

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

January 20, 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](#) 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:

- Ride Gwinnett hits the road
- New commission districts go into effect
- Volunteers complete cleanup projects on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service
- Appraisers conducting routine field visits

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

Gwinnett unveils new name and look for transit system

After nearly 22 years of service, the County unveiled a new name and a new brand for its transit system — Ride Gwinnett. Embodying the County's vibrant brand, Ride Gwinnett represents how the county will connect people to where they need to go. The rebranding includes the County's transit website, buses, bus stop shelters, and signs.

Ride Gwinnett has seven local routes, five commuter routes, complimentary paratransit for local routes, three Park and Ride locations, and one transit center. To explore current bus routes and schedule, fare prices, and more, visit [RideGwinnett.com](#).



Gwinnett earns Platinum recertification as a Green Community

Gwinnett County continues to uphold its commitment to sustainability, earning recertification as a Green Community at the Platinum level by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Developed in 2009, the [Green Communities Program](#) is a voluntary sustainability certification program that helps local governments implement measures that reduce their environmental impact through actionable measures.



As a Green Community, Gwinnett earned recognition for the implementation of [sustainable policies, practices, and programs](#) for a stronger, greener community. Gwinnett first earned certification as a Green Community in 2010 and became the first county to be certified at the Platinum level in 2018.

Gwinnett Corrections hosts career fair January 21

Gwinnett County Corrections will host a career fair on **Saturday, January 21 from 8:00am to 3:00pm**. To go through the hiring process, interested applicants are encouraged to arrive by noon to take part in a facility tour, background check, and behavioral assessment. They can also [apply online](#) for correctional officer and senior correctional officer positions.

The career fair will take place at the Comprehensive Correctional Complex, located at 750 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville. This is a secure facility and personal items — including cell phones — are not allowed inside. As a COVID-19 precaution, attendees are required to wear a mask in the facility. For more information about the career fair, contact Lt. S. Williams at Shawntez.Williams@GwinnettCounty.com or 678.407.6010.



Attend Construction Conversations with Gwinnett Transportation



Learn about the research, design, development, and maintenance of Gwinnett's roads at Construction Conversations on **Saturday, January 28**. The free open forum will take place at the Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center from noon to 4:00pm. Staff from Gwinnett Transportation will be available to answer questions.

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

Attend a transportation drop-in session in District 3

Let us know which transportation projects you would like to see in District 3 on **Saturday, February 11 from 10:00am to 11:30am** at the Lenora Park Gym. 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 Lenora Park Gym is located at 4515 Lenora Church Road in Snellville.



Call for contributors for AAPI and Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

Gwinnett Community Outreach is seeking artists, historians, performers, and speakers for this year's [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) and [Hispanic Latino Heritage Month](#) celebrations. Each heritage month celebration includes a month-long display set up in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center and an accompanying heritage night celebration.

The AAPI Heritage Month celebration is set for Tuesday, May



16 and the Hispanic Latino Heritage Month celebration for Tuesday, October 3. Both celebrations will begin at 6:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. To express interest or follow up with questions, please contact Nury Castro at Nury.Castro@GwinnettCounty.com or 770.822.7676.

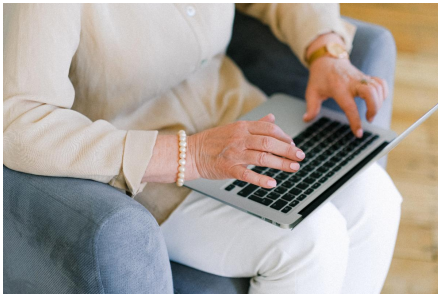
Learn more about the 2040 Unified Plan Amendment

The Board of Commissioners adopted an amendment to the [Gwinnett 2040 Unified Plan](#), which was originally adopted in 2019 and outlines community goals, needs and opportunities, housing, transportation, economic development, and future land use. The amendment — adopted September 27, 2022 — replaces portions of the Future Development Map section of the plan. This amendment includes minor modifications to existing character areas, the creation of an additional character area, adjustments to the Future Development Map, and a more detailed list of development types.



The amendment serves as an interim update to the plan as the County prepares for the next major update, which will become the 2045 Unified Plan. Community engagement for the 2045 Unified Plan will begin early this year.

Seniors may qualify for tax breaks



Older adults qualify for some tax breaks in Gwinnett. Residents who are 65 or older as of January 1 with Georgia taxable income below \$112,048 might qualify for the Senior School Tax Homestead Exemption.

An emissions waiver is available for seniors 65 or older whose vehicles are at least 10 years old and driven less than 5,000 miles per year. To check eligibility and apply, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors.

Enroll your kids in an afterschool program

Learning doesn't stop when children are out of school. At select schools throughout the county, the B² Afterschool program provides a safe and fun environment where children can participate in afterschool enrichment activities. Gwinnett accepts Child and Parent Services assistance for several eligible programs when school is out of session. Through the CAPS program, qualified families may be able to attend at little to no cost.



For additional information about your child's school, visit B2Anywhere.com, email B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com, or call 770.904.3500.

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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