out into the community to conduct interviews at homes that haven't yet completed the 2020 Census questionnaire. Census takers work between 9:00am and 9:00pm, including weekends, and they wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home.

It is critical that #EveryOneCounts in the 2020 Census, so please answer the door to be counted. Learn more about [census takers in your neighborhood](#). Remember, your private information is confidential by law and can't be shared with any other agency.

You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. For more information and to complete the census online, visit 2020Census.gov.

Voters to decide transit referendum

In July, Gwinnett commissioners called for a referendum on a 1-percent sales tax to fund 82 transit projects on the November 3, 2020, ballot. A new transit local sales tax will fund projects from the Gwinnett Transit Plan, which was developed by the Board of Commissioners with input from the Gwinnett County Transit Review Committee. The Board submitted this project list to the Atlanta Region Transit Link Authority, which approved the list and enabled the call for a transit local sales tax in Gwinnett. This is a new sales tax option in Georgia, created by state legislature in 2018 to fund transit; Gwinnett's referendum is the first proposed under this new tax.

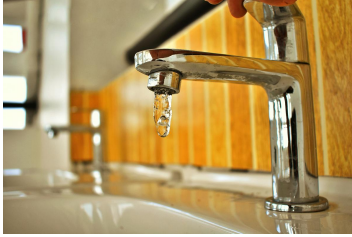


If passed, Gwinnett County will be responsible for designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the system, with the exception of the heavy rail extension proposed to Jimmy Carter Boulevard, which MARTA must operate as stipulated by state law. Read more about the transit plan at GwinnettCounty.com. Additional materials on the Gwinnett Transit Plan and the referendum will be available in the coming weeks.

Commissioners agree to purchase Lawrenceville Water Distribution System

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and Gwinnett Water and Sewerage Authority recently [approved the purchase](#) of the Lawrenceville Water Distribution System. Under the agreement, Gwinnett County will take ownership of the city of Lawrenceville's water distribution system on December 1, 2020.

Lawrenceville customers can expect to see a welcome packet with



more information from the Department of Water Resources in the coming weeks. Once customers receive their first Gwinnett County water bill, they can visit [Gwinnett20.com](https://www.gwinnett20.com) to set up their account and pay their bill. They may also contact Customer Care at 678.376.6800, or visit the office in person at 684 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. More information about the transition can be found at gcga.us/onegwinnettwater.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Gwinnett County will celebrate contributions by the Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs September 15 to October 15. Residents can follow the celebration on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov to see virtual displays, throwbacks to previous years' celebrations, and more. You can also save the date for **Tuesday, October 6** for the Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: A Community Reflection virtual event, which will feature remarks, performances, a proclamation reading, and more.



Celebrate National Yoga Month at the parks



September is National Yoga Month, and all month long, Live Healthy Gwinnett is offering free [Yoga in the Park](#) to residents of all ages and skill levels. Enjoy nature and celebrate the health benefits of yoga and meditation with certified instructors. Sessions are available throughout the month at several [Gwinnett park locations](#). Attendees should bring a mat, towel, and water bottle. To comply with COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, participants must bring their own yoga equipment and should maintain at least 6 feet from others for the duration of the class.

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.gwinnettcounty.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.



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