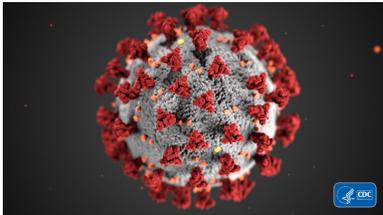


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for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

November 20, 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:

- Residents will have the opportunity to weigh in on the County's 2021 budget
- Gwinnett takes steps to reduce homelessness by reducing evictions during the pandemic
- A new support center for entrepreneurs will be operated by Georgia Gwinnett College
- Remember to #ListentoGwinnettMoms to stop the spread of COVID-19 during the holidays



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

Proposed 2021 budget focuses in strategic priorities



Chairman Nash unveiled her [proposed 2021 budget](#) during a briefing to the Board of Commissioners earlier this week. The \$1.91 billion budget is a 3.7 percent increase from the 2020 budget and focuses on the Board of Commissioners strategic priorities, including a safe and healthy community and smart and sustainable government.

Residents can learn more about the budget [here](#) and are invited to provide feedback. The Board will hear comments at a public hearing December 9 at 7:00pm at the [Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#) in Lawrenceville. Residents are also encourage to provide comments [online](#) through December 31. Commissioners will consider the proposed budget January 5.

Gwinnett offers help to prevent evictions

Gwinnett County will use funds from the CARES Act to make past

due rent payments directly to landlords in order prevent many imminent evictions and keep tenants stably housed. The program, called Project RESET, is a partnership between HomeFirst Gwinnett, Gwinnett County Government, and the Magistrate Court.

The first phase of the new Project RESET program will target 400 active dispossessory filings currently in Gwinnett Magistrate Court where eviction is imminent.



Project RESET officially launched on November 2 and will run through the end of 2020. Interested parties can get more information by calling 770.847.6765 or emailing MagistrateCourtProjectRESET@gwinnettcountry.com. Read more about the program [here](#).

Get locally grown produce from Georgia Grown to Go



Gwinnett is partnering again with the Georgia Department of Agriculture for a Georgia Grown to Go Drive-Thru Farmer's Market at Coolray Field November 21 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Produce boxes contain an assortment of vegetables. Other items available for purchase include satsuma citrus, ground beef, hens, pecans, and Georgia Grown sampler packs, along with holiday specialty items.

Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. To learn more, visit GeorgiaGrownToGo.com.

#ListenToGwinnettMoms to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Looking for the best way to show your family you're thankful this holiday season? Easy. Listen to mom. In fact, showing you care is simpler than ever with #ListenToGwinnettMoms.

No matter how you and your family celebrate Thanksgiving or other fall and winter holidays this year, remember to follow these simple mom-approved COVID-19 safety tips when sharing time with others:



1. Join the clean plate and hands club. Wash up before you head to the table, when you leave the table, and really whenever you can.
2. Thanksgiving table etiquette now means napkins in laps, elbows off the table, and masks on as much as possible.
3. Don't forget to keep your distance! Staying six feet (or approximately 2 turkeys) apart is recommended, so trade in the handshakes and cheek pinches for air hugs.
4. When in doubt, consider taking pre-visit rapid tests to ensure you and your family ace the holiday.

Want more Thanksgiving and holiday safety tips? Check out these [CDC guidelines](#), and stay up-to-date with the campaign by following along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#) with the hashtag #ListenToGwinnettMoms. You can also visit ListenToGwinnettMoms.com, Gwinnett County's official campaign webpage, for a round-up of COVID-19 information and resources.

County offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday, trash and recycling collection delayed



All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed on November 26 and 27 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours Monday, December 30.

Thursday, November 26 is a trash and recycling holiday for residents living in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Collection scheduled on that day will be rescheduled to Friday, November 27, and Friday collection will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 28.

Only Thursday and Friday collections will be affected. Residents can visit GCSolidWaste.com to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live within city limits should contact their trash and recycling hauler to find out if collection will be delayed because of the holiday.

Tune in for the virtual Lighting of the Tree

In response to COVID-19, the 33rd Annual Lighting of the Tree will be virtual this year. The ceremony will be pre-recorded and premiered on the County's [social media channels](#) and broadcast on TVGwinnett.com Thanksgiving Day at 8:00pm.



Families, in the comfort and safety of their own homes, can await Santa's traditional tree-lighting magic, illuminating more than 50,000 lights on this year's 35-foot Norway spruce. The tree will be on display to the public on the lawn of the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse throughout the holiday season.

Be safe in the kitchen this Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. By following a few safety tips, you can prevent these types of fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking so you can keep an eye on the food
- Use timers to keep from forgetting food on the stove or in the oven
- Keep children at least 3 feet away from the stove
- Always turn off burners and ovens as soon as you're done with them
- Be sure electric cords from appliances are not dangling off the counter
- Keep matches and utility lighters away from children
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle
- Test your smoke alarms before Thanksgiving to make sure they are working
- Have a fire extinguisher close by
- Never drop a frozen turkey in a deep fryer
- Never use an outdoor turkey fryer inside your home
- Use caution when cooking indoors with an electric fryer

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



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