

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

October 23, 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:

- Attend a Pro Bono Probate Clinic and get your questions about estates or guardianships answered
- Learn about career opportunities countywide at the Career Expo
- Bring your family to the Trick or Treatment Fall Festival at the Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility
- Choose a project and volunteer at Great Days of Service

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

State EPD declares Level 1 drought, calls for water conservation

Despite the recent rains, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has declared a Level 1 drought response 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.



The Department of 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.

Volunteer for Gwinnett Great Days of Service October 25 and 26



There's still time to sign up as a volunteer for the 20th annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service **October 25** and **October 26**. Great Days of Service, one of the nation's largest volunteer efforts, mobilizes thousands of individuals, corporations, churches, schools, civic organizations, and communities in meaningful volunteer service to address some of Gwinnett County's most critical needs.

Visit www.volunteergwinnett.net where you can sign up and choose from a variety of projects for individuals and groups. The event is hosted by the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services. For more information, visit www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org. To learn about highlighted projects, click [here](#).

Enjoy a fun day at the Trick or Treatment Fall Festival!

On **October 26** from **11:00am to 3:00pm**, residents will have an opportunity to learn a little science lesson and enjoy Halloween fun for the whole family during the Trick or Treatment Fall Festival at the Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility in Lilburn.

The Department of Water Resources' annual fall festival offers crafts, inflatables, games and activities, touch-a-truck, and free fairground food. Costumes are encouraged. Admission is free.



The Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility is located at **858 Tom Smith Road in Lilburn**.

Be safe this Halloween!



Halloween is coming up, and the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Safe Kids Gwinnett, and the Gwinnett County Police Department want to remind you to be safe. Here are a few tips to use on Halloween night:

Top safety tips for parents:

- Look left, right, and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk across the street, don't run.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Slow down and stay alert—watch out for cars that are turning or backing up and never dart out into the street or cross in between parked cars.

Top safety tips for drivers:

- Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods, especially between 5:30pm to 9:30pm.
- Be especially alert and take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians, and on curbs.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car, such as talking on the phone or eating, so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

For more safety tips, click [here](#).

Gwinnett County Career Expo could change your life

Learn how you can start your career with Gwinnett County Government. The Gwinnett County Department of Human Resources is hosting its fifth annual Career Expo **November 1**.

The free expo allows participants to meet with County staff to learn about career opportunities in a variety of fields. Attendees can also get a free resume critique with a representative from Gwinnett County Human Resources.



Visit www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com to see available positions. The Career Expo event runs from **9:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, **75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville**.

You count! Gwinnett census rally set for November 2

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Help us make sure #GwinnettCounts in the 2020 Census! Join us at the Gwinnett Census Rally **November 2** from **11:00am to 2:00pm** at the Bicentennial Plaza next to the Lawrenceville Lawn to get ready for the decennial count on April 1, 2020.

Enjoy music, performances (including a K-pop band), food, and plenty of kids' activities! You'll also get the chance to learn more about the 2020 Census and how it impacts our community.

The rally will take place at the Bicentennial Plaza, located at **275 South Perry Street in Lawrenceville**. Find more information about the upcoming count at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Atlanta Region Commission hosts an open house to share information on Atlanta Region's Plan

Join ARC for an upcoming open house **November 2** at the Sugar Hill ECenter from **1:00pm to 4:00pm** to discuss the Atlanta Region's Plan.

This pop-up open house is the first of a series of six immersive, experiential pop-up open houses hosted by ARC throughout the region to share information about the Atlanta Region's Plan, a long-range blueprint that looks out all the way to 2050 and details investments that will be made over the next 20 years in the metro Atlanta area. ARC is updating this plan now, and is looking for your input to help shape our region's future.

At these open houses, you'll have the opportunity to learn about advances in transportation technology, innovative efforts to address the region's affordable housing challenges, economic development, planned transit expansion, and much more. For upcoming open houses, click [here](#).

The Sugar Hill ECenter is located at **5009 West Broad Street Northeast in Sugar Hill**.

Volunteers needed at County's America Recycles Day

Help Gwinnett County maintain a sustainable environment by volunteering at the annual America Recycles Day **November 9** from **9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field.

Residents can recycle electronics, tires, paint, ink cartridges, and more. Bring your old sneakers and gently used clothing to be donated to those in need or to be recycled into new products. Come for free kids' activities, including touch-a-truck, and meet your haulers.



The event is rain or shine. Volunteers should register at www.VolunteerGwinnett.net. For more information, please contact Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at 770.822.5187 or email gwinnettcb@gwinnettcb.org. Coolray Field is located at **2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville**.

County honors veterans at annual ceremony



The public is invited to a Veterans Day ceremony at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville to honor and recognize those who served and sacrificed for their country in the military. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm on **November 11**. The featured speaker will be retired Army Brigadier General Curt Rauhut of Georgia Military College.

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 www.floodsmart.gov.

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