

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

January 9, 2023

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:

- Commissioners approve 2023 budget
- Chairwoman Hendrickson presents Offset with a key to the county
- Recycle live Christmas trees at Bring One for the Chipper event
- Work begins on the McGuire-Livesey House

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

Board of Commissioners approves \$2.27 billion budget for 2023

In its first major vote of the year, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved the [2023 budget of \\$2.27 billion](#). It consists of a \$1.78 billion operating budget and a \$488 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.

The budget includes funding for new initiatives like a language learning program for employees, new Environmental Sustainability Officer and Equity Officer positions, and staff to support the new seventh State Court judge and expand the County's Emergency Management team. The budget also includes upgrades for County roads, water and sewer lines, and parks to meet the County's current and future needs.



Commissioner Holtkamp begins his term

Newly elected Commissioner Matthew Holtkamp began his four-year term representing District 4 on January 1. District 4 encompasses Buford, Sugar Hill, Braselton, Rest Haven, Auburn, and parts of Suwanee and Lawrenceville.

Holtkamp is the owner and CEO of Holtkamp



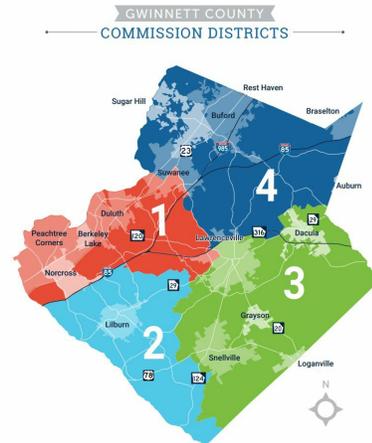
Heating & Air Conditioning, president of the Metro Atlanta Air Conditioning Contractors Association, and a Leadership Gwinnett graduate. He was also appointed by Governor Kemp as a Board Member of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board in the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors.

View the new district maps

Once every decade, the Georgia General Assembly modifies the district boundaries for various governing bodies based on data from the most recent census. Last February, Governor Kemp signed into law a new district map for the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

The new district maps went into effect January 1, 2023, which means about 40 percent of Gwinnett's voting-age residents are now in a different commission district. View the new county commission district maps and other new district maps below:

- [Commission Districts](#)
- [School Board Districts](#)
- [Congressional Districts](#)
- [House District](#)
- [Senate District](#)



Learn about upcoming transportation projects



Let us know which transportation projects you would like to see in District 3 on **Saturday, January 14 from 10:00am to 11:30am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The [Transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee](#) will gather your feedback, which will be used to identify transportation projects for the 2023 Special Purpose Local Option Tax program, known as SPLOST.

Email Katrina.Fellows@GwinnettCounty.com and Yolanda.Thornton@GwinnettCounty.com for more information. The Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center is located at 75

Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Recycle your live Christmas tree after the holidays

Do you have a live Christmas tree you need to dispose of? Drop off your live, undecorated Christmas tree at a designated fire station by **Wednesday, January 25** as part of the annual Bring One for the Chipper event! On January 28, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will chip the trees into mulch for use at County parks.

The [designated Gwinnett fire stations](#) accept trees 24/7. For a list of all drop-off sites or to register as a volunteer for the chipping event at Bethesda Park, please visit GwinnettCB.org/Events.



Join Gwinnett Transportation for Construction Conversations

Join Gwinnett Transportation at the Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center on **Saturday, January 28** for Construction Conversations, a free open forum about construction projects in Gwinnett. From noon to 4:00pm, residents are invited to learn about the research, design, development, and maintenance of County roads. Staff from the department will also be available to answer questions.



Lunch and lemonade will be provided, but space is limited. Register at [GwinnettCounty.com/DOTForum](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/DOTForum). The Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center is located at 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Berkeley Lake.

Dog adoptions suspended at the animal shelter

After coordinating with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center has suspended dog adoptions and extended the suspension of dog intakes until January 19 as a proactive measure against a canine viral infection. Pet owners will still be able to reclaim any lost pets, including dogs, during business hours. Cat adoptions are still available during this time, and the center will still intake cats and injured dogs.

[Search through the pets at the shelter](#), and [learn more about pet adoption](#) from the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center.



SPLOST: Fire Station 13 opens in Suwanee



Fire Station 13 crews moved into their new home at 105 Main Street in Suwanee in December. 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 \$7.8 million project was funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST, with land provided by the city of Suwanee. Fire Station 13 serves more than 29,000 residents and local businesses across 25 square miles.

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



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