

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

December 19, 2019

Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community.

[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:

- New branch libraries will be under construction in Duluth and Norcross
- The County adopts a plan for future connected vehicles
- Gwinnett's 2040 Unified Plan was named the Best in the State

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

County offices closed for Christmas, New Year's holidays

Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **December 24 and 25** for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and **January 1** for New Year's Day. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center on both holidays.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are trash and recycling holidays in unincorporated Gwinnett County this year. Collections will be made the day following these holidays, and subsequent collection during the holiday week will take place on the day after the normal collection day.



Drop off your Christmas tree for recycling

Between December 26 and January 20, drop off your live Christmas tree at one of [many locations around Gwinnett](#) as part of the annual Bring One for the Chipper event. Recycling your Christmas tree is easy and saves precious landfill space.

Gwinnett County fire stations will accept trees 24/7, and other locations will accept them during regular business hours. On January 25, the trees will be chipped into mulch for use at



County parks. Click [here](#) to learn more, including how you can volunteer at the chipping event.

Have fun with Santa at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse the Saturday before Christmas

Enjoy a warm, delicious breakfast with Santa in the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, beautifully decorated for the holidays on **Saturday, December 21 from 8:30am to 10:00am**. Kids will make a craft and hear a story read to them by Santa or one of his helpers. Bring your camera to take photos with St. Nick. The cost is \$17 per person.

If that's too early, you can come by the courthouse for Cookies and Crafting with Santa at 11:00am and drop off your wish list, enjoy some crafts at the Elf lodge, and take home a personally decorated cookie. The cost is \$12 per person.

[Register online](#) before December 19. The Gwinnett Historic Courthouse is at 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Share your ideas at a Transit Review Committee meeting



With Gwinnett County expected to continue rapid growth through 2040 and beyond, the need for a robust transit system will become even more critical. That's why the Board of Commissioners established the Gwinnett Transit Review Committee earlier this year to analyze Gwinnett's needs and recommend ways to address those needs.

The committee, made up of 13 residents representing different walks of life, is weighing different transit scenarios as they try to balance cost, coverage, and service with combinations of heavy rail, bus rapid transit, buses, and vans. When they're finished, the Transit Review Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The next TRC meeting will be **January 11** at 9:00am in the breezeway of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Other meetings are set for 6:00pm **January 16** and **January 27** at GJAC at Conference Room C. Meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and other information are available [here](#).

Give back to your community by becoming a poll official

Gwinnett County is hiring poll officials to staff 156 polling locations plus eight advance voting locations for the 2020 election season. The Voter Registration and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, including bilingual poll officials.

Workers can gain valuable work experience and get paid! Currently, positions pay up to a \$120 stipend. Learn more and apply at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.



U.S. Census Bureau gearing up for 2020 count



The U.S. Census Bureau will start the process of counting every person living in the United States starting in January with remote locations in Alaska. By **April 1, 2020**, Census Day, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Census takers then will begin visiting campuses, senior centers, and

other locations. In May, census takers will visit homes that haven't responded, and in December 2020, the bureau will issue a report to Congress and the president. Learn more about the upcoming census at [2020Census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov).

Gwinnett Senior Learning Center offers computer courses

In-person registration for senior computer classes will be held at Bethesda Park Senior Center at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville, on **January 7, 2020**, from 10:00am to 11:00am and at George Pierce Park Community Center at 55 Buford Highway in Suwanee, on **January 9** from 10:00am to 11:00am. The Gwinnett Senior Learning Center's experienced instructors and coaches provide hands-on training for a variety of low-cost basic computer courses. Visit [gsrlc.org](https://www.gsrlc.org) for online registration starting in early December.



Protect yourself from flood damage

Did you know your homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage?

Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. For information regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, please call 1.800.427.4661 or visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov).



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