

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

May 24, 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:

- Join us for our Memorial Day ceremony on May 29
- Keep kids reading through the summer with free books
- Transportation vouchers available through Get in Gear program
- Summer outdoor burn ban now in place

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

### Honor the fallen this Memorial Day

The County will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on **Monday, May 29 at 1:00pm** to pay tribute to our fallen military and public safety heroes. Join us on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the [Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#) in Lawrenceville. This year, we will be inducting Gwinnett Correctional Officer Senior Scott Riner into the Fallen Heroes Memorial. Officer Riner was tragically shot and killed while arriving to work this past December.

During the ceremony, you'll hear from County officials and our keynote speaker, Georgia Department of Veterans Service Executive Director for Field Operations and Appeals Shelly-Ann Simpson.



### Summer Meals Program returns May 30



The Gwinnett Summer Meals Program will provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities. Meals are available from **Tuesday, May 30 through Tuesday, August 1** and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last.

Visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](#) to learn more and find a complete list of meal locations. If you're interested in

## Attend Cops and Cones with Gwinnett Police tomorrow night

Join your neighbors and local police officers to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer over frozen treats! This is your opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers that serve your community.

The Cops and Cones event will take place **tomorrow, May 25 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at Beren's Frozen Custard, located at 420 Grayson Parkway in Grayson.



## Encourage a love for reading with free books



Looking for a fun and educational summer activity for your kids? Check out one of our [68 G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Book Exchanges in Gwinnett!](#) These special boxes offer free children's books at different spots around the county and are usually decorated with cool artwork, making them not just book spots but also celebrating public art.

Thanks to a group of County leaders enrolled in our 2023 EXCEL management development program, all book exchanges are stocked with age-appropriate books for kids up to 8 years old. The books are free, but we kindly ask everyone

to follow a "take one, leave one" policy as a courtesy. Visit [B2Anywhere.com](http://B2Anywhere.com) to find a book exchange location, donate books, or become a steward today!

## Dog adoptions suspended at the animal shelter

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center has suspended dog adoptions and dog intakes until June 5 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.



## Join the Sheriff's Office for the mental health awareness fair



The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Task Force will host its annual Breaking the Stigma Mental Health Awareness Fair **Saturday, May 27** at Alexander Park in Lawrenceville. The fair will be held from **10:00am to 2:00pm**.

Attendees will receive mental health information, and mental health providers will be onsite to educate the community and answer questions.

Alexander Park is located at 800 Old Snellville Highway. The fair will take place at Lois Lane Pavilion 4.

## Attend the 2045 Unified Plan Speaker Series June 1

Join us for the speaker series kick-off for the 2045 Unified Plan on **Thursday, June 1**. Discover how housing and investment shape communities in our first discussion from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville. Hear from Nathan Wildfire with the Missing Middle Housing Fund and Khaliff Davis with Reinvestment Fund on accessible and affordable housing solutions and small-scale economic development strategies.

This free event is open to the public. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/2045UnifiedPlan) to learn more.



1. A new Future Development Map that is more descriptive, more accurate, and more user-friendly
2. New land use concepts for areas appropriate for strategic development and redevelopment
3. Guiding principles and best practices from all plan elements that can support "Daily Communities" of different types across Gwinnett

## Join the transit and transportation conversation at upcoming meetings



We have some exciting recommendations for transit and transportation in our county and need you to take a look. Come talk with us, learn more about our plans, and let us know what you think while enjoying free treats from local vendors. Visit [GwinnettTransportation.com](https://www.gwinnetttransportation.com) to find a convenient date and location near you.

Recommendations include future improvements to Gwinnett's transit system and transportation enhancements like more bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

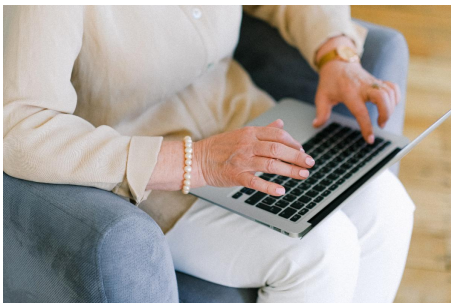
## County offices closed for Memorial Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Monday, May 29** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 30. **Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week.**

For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.



## Don't risk losing your Medicaid



Update your profile today to avoid losing coverage. The state of Georgia has started verifying eligibility for all Medicaid members, including PeachCare for Kids. Your contact information is crucial to ensure your coverage remains active. If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or emails, or simply want to double check, please visit [Gateway.GA.gov](https://www.gateway.ga.gov) to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. Learn more at [StayCovered.GA.gov](https://www.staycovered.ga.gov).

## 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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