**August 16, 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.

<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:

- Learn about the Piedmont Pathway
- Small Business Grant applications open September 5
- Apply for the Citizens Fire Academy
- New Ride Gwinnett routes and services coming August 28

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

## Apply for a small business grant starting September 5



Gwinnett County is helping small businesses impacted by COVID-19 find relief. The Board of Commissioners received \$181 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and allocated \$6 million of the funds to help small business owners.

If your business has experienced income loss or increased costs while continuing business during the pandemic, you might be legible for this relief. Funds will be awarded based on the number of employees, gross revenue, total applicant COVID-19 impact, and more. Applications will be available

online Tuesday, September 5. To apply and learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant.

#### Help us plan for the future of Gwinnett

If you missed the 2045 Unified Plan summer events, there are still opportunities to share your ideas for improving our communities in Gwinnett! Give your opinion on <a href="Housing and Small-Scale Economic Development">Housing and Small-Scale Economic Development</a>, Sustainable <a href="Infrastructure">Infrastructure</a> and <a href="Transportation">Transportation</a>, and <a href="Redevelopment and Community Resources">Redevelopment and Community Resources</a> in Gwinnett.

You can also share your preferences on your idea <u>Daily</u> <u>Community</u>, which includes housing types, mobility and

transit, and economic development where you live. Stay tuned for more details about engagement opportunities this fall starting in September. To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan, visit <a href="mailto:GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan">GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan</a>.



## **Download the Ride Gwinnett app for microtransit**



Ride Gwinnett is expanding service to include microtransit, an on-demand shared-ride service!

Download the Ride Gwinnett app from the Apple App or Google Play stores to explore the new service, and get ready to book your ride starting August 28.

Microtransit will operate in Snellville and Lawrenceville Monday to Saturday from 6:00am to 8:00pm. Rides must begin and end within the designated zone. Fares are \$3 per ride and can be paid using the Ride Gwinnett app or with exact change. Learn more at <a href="RideGwinnett.com">RideGwinnett.com</a>.

## Share your input on risks for natural disasters in your area

Are you concerned about the risks of natural disasters in your area? The Gwinnett Office of Emergency Management invites you to take the <a href="Hazard Mitigation Survey">Hazard Mitigation Survey</a> to share your hazard and disaster concerns. Your feedback will be used to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies natural hazards, risks, and mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate future losses resulting from those hazards.

For more information about the Office of Emergency Management's mitigation efforts,

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#### **Property tax bills coming in August**



Property tax bills should arrive to your mailbox by mid-August. Even if you sold a property this year, you will still receive a tax bill, as required by law. This is because taxes are calculated based on the ownership status on January 1, and the owner at that time is responsible for the full amount. Typically, taxes are paid on time and the responsibility transfers seamlessly to the new owners. However, if it doesn't happen, sellers may face tax liens placed on the property. To protect yourself as a seller, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Sold.

# Assessors' Office to conduct onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett County, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs. Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at the property before beginning a review.

If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions or concerns, email <a href="mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com">Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com</a> or call 770.822.7200.



## Construction to begin on Collins Hill Road



Construction on Collins Hill Road will begin mid-September to reduce traffic congestion near Georgia Gwinnett College and downtown Lawrenceville. The project includes lane additions and the installation of a 12-foot-wide multi-use path. Temporary lane closures may happen during construction.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-2024. Visit GwinnettTransportation.com to learn more.

## Keep children safe while walking

More than 40 children are hit by vehicles every day in the United States. As the school year gets underway, help prevent tragedies by teaching your child about pedestrian safety. Share these important tips with your child to keep them safe as they walk to school or the bus stop:

- Walk on the sidewalk and cross at street corners using crosswalks
- Stop before crossing the street and obey all traffic signals
- Wear bright colors to be seen at night
- Watch for vehicles backing out of driveways
- Do not play in the street





## Visit our website, social media for latest news

To stay updated with the latest news from the County, visit our website <u>GwinnettCounty.com</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @GwinnettGov.



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