

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

November 20, 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:

- Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash unveils a proposed 2020 budget totaling \$1.83 billion
- Thousands of volunteers support the 2019 Volunteer Gwinnett initiative
- The U.S. Census Bureau is offering several ways to participate
- Burning leaves and other yard waste may still be restricted

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

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 28 and 29** in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours **Monday, December 2**.

Thursday, November 28 is a trash and recycling holiday for residents living in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Collection scheduled on that day will be rescheduled to Friday, **November 29**, and **Friday** collection will be rescheduled to **Saturday, November 30**.

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.



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 next TRC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 2** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. 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 ninth and potentially final meeting is set for **December 9** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**. 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 www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com.



Keep your Thanksgiving fun with fire safe cooking



Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires during the Thanksgiving holiday. The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the National Fire Protection Association are calling on all cooks to include fire safety in their recipes. Below are holiday safety tips to remember when preparing the holiday meal and entertaining family and friends:

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, use a timer to remind yourself that something is on the stove or in the oven. Turn the burners off if you leave the kitchen for any period of time
- Keep anything that could catch on fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains, away from your stovetop, oven, or other appliances in the kitchen
- Don't wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Remember to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire. Cool a minor burn injury with water until the pain goes away
- Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home
- Place your turkey fryer on a solid, flat, and level surface and away from the house
- Do not overfill the fryer with oil
- A frozen bird should be allowed to thaw for at least 24 hours in the refrigerator before cooking. Placing a frozen turkey into a fryer could cause a violent reaction
- Lower the turkey into the pot slowly. The hot oil may bubble fiercely at first. Allow the bubbles to settle before lowering the bird the rest of the way in

Kick off your holidays with the Lighting of the Tree in Lawrenceville

The annual Lighting of the Tree will thrill the little ones and bring joy to the grownups on **Thursday, November 28** beginning at **5:30pm**, at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in downtown Lawrenceville.

Afterward, Santa will receive visitors in the courthouse living room.

Visitors can do self-guided tours of the beautifully decorated building. There will be activities, live entertainment, food vendors, and more.



Census Bureau offers several ways to participate

United States
**Census
2020**

The census, the decennial counting of every person in America, will have significant impact on Gwinnett for business, redistricting, and economic policy. To make it easy for people to participate, the census questionnaire can be filled out by phone, by mail, or now for the first time, online.

In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail invitations to fill out the survey nationwide by Census Day, **April 1, 2020**. To receive information or help in filling out the census form, people can call the U.S. Census Bureau Call Center at 301.763.INFO (4636) or 800.923.8282. For more information, visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

Level 1 drought in effect, help us conserve water



The Level 1 drought response is still in effect for 103 Georgia counties, including Gwinnett.

The state's climatologist said that the current drought is primarily agricultural, but can also affect water supply. The drought declaration serves as a reminder for residents to practice water conservation in order to preserve our natural resources.

Gwinnett County follows the state's current outdoor watering restrictions:

- Landscape and lawn irrigation is allowed before 10:00am and after 4:00pm
- Personal food gardens may be watered at any time of day
- New seed or sod may be watered at any time of day during the first 30 days after installation
- There are no restrictions on the use of soaker hoses or watering with a handheld container

Water Resources encourages water conservation year round. Visit the [water conservation webpage](#) for tips on how you can conserve water inside and outside your home.

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.



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