

# 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:

- Federal COVID recovery grants for local nonprofits
- Summer Meals available through August 2
- Dial 988 for 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Back-to-School Bash and Health Fair at Bogan Park

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

## SPLOST referendum added to November ballot

When Gwinnett voters head to the polls during November's General Election, they will decide on the renewal of the one-cent special purpose local option sales tax, or SPLOST.

Commissioners officially voted to [place the referendum on the November ballot](#).

Since 2001, the County and all 16 cities within Gwinnett have agreed on how to share the proceeds. This time around, cities are expected to receive 25 percent of the funds.



If given the green light by voters, the 2023 SPLOST program could raise \$1.35 billion over the next six years that would go directly towards funding transportation projects, public safety facilities and equipment, senior services facilities, and more. Additional information about SPLOST, including a breakdown of SPLOST projects by program and category, can be found at [GwinnettSPLOST.com](#).

## Board to hold final public hearing on proposed General Fund Millage Rate

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general fund millage rate the same as last year, at 6.95 mills, and will hold the last of the three public hearings

**Monday, August 1 at 6:30pm** in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75

Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Commissioners will also consider millage rates for the police, fire and emergency services, development and code enforcement, recreation, and economic development funds. The millage rates will be considered during the Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 2 at 2:00pm.



The millage rate, alongside your property's assessed value and exemptions like the Homestead Exemption and Value Offset Exemption, are used to calculate your annual property tax. Learn more about your [County government property taxes](#).

## County seeking input on hazard mitigation efforts



Gwinnett Emergency Management invites residents to share input about the impact hazards and disasters have on their lives, property, and the environment. Feedback from the community will be used to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Gwinnett's Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies natural hazards and vulnerabilities, assesses risk, and lays out ways to minimize loss of life and property due to hazards and disasters. Complete the brief survey at [GwinnettCounty.com/HazardMitigationSurvey](#). For questions regarding the County's mitigation efforts, please

contact Emergency Management Specialist Kevin Hill at [EMA@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:EMA@GwinnettCounty.com) or visit [GwinnettCounty.com/HazardMitigation](#).

## Sheriff's Office to host Back to School event

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach section will host their second annual Back to School event **Saturday, July 30 from 11:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. During the free event, the Sheriff's Office will provide students with free book bags and school supplies. Last year, more than 3,000 bookbags were donated to youth in the community.



The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. For more information about the event, contact the Sheriff's Office Community Outreach section at 470.701.5970.

## Dial 988 for mental health crisis support



People seeking mental health services can now call 988 to access counselors and response teams at the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Callers will be redirected from the current number, 1.800.273.8255, which will stay operational during and after the 988 expansion. The new number will make it easier for individuals to get access to the help they need by providing an easy-to-remember three-digit number for mental health crises.

To learn more about the crisis hotline, visit [988LifeLine.org](#).

## County and United Way to distribute \$4.25 million in grant funding to nonprofits

Local nonprofits that serve critical needs in the community will soon receive a boost as Gwinnett County and United Way of Greater Atlanta prepare to allocate \$4.25 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds to nonprofit service providers. These funds — provided to Gwinnett County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act — will be used to address needs identified or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact.

United Way of Greater Atlanta is offering digital listening surveys where [nonprofits](#), [residents](#), and [community](#)



[organizations](#) are invited to share their needs and challenges as Gwinnett County recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The feedback from these listening surveys will be used to prioritize needs and prepare for the distribution of funding. Local nonprofits can apply for funding from August 1 to 26 through the [United Way's Grant Portal](#).

## County waives fee for unregistered first-time false alarms



The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners amended the False Alarm Reduction Program Ordinance to waive the \$25 fee for first-time offenders with unregistered alarm systems. Under the amended ordinance, first-time offenders with unregistered systems will receive a notice with instructions on how to register their alarms through the [CryWolf System](#) and have the \$25 fee waived. Succeeding false alarms from unregistered systems will result in an additional \$25 fee per false alarm along with a \$25 fee for second-time offenders, a \$50 fee for third-time offenders, and a \$100 fee for the fourth time or greater.

To register your alarm or learn more about the ordinance, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/FalseAlarm](#) or call 833.281.8743.

## Vaccinating children and teens against COVID-19

Children and teens can return to childcare, school, and other activities with greater confidence by getting vaccinated against COVID-19. The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older. Boosters are also recommended for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens, visit [CDC.gov](#) or [Vaccines.gov](#) to find a vaccine or booster site near you.



## 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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