February 3, 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.

<u>Gwinnett County Government</u> appreciates 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:

- Honor Black History Month with Gwinnett
- Ride Gwinnett expands transit service
- Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services gets new equipment
- Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy

Find other Eye on Gwinnett episodes on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages, or watch them on <u>TVGwinnett.com</u>.

Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with Gwinnett! Join us **Tuesday**, **February 21 at 6:30pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center for performances, soul food, and community. A Black History Month display will also be available for viewing in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium throughout February. To reserve your spot for this year's celebration,

visit GwinnettCounty.com/BHMCelebration.

You can also pack a picnic lunch and explore the rich history of African American culture in Gwinnett on a <u>Black History Month</u>

<u>Bus Tour</u> from **10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, February 11**. For more details and other events, visit <u>GwinenttCounty.com</u>.



Attend a transit expansion public meeting

Ride Gwinnett, formally Gwinnett County Transit, is hitting the road with three new local routes and two microtransit zones. Residents are invited to learn about the new transit services and share their feedback during an in-person or virtual meeting.

The three local transit routes will service new areas in Snellville, Stone Mountain, Buford, and Suwanee and provide extended coverage in Lawrenceville, Lilburn, and



Duluth. New service also includes microtransit, which will allow residents to request Ride Gwinnett from a mobile application and go to their destination within the zones of Snellville and Lawrenceville.

Share your input on transportation projects in District 3

The <u>Transportation Citizens Project Selection</u>
<u>Committee</u> hosted its first drop-in session to inform residents about upcoming transportation projects in District 3. If you missed the first drop-in session, you have another opportunity to attend on **Saturday, February 11 from 10:00am to 11:30am** at the <u>Lenora Park Gym in Snellville</u>.

During the session, you can learn more about the transportation projects considered in the 2023 Special Purpose Local Option Tax program — known as SPLOST — and share your feedback for the projects you would like to see in District 3. For more information, email District 3



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Gwinnett opens registration for community garden plots



Are you dreaming of vine-ripe tomatoes and fresh green veggies? Now is the time to stake your claim at any of Gwinnett's 10 community gardens. Gardeners of all skill levels are invited to apply for the 2023 to 2024 growing year. The cost is \$35 per year for a 4-foot by 8-foot raised platform garden plot. Once payment is received, plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Gwinnett County provides water, tools, soil, mulch, and educational resources at each site, while gardeners are responsible for maintaining and harvesting their plots. To learn more about the program, visit LiveHealthyGwinnett.com.

Adopt a pet at the Love-A-Mutt event

Looking for a new snuggle buddy? Stop by our Love-A-Mutt event at the <u>Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center</u> on **Saturday, February 11 from 11:00am to 2:00pm!** During the event, you can take a photo with your new pet and enjoy some games and a goodie bag!

All adoption fees are waived and include up-to-date vaccines, spay/neuter, microchip, and heartworm treatment if applicable. If you've already adopted, you can still stop by to say hello and get a free photo. To find pets available for adoption, visit SwinnettAnimalWefare.com.



Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy



Ever wondered how Gwinnett County Government provides high-quality services to the community? Here's your chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at County operations, meet local leaders, and tour government facilities! The Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy is a 12-week program offered twice each year to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County. To be considered for the spring term, apply at Gwinnett101.com by Wednesday, March 1.

Take the Comprehensive Human Services Needs Assessment Survey

Gwinnett County has contracted with Health Management Associates to complete a Comprehensive Human Services Needs Assessment. As a part of this process, Health Management Associates is distributing <u>a survey</u> to help understand the health and well-being of our community and be able to allocate resources to assist those in need.

The <u>survey</u> will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and will be available until Friday, February 10. Responses are completely anonymous. Health Management Associates will combine the results of this survey with information



collected from other activities to better meet the needs of Gwinnett residents.

SPLOST: Grant supports County roadway maintenance



Smooth roads are ahead for Gwinnett County travelers. The Board of Commissioners voted to apply for a Georgia Department of Transportation grant worth more than \$7 million. This local maintenance and improvement grant will extend the life of approximately 55 miles of roadway throughout the County through resurfacing.

Each year, Transportation staff rate the pavement conditions of roadways throughout the County. Streets with a rating of 55 or below on a scale of 100 are prioritized for

resurfacing. Streets above that level are patched and reexamined in the following years. The grant will be matched by the County with \$2.1 million from the 2017 SPLOST program.

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, <u>GwinnettCounty.com</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @GwinnettGov.



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