

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

July 19, 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:

- Board of Commissioners sets 2023 millage rate
- Gwinnett County awarded federal grant to improve rail crossings
- Planning and Development to host land use community workshops in July

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

### Board of Commissioners adopts millage rate for 2023

On Tuesday, the Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, the schools and cities. One mill equals a dollar tax per thousand dollars of assessed property value. Most homeowners in Gwinnett benefit from the Value Offset Exemption, which means they will not see an increase in the county government portion of their tax bill.

Before holding the vote, the commissioners took public comments at three public hearings and online. Details on the [2023 millage rates](#) and additional information about [how property taxes are calculated](#) are available on the County's website.

### Dog adoptions suspended at the animal shelter until July 26



The [Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center](#) has suspended dog adoptions and dog intakes through **Wednesday, July 26** 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, and the center will still intake cats and injured dogs.

For more information, visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#).

### Commissioner Carden to host last district town hall

Commissioner Kirkland Carden will host his second town hall to discuss a range of topics impacting residents in District 1, including the millage rate, public safety, transportation, and more.

The town hall takes place on **Thursday, July 20** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at [Shorty Howell Park Community Recreation Center](#) in Duluth.



## Join us for an interactive workshop on community improvements



Gwinnett Planning and Development is hosting the Daily Community Café workshops in preparation for the 2045 Unified Plan. Please join us for the next workshop on **Thursday, July 20 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at the Dacula Park Activity Building in Dacula. Attendees will be able to share their thoughts about where they live, work, visit, or relax within the county. The next land use community workshops will take place on **Wednesday, July 26 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at the [Lawrenceville Senior Center](#) and on **Thursday, July 27 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at The Water Tower at 2500 Clean Water Court in Buford.

All events are free and open to the public. To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan and upcoming events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](http://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).

## Household Hazardous Waste Day set for July 22

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day takes place on **Saturday, July 22 from 8:00am to 11:00am** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. 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 [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org).



## Shape the future of transit in Gwinnett



Don't forget to tell us your thoughts about Gwinnett's Transit Development Plan! Please take a short, [five-minute survey](#) to share your thoughts on how we can improve transit for tomorrow.

The survey will be available until **Sunday, July 23**. The plan will help us develop transportation options that meet the needs of our county now and in the future.

## Stay safe by the pool with these essential tips

Having an at-home swimming pool can be convenient during the summer, but it could also increase the risk of children drowning.

Before you dive in, refresh yourself on these pool safety tips:

- Lock all gates and doors to limit access to backyard swimming pools
- Be sure to use a pool cover when the pool is not in use
- All children should be supervised in the pool area
- Separate the deep and shallow ends of the pool with a float-line
- Be sure all rescue equipment is stored in reach
- Post emergency numbers by the telephone
- Cover all drains and vents to prevent entangling of the hair or body
- Designate an adult to watch the children during gatherings



- Teach children to swim at a young age and remind them of the dangers of swimming unsupervised

For more water safety tips, visit [SafeKids.org](https://www.SafeKids.org).

## Summer outdoor burn ban still in place



The annual ban on outdoor open burning is in place until **September 30**. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has identified outdoor open burning as a significant contributor to the pollutants that form ozone in the air we breathe. The ban prohibits residents and businesses from outdoor burning in accordance with state rules to prevent unhealthy levels of ozone. This is in addition to the year-round ban established by local ordinance on the burning of solid waste or household garbage.

For additional information on outdoor burning in Gwinnett County, visit [the outdoor burning information page](#) or contact the Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4980.

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