

# 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:

- A SPLOST referendum has been added to November ballot
- Gwinnett Police K-9 Sika located her first suspect
- A mask requirement is in place for County employees

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

## Board keeps millage rate the same as last year

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. Prior to the vote, the Board held three public hearings and accepted comments through the County's website.

Most homeowners in Gwinnett benefit from the [Value Offset Exemption](#), which means they will not see an increase in the county government portion of their tax bill. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, the schools, and cities. One mill equals a dollar tax per thousand dollars of assessed property value.



You can take a closer look at details on the [2022 millage rates and additional information about how property taxes are calculated](#). The Tax Commissioner's Office will mail property tax bills in September, and payments will be due in November. Property owners or mortgage lenders can make payments by mail, online, in person, or by using one of the special drop boxes located at tax and tag offices across the county.

## Board adopts Equitable Redevelopment Plan for Gwinnett Place Mall

The Board of Commissioners adopted the final [Equitable Redevelopment Plan](#) for the Gwinnett Place Mall. The plan was informed by eight months of community engagement with direct input from more than 2,000 Gwinnett residents and focuses on



a new model for equitable development to benefit historically marginalized communities.

The Gwinnett Place Mall Equitable Redevelopment Plan addresses five key areas for preservation and growth in the County: housing, small businesses, cultural activity center, neighborhood services, and jobs. With the mall's ERP in place, County leadership will continue its collaboration with the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District around their Livable Centers Initiative study. Both the Equitable Redevelopment Plan and the LCI study will set the stage for conversations with the adjacent property owners on the mall site. To stay involved in the process and see the plan summary, analysis, and strategies, please visit [GwinnettPlaceMallEquity.com](http://GwinnettPlaceMallEquity.com).

## Get on board with Gwinnett public transit survey

Gwinnett County is reimagining the future of public transit with its [Transit Development Plan](#) and is seeking your input through a short online survey. The [survey](#) will remain open until August 21 and is accessible in multiple languages.

In recent years, Gwinnett County Transit has boarded a million customers, enabling travel across the county and metro Atlanta through its local, commuter, and paratransit service routes. The plan will evaluate both current and future transit needs that also consist of transit services provided by regional partners like the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority Xpress and more.



## Free food distribution at Gwinnett Place Mall



Come pick up fresh and self-stable foods at our Food Distribution event at Gwinnett Place Mall! The free distribution is **Tuesday, August 16 at 4:00pm** until supplies last. No identification is required, and the distribution will be drive-thru and contactless.

Contact [VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com) for more information. Gwinnett Place Mall is located at 2100 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.

## Find your new best friend and help us Clear the Shelter

On **Saturday, August 27**, we want to Clear the Shelter! Join us at the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center from **11:00am to 4:00pm** for a family-friendly adoption event. The celebration will include music, vendors, food, and kids' activities.

All adoption fees will be waived. All pets are spayed/neutered and given up-to-date vaccines and a microchip. Visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](http://GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com) to learn more.



## Grant applications open to local nonprofits



Local nonprofits that serve critical needs in the community can apply to 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.

Local nonprofits can apply for funding through **Friday, August 26** using [United Way's Grant Portal](#).

## Assessors' Office conducting onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff routinely conduct field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. They verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs. Inspectors from Gwinnett County, LMC, or Tyler Technologies carry identification on field visits and will announce their presence before beginning a review.

Residents' privacy and safety are our top priority. No contact or involvement is needed. If no one is available, information will be left to advise you of the visit. For questions or concerns, call 770.822.7200 or email [Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com).



## Take part in the Great Georgia Pollinator Census



Drop in and "bee" a citizen scientist! Learn about the importance of pollinators and take part in the statewide pollinator count.

**On Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20:**

1. Select a blooming pollinator plant with insect activity.
2. For 15 minutes, count each time an insect pollinator touches a bloom, even if they fly away and return.
3. Upload your counts at [GGAPC.org](http://GGAPC.org).

Your contributions help us understand and advance pollinator health across the state.

## SPLOST: New interchange on State Route 316 at Harbins Road

County and state officials cut the ribbon on a new interchange over State Route 316 at Harbins Road in Dacula.

The more than \$50 million SPLOST-funded project transformed the intersection into an interchange which will increase safety and ease congestion for motorists traveling through the area. [Watch this video](#) to learn more about the project.



## 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](http://GwinnettCounty.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.



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