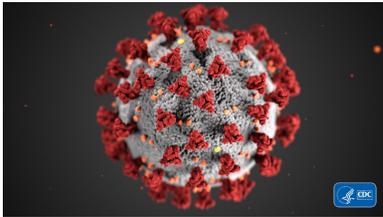


NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

December 18, 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.

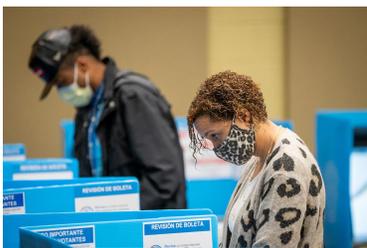
What you'll see in this episode:

- Early voting for the runoff election runs through New Year's Eve
- The County has picked a developer for its gateway site at Stone Mountain
- Commissioners are taking public comments on the proposed 2021 budget

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



Multiple options to cast your ballot for the January 5 elections



Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot in the January 5 General and Special Election Runoff. Registered voters may vote advance in person every day, including weekends, through December 31 at the Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building and eight additional satellite locations, including the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Find advance voting locations and hours [here on the Elections website](#). All nine Advance Voting locations will be closed December 24 and 25.

Voters may request an absentee/advance by mail ballot now through Thursday, December 31, but it's best to apply as soon as possible. Voters may apply for their absentee ballot online at [BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](#). Mail-in ballots must be delivered by hand or by mail to the Voter Registration and Elections Office or dropped into one of the secure [ballot drop boxes](#) located across the County. To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your Election Day polling location, visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Page at [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](#).

Múltiples opciones para emitir su voto para las elecciones del 9 de Junio

Los votantes no están limitados al Día de las Elecciones para emitir su voto en el Desempate de las Elección General y Especial del 5 de Enero. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en

persona, incluyendo los fines de semana hasta el 31 de Diciembre en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones Beauty P. Baldwin y en ocho ubicaciones satélite adicionales, incluido el Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Encuentre lugares y horarios de votación adelantada [aquí en el sitio web de Elecciones](#).

Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto ausente/adelantado por correo desde ahora hasta el Jueves 31 de Diciembre pero es mejor aplicar lo más pronto posible. Los votantes pueden solicitar sus boletas por correo en el sitio web de [BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](#). Las boletas por correo deben entregarse en mano o por correo a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones o depositarse en uno de los [buzones seguros](#) ubicados en todo el condado. Para verificar el estado de su inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación en el Día de las Elecciones, visite la página My Voter Page de la Secretaría de Estado en [mvp.sos.ga.gov](#).

Comment on the proposed 2021 budget until December 31



Chairman Nash unveiled her last [proposed 2021 budget](#) for Gwinnett County. 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 comments [online](#) through December 31. Commissioners will consider the proposed budget at their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 5.

County purchases 39-acre Gwinnett Place Mall property

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved the Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County's \$23 million purchase of 39 acres of the Gwinnett Place Mall site from Gwinnett Place Mall GA, LLC.



The purchase is part of a strategic effort by Gwinnett's government to create new opportunities for catalytic development in the area in partnership with the Gwinnett Place CID and local property owners. In the coming months, the County will begin a comprehensive planning process to explore ways to redevelop the site, actively engaging our Department of Planning and Development, the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District, and residents to set a new vision for the property. To learn more about the Gwinnett Place Mall property purchase, click [here](#).

Share your input on proposed SR 316/University Parkway projects



Gwinnett County and the Georgia Department of Transportation are collecting input on five proposed projects along State Route 316/University Parkway stretching from the State Route 20/Buford Drive interchange to the US 29/State Route 8/Winder Highway intersection. The projects will help expand the freeway-style access on SR 316, which will reduce congestion, increase mobility, and reduce the frequency and severity of crashes on this corridor.

Residents can provide [input](#) on the Transforming SR 316 project at the GDOT website through January 8. These projects are in the preliminary engineering phase and are funded by the County's SPLOST program and the state of Georgia. For more detailed information and updates on these projects, visit [Transforming State Route 316 \(arcgis.com\)](#).

County offices closed for holidays and recycling collection delayed

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for Christmas and reopen Monday, December 28. Offices will also be closed Friday, January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday and reopen Monday, January 4. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center on both holidays. Christmas and New Year's Day are trash and recycling holidays in unincorporated Gwinnett County this year, so collections will be delayed one day for the rest of the week. To view the holiday schedule, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](#).



Officials cut ribbon on Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center expansion



Officials cut the ribbon on an [expansion of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#) in downtown Lawrenceville on December 15. The \$75-million expansion project, funded by SPLOST, includes a five-level parking deck, open since 2019, and a new, five-story courthouse building which provides space for a jury assembly room as well as eight courtrooms, holding cells, workspace for the District Attorney, mediation rooms, and space for up to six additional courtrooms.

At the end of the ribbon cutting ceremony, County Administrator Glenn Stephens revealed that the courthouse addition would be named the Charlotte J. Nash Court Building in honor of Chairman Charlotte J. Nash. Nash, who was born and raised in Gwinnett, has served as chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners since 2011 and previously served in staff roles, including Grants Manager, Budget Manager, Financial Services Director, and County Administrator, before retiring in 2004.

A covered walkway from the parking deck, a security node at the entrance to the Charlotte J. Nash Court Building and a new, enclosed pedestrian bridge to the existing GJAC building will open to guests and employees December 21. The full court building is expected to open to the public this spring. See photos from the ribbon cutting event on the [County's Flickr page](#).

#ListenToGwinnettMoms this holiday season!

We're back with some holiday season safety reminders, courtesy of #ListenToGwinnettMoms! No matter how you and your family celebrate winter holidays this year, remember to continue following these simple, mom-approved COVID-19 safety tips when spending time with others:



1. Remember how mom is always reminding us to take a jacket, scarf, and gloves before leaving the house? Consider this your heads-up that masks are now at the top of that checklist.
2. A snowball's throw away keeps coronavirus at bay. Keep your distance from those outside your pod, staying at least six feet apart.
3. Mittens may protect you from the cold, but they have nothing on germs. Wash your hands often to protect yourself and loved ones.
4. Spread joy, not COVID-19. If you were exposed to someone who is sick or if you are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home and seek medical attention if necessary.

Check your holiday list against [CDC guidelines](#) and visit [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](#) for a round-up of COVID-19 resources. And don't forget to show us how you safely celebrate on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) with the hashtag #ListenToGwinnettMoms or by submitting your wisdom to us using [this form](#) for a chance to be featured in the campaign

Gwinnett County and #ListenToGwinnettMoms wish you a warm, peaceful, and safe holiday season!

Cooking safety tips for the holidays



Each year, the leading cause of home fires is unsafe cooking habits. With the holidays upon us, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services shares tips to help you keep your family, guests, and property safe.

Following these best practices may help prevent a home fire:

- When simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, remember to check it regularly. Use a timer to remind you that something is on the stove or in the oven

- Turn the stove burners off when leaving the kitchen or the house for any period or when going to sleep
- Keep anything that could catch on fire, like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains, away from the stovetop, oven or any other heat-producing appliance in the kitchen
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away from the oven or stove when cooking

For more fire safety precautions and to prevent a fire or burn injury while using a turkey fryer, click [here](#). Then, watch [this video](#) for more home fire safety tips. For additional information on safe cooking practices or home fire safety, please contact the Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4845 or email FirePrograms@GwinnettCounty.com.

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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