

# 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:

- Chairwoman Hendrickson presents her proposed budget for 2023
- Gwinnett celebrates Adoption Day
- Sheriff's Office distributes Thanksgiving meals
- Enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Gwinnett Historic Courthouse

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

### Attend the First Responders Hiring Event

Gwinnett [Police](#) and [Fire and Emergency Services](#) are hosting a joint hiring event this **Saturday, December 10 from 8:00am to 4:00pm** at the Gwinnett County Fire Academy, located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

Recruiters from both departments will be on hand to answer questions about various career paths. Successful police candidates may receive conditional job offers. Fire candidates will have an opportunity to complete an orientation, application, background check, PPE (sneakers and long pants required), and an oral interview. The process takes about two to three hours to complete. For more information, visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#).



### Share your thoughts on the proposed 2023 budget

Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson [presented her proposed budget](#) on November 15 to guide County government spending for the 2023 fiscal year. The [proposed budget](#) totals \$2.26 billion. It consists of a \$1.77 billion operating budget and a \$488 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.

Read more about the [proposed 2023 budget](#) and [share your](#)

[comments online](#) through December 31 before commissioners adopt a final budget Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



## Fire Station 13 opens in Suwanee

Gwinnett County officials celebrated the opening of Fire Station 13 with a ribbon cutting at the station's new home at 105 Main Street in Suwanee. The new, 10,788-square-foot station provides three drive-thru apparatus bays and room for 24-hour staffing for an engine and a medic unit. The state-of-the-art facility is EarthCraft Light Commercial green building certified, which supports the County's sustainability goals and focuses on energy and water efficiency, building durability and improved occupant health and comfort.



The \$7.8 million project was funded by Gwinnett's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The city of Suwanee provided about two acres of land to the County for the new station.

## Nonprofits selected to receive \$4.25 million in grant funds



Gwinnett County Government and United Way of Greater Atlanta selected 50 local nonprofits that serve critical needs in the community to receive \$4.25 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds. These funds — provided to Gwinnett 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.

Critical needs supported by the round of grant funding include childcare, food insecurity, housing, literacy, mental health, and transportation. [Further details about the awards](#) are available on the [Grants webpage](#).

## Attend a holiday performance at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center

Student choirs from around the county are spreading holiday cheer at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center throughout December. Come support talented students from Gwinnett County Public Schools while getting into the holiday spirit during your lunch break.

[Performances](#) will take place on the second floor across from the Jury Assembly Room of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Performances will also be aired on TV Gwinnett, your government access cable television channel, and made available on demand at [TVGwinnett.com](#).



## Get affordable internet access for your home

You may qualify for a \$30 monthly discount on your home or mobile internet service through the Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Program. Gwinnett County is encouraging eligible residents to claim this new benefit and start saving on internet service.

Visit [FCC.gov/ACP](https://www.fcc.gov/ACP) or call 877.384.2575 to learn about eligibility and apply. Then, contact a participating broadband provider to start receiving your monthly discount.



## Gwinnett County Transit's holiday service schedule

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays, Gwinnett County Transit will run service on the following schedule:

- **Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 24:** Local and paratransit service will operate.
- **Day after Christmas on Monday, December 26:** No commuter service will run. Local and paratransit service will operate.
- **Day before New Year's Eve on Friday, December 30:** No commuter service will run. Local and paratransit service will operate.
- **New Year's Eve on Saturday, December 31:** Local and paratransit service will operate.



To learn more about GCT's bus service this month, read [News You Can Use](#) or call 770.822.5010.

## Learn about recycling at your next homeowners association meeting



Would you like to educate your neighborhood about curbside recycling and ways you can help protect the environment? Contact Gwinnett Solid Waste to schedule an onsite visit at your next homeowners association meeting.

You can also call 770.822.7141 or email us at [GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com).

## Reminders for the holiday season

As the holidays approach, here are some important reminders:

- Our **warming stations** activate when temperatures drop to 35 degrees or below. You can check their activation status on the County's website. Find out more about [warming station job opportunities](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#).
- Our **OneStop 4 Help** community navigators are here to help you find valuable resources and overcome challenges like hunger, health, housing, or other issues. Call 770.822.8850, [email](#), or [complete the online assistance request form](#) to connect with a community navigator.
- [Services for veterans and their families](#) are available at the newly opened **Veteran and Family Services office** at the Gwinnett Senior Services Center in Lawrenceville.
- **Recycle right this holiday season!** Don't place plastic bags, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, or glossy/embellished wrapping paper in your recycling. Break down cardboard boxes before you put them in your recycling cart. Reuse boxes and gift bags to extend their useful life. Please take a minute to [brush up on acceptable recycling](#)



## 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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