

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community. Read this newsletter to stay up-to-date on the latest news from your County government.

[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:

- Five overnight warming stations are opening when temperatures drop in Gwinnett
- Speed cameras are now in school zones across the county
- New turn lane extensions will alleviate traffic at three locations
- The Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center has a festive look for the holiday season

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

Gwinnett offering community navigators through OneStop 4 HELP

Gwinnett County is providing helpers to guide people in need through the process of finding and acquiring resources, services, and assistance from nonprofits and other charitable organizations. Called community navigators, the helpers are part of a program called OneStop 4 HELP. They can be contacted by email at OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com, by phone at 770.822.8850, and soon in-person at any of [Gwinnett County's OneStop facilities in Norcross, Buford, and Centerville](#).



The assistance offered includes employment, food, housing and shelter, income support, legal consultation, mental and behavioral health, substance use, transportation, and utilities. Visit GwinnettOneStop.com to complete an assistance request form. Organizations or individuals interested in getting involved to offer services or assistance can email OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com for more information.

County expands glass recycling program

Residents can now recycle glass at [Pinckneyville Park in Peachtree Corners](#)! This is the second drop-off location that Gwinnett County and Waste Pro USA, Inc. will offer through the County's glass recycling pilot program. The first site, located in the parking lot of OneStop Norcross at 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross, opened in October and has already diverted 4.2 tons of mixed glass from



landfills.

Drop off your clean, empty glass containers at Pinckneyville Park, located at 4758 South Old Peachtree Road in Peachtree Corners. The clearly marked drop-off container is located by the baseball complex and is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Glass dropped off at both locations will be hauled to Strategic Materials, Inc., a large glass recycler in the Atlanta area. Acceptable glass items include clear and colored food and beverage bottles and jars. Frequently asked questions about glass recycling can be found on GwinnettCB.org/Glass-Recycling.

Commissioners host series of open houses on redistricting

Gwinnett County commissioners are hosting a series of open houses to help Gwinnett residents understand how redistricting works for the County's commission districts. Under a decades old law, political boundaries must be drawn every decade to match a county's changing population. State legislators are charged with the task, which can also determine how people may vote.



The open houses will take place:

- **Thursday, December 16 at 6:00pm:** Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville with Commissioner Fosque
- **Friday, December 17 at 6:30pm:** Centerville Senior Center located at 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville with Commissioner Watkins
- **Monday, December 20 at 6:30pm:** Dacula Park Activity Building located at 2735 Auburn Avenue in Dacula with Commissioner Watkins
- **Thursday, January 13 at 6:00pm:** Bogan Park located at 2723 North Bogan Road in Buford with Commissioner Fosque

Commissioner Fosque's meetings on December 16 and January 13 will also include a presentation on the County's use of American Rescue Plan Act and infrastructure funding from 7:05pm to 8:30pm. Learn more about the event series by watching [this video](#).

New passive park coming to Gwinnett Place Mall area



Gwinnett County is constructing a 68.5-acre park, called Beaver Ruin Wetlands Park, near Satellite Boulevard and Beaver Ruin Road. The park will feature trails, boardwalks, small shelters, a playground, parking, and a restroom building. Water Resources is performing the stream and wetland restoration work and associated boardwalks, while Community Services will build the park amenities and upland trails.

The wetlands restoration should be complete in 2022. Construction of park amenities will start in early 2023 and take about a year. The parks project is being funded with the 2017 SPLOST program and the Water Resources capital improvement budget.

Board approves agreement to fund Bus Rapid Transit cost study

The Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with three community improvement districts to fund a cost study of a Bus Rapid Transit corridor between Doraville and Sugarloaf Mills.

The agreement with the Gateway85, Gwinnett Place, and Sugarloaf CIDs outlines financial commitments and the management structure for a study to estimate the capital and operating costs for the Bus Rapid Transit corridor. Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, is a bus-based transit system that may include dedicated lanes, traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, elevated platforms, and enhanced stations.



Each CID will contribute \$25,000 toward the cost of the study, which is estimated to cost \$100,000. The County will manage the study and provide the balance of funding from the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.

County offices close for Christmas and New Year's Day



All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will also be closed Friday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett Detention Center during both holidays.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are trash and recycling holidays in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Collections will be made the following day, and subsequent collection during the holiday week will take place on the day after the normal collection day. Visit GCSolidWaste.com or contact the Solid Waste Management Call Center at 770.822.7141 for details about the delay in trash and recycling service.

Maintain your septic systems and protect our water quality

Many homeowners in Gwinnett County have a septic system rather than a sewer connection. Septic systems are excellent ways to treat wastewater from our homes, but they do require maintenance to prevent failures that can threaten the water quality in our community.

Common signs of septic failure are wet spots on your lawn and unpleasant odors on your property. If you notice these signs, have your septic tank checked out immediately to prevent contamination of local waterways. Also, make sure to take preventative measures such as having your tank pumped every three to five years and only flushing human waste and paper down the toilet. For more information about septic system maintenance, visit Gwinnett2o.com.



Protect your family, friends, and neighbors this holiday season



This season, enjoy holiday traditions and gatherings while protecting yourself, your family, your friends, and your neighbors from COVID-19. According to the CDC, vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

The CDC recommends that everyone five years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting [fully vaccinated](#) and recommends that everyone 18 years and older get a [booster](#) shot when they are eligible. Before attending gatherings, consider testing to prevent spreading COVID-19 to others. [COVID-19 testing](#) is widely available, including through the Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments.

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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