

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

March 15, 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:

- Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers second State of the County address
- Fred Cephas to serve as new Fire Chief
- Commissioners adopt Gwinnett Place Mall revitalization strategy
- Find a career at our Countywide hiring event

Check out more videos on TV Gwinnett [Video on Demand](#).

Fred Cephas makes history as new Gwinnett Fire Chief

Fred Cephas was appointed as the new fire chief to lead Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services. Cephas has served as second in command as deputy fire chief since 2020 and has held various roles in Gwinnett Fire and EMS including strategic planning, accreditation management, operations, and as a licensed polygraphist. Once his promotion takes effect April 1, his first priorities are continuing to work on retention and team building within Fire and Emergency Services and supporting other departments and agencies in the county government.

Cephas is the first Black Fire Chief in the County's history. Russell Knick, who has served as chief since 2018, will move into a leadership position within the County Administrator's Office.



Gwinnett Code Enforcement to host Clean Community Forum on March 16

Residents are invited to attend the Gwinnett Clean Community **Forum on Thursday, March 16** at the [Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center](#). From 5:30pm to 7:30pm, attendees will hear presentations by Gwinnett Code Enforcement, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, and Gwinnett Transportation on the collective efforts of the County and residents to keep Gwinnett a safe, livable, and healthy community. Attendees will have the opportunity to share their neighborhood successes and



ask questions. For more information, contact Shannon Ashe at Shannon.Ashe@GwinnettCounty.com.

Find your future with Gwinnett County Government

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the annual Career From Here hiring event on **Friday, March 17 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with the Department of Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit GwinnettCountyJobs.com to learn about opportunities with Gwinnett and apply.

The Gas South Convention Center is located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.



Paid summer internships available to young adults



Young adults ages 15 to 21 who live or go to school in Gwinnett are invited to apply for our the Career Starts Here summer internship program! Experience different career opportunities with County government, gain leadership and team building skills, and get paid \$15 an hour.

The program includes two workshops, a four-week internship, and a graduation ceremony. [Find more information and apply](#) by **Friday, March 24**.

Women in Business Networking event set for March 30

As we close out Women's History Month with a celebration for Gwinnett's business owners and leaders, join Gwinnett Economic Development on **Thursday, March 30 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse for an evening of networking, live music, and hors d'oeuvres. Register at GwinnettCounty.com/WomenInBusiness. Space is limited.

The Gwinnett Historic Courthouse is located at 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Apply for Gwinnett Youth Commission

Another batch of high schoolers will get an inside look at Gwinnett County Government, interact with local leaders, and receive community leadership training this summer. The Gwinnett Youth Commission is a year-long program, which includes an eight-week summer training session. To be considered for this upcoming term, participants must be rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors going into the 2023 to 2024 school year and must apply by **Friday, April 7**. There is no cost to participate in this program. For more information and to apply, visit GwinnettYouthCommission.com.



SPLOST: New SPLOST goes into effect April 1

Last November, Gwinnett voters approved the renewal of the one-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The program is expected to raise \$1.35 billion for capital projects over the next six years. The 2023 SPLOST begins collections April 1.

It is not a new or additional tax but a continuation of the one-cent tax already being collected on retail sales. Sales tax in Gwinnett is six percent, including four percent for state taxes, one percent for schools' E-SPLOST, and one percent for our SPLOST program. The county's sales tax will remain at six percent when the new collection begins in April. To learn how your pennies are working in Gwinnett, visit GwinnettSPLOST.com.



Apply for a Homestead Exemption by April 1



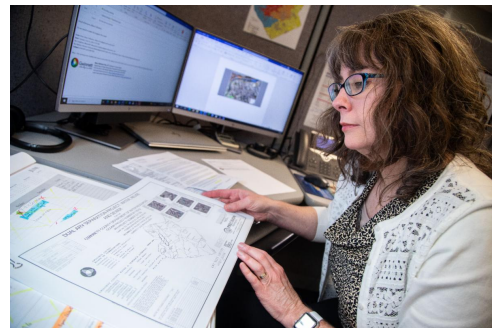
Looking for a way to reduce your property tax bill? Apply for a homestead exemption. Owners who occupied their home as their primary residence on January 1 and apply by April 1 qualify for an exemption this year. The state's proposed Homeowner Tax Relief Grant could mean additional savings for owners with a homestead exemption in 2023.

Apply now at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply to take advantage. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.

Monitor property and real estate records with new filing notification system

There is now a way to receive notifications of certain updates to your property and real estate records. The Gwinnett Superior Court Clerk's Office and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority are offering individuals the opportunity to register with the [Filing Activity Notification System](#).

FANS is a free resource that sends electronic alerts of filing activity to users who choose to receive notifications in the system. The filings that are notified are not guaranteed to be accurate or complete, and users are subject to an acknowledgement of these conditions. For questions or concerns regarding FANS, contact GSCCCA at 800.304.5147 or Help@GSCCCA.org.



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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