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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:

- Commissioners break ground at the new OneStop Centerville expansion
- Gwinnett Place Mall outdoor transit hub to receive \$20 Million in federal funds
- Final public hearing to discuss the 2023 Millage Rate on July 18

Check out more videos on TV Gwinnett<u>Video on Demand</u>.

Board hosts public hearing on proposed 2023 millage rate

The third and final public hearing to share in-person comments the general fund millage rate will occur on **Tuesday**, **July 18 at 11:00am** at the <u>Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center</u>. For 2023, Gwinnett County's rollback millage rate is calculated at 6.558 mills. The proposed millage rate is 6.95 mills, the same as last year. County staff will be available for questions one hour before each public hearing. The Board of Commissioners will consider the millage rates during their meeting on the same day at 2:00pm.



Most property owners who benefit from the <u>Value Offset Exemption</u> won't see an increase in the county government portion of their property taxes. The <u>Homestead Tax Relief Grant</u>, approved by the governor and Georgia General Assembly, will provide additional tax savings for those with a homestead exemption.

Please submit your comments in person at the public hearing or by using the <u>online comment form</u>. Learn more about your <u>property taxes</u>.

Commissioners host district town halls

Commissioner Jasper Watkins III will host a town hall **Monday**, **July 10 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** in Conference Room C of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center to discuss the proposed 2023 millage rate and updates in District



3. Following the presentations, Commissioner Watkins will open the floor for questions.

Then, Commissioner Kirkland Carden will host two town halls to discuss a range of topics impacting residents in District 1, including the millage rate, public safety, transportation, and more. Both District 1 town halls will run from **6:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, July 13** at Peachtree Corners City Hall in Peachtree Corners and **Thursday, July 20** at Shorty Howell Park Community Recreation Center in Duluth.

Launch your career with Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services!

Start a new career with Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services! Attend the hiring event on **Friday, July 14 from 8:00am to 4:00pm** at the Fire Training Academy, located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

You will have a chance to complete an application, undergo a background check, participate in a physical performance evaluation (please wear sneakers and long pants), and take part in an oral interview. The entire process typically takes two to three hours, although it may vary. To save time, we encourage you to apply in advance.



Join us for a land use community workshop



Gwinnett is growing, and your valuable feedback is needed to help shape the development of stronger communities. Join the Gwinnett Planning and Development's Daily Community Café workshops as they prepare for the 2045 Unified Plan.

The next workshop will be held **Thursday**, **July 20** at the <u>Dacula Park Activity Building</u>. From **5:00pm to 7:00pm**, attendees will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the areas where they live, work, visit, or relax within the county.

Safely dispose of your household waste July 22

Mark your calendars for the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day happening on **Saturday**, **July 22 from 8:00am to 11:00am** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Join us to safely drop off your household hazardous waste for reuse, recycling, or disposal without having to leave your vehicle.

For more event details, including accepted items, visit<u>Gwinnett</u> Clean and Beautiful.



Take a survey to shape the future of transit in Gwinnett



We want to hear from you about Gwinnett's Transit Development Plan! Please take a <u>short, five-minute survey</u> to share your thoughts on how we can improve transit for tomorrow. The survey will be available until **Sunday, July 23**.

The <u>plan</u> will help us develop transportation options that meet the needs of our county now and in the future.

Gwinnett County officials broke ground on the expansion of OneStop Centerville

Gwinnett officials broke ground on the expansion of OneStop Centerville. The expansion includes a 33,500-square-foot, two-story facility and 11,000-square-foot playground that will

enhance access to services and resources for the southern Gwinnett community.

The new facility will house office space for County partners including GNR Health, View Point Health, and Ninth District Opportunity Head Start. It will serve as a community hub for programs that support public health, early learning, mental health and family services. The project will be built using \$25 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act funding.



Celebrate National Park and Recreation Month this July!



July is National Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme, Where Community Grows, celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in providing essential services, promoting healthy lifestyles, and nurturing communities.

There are plenty of activities and events for everyone to enjoy and explore, like a STEM-centric Family Night Out, Vibrantly Connected Kids Art Contest, and an exhibit on Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's history. For more information, visit GwinnettParks.com.

Care for your lawn and our water

During the summer, we crank up our lawnmowers and grass clippings fly. These clippings can be a great source of nutrients for your lawn to help save fertilizer costs, but it's important to keep these clippings out of our storm drains. Anything that enters a storm drain will eventually end up in our waterways. This means that if you dump or blow grass clippings into a storm drain, you could be contributing pollution to our waterways. The nutrients in the grass clippings can lead to excessive growth of algae, which can harm aquatic life in our rivers, lakes, and streams.



Instead, leave grass clippings in your yard where these nutrients can return to the soil or compost them. For more information on protecting our waterways, visit Gwinnetth2o.com/GetEducated.

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