

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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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.

[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:

- Gwinnett hits population of one million
- Spalding Drive widening completed
- Annual Public Safety Fall Festival returns
- Attend the African Immigrant Heritage Celebration September 8

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

Gwinnett residents help shape County's future

A team of residents will weigh in on County government priorities before the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners propose the 2024 budget. Gwinnett County department directors and elected officials are presenting their 2024 business plans to a [Citizens Budget Review Team](#) this week. Following the series of presentations, Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson and the group will evaluate the needs of the departments and agencies that provide services to Gwinnett residents and businesses. From there, the team will recommend funding priorities from the viewpoint of a resident.



Recordings and on-demand video of the budget presentations are being shared on the [County's website](#) following each day's presentations. The business plans will also be available on the County's government access channel [TV Gwinnett](#).

Gwinnett Small Business Grant applications open September 5

Gwinnett small business owners can begin applying online for the Gwinnett Small Business Grant on **Tuesday, September 5**. The Board of Commissioners allocated \$6 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to finance the program.



If your business has experienced income loss or increased costs while continuing business during the pandemic, you might be eligible for this relief. Funds will be awarded based on the number of employees, gross revenue, total applicant COVID-19 impact, and more. To apply and learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant.

Public Safety Fall Festival returns to Coolray Field

Get to know our first responders at the Public Safety Fall Festival. Join Gwinnett police officers and firefighter-paramedics at this year's Public Safety Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Coolray Field. This family-friendly event features giveaways, food trucks, touch-a-truck experiences with SWAT vehicles, fire trucks, and more.

Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. For more information about the 2023 Public Safety Fall Festival, contact MPO Tebin Clack at Tebin.Clack@GwinnettCounty.com.



Ride Gwinnett launches microtransit and two local routes



Gwinnett expanded the reach of its Ride Gwinnett transit service with the launch of microtransit plus two new local routes. Microtransit — an on-demand, shared-ride service — allows customers to request a shuttle from the [Ride Gwinnett app](#). The service is currently available within the designated zones in Snellville and Lawrenceville and operates Monday through Saturday from 6:00am to 8:00pm.

Route 25 services parts of Duluth, Lilburn, and Stone Mountain, and Route 70 provides service to the Snellville area. Visit RideGwinnett.com for more information and to download the Ride Gwinnett app for microtransit.

Officials celebrate widening of Spalding Drive

Officials from Gwinnett County and the cities of Peachtree Corners and Sandy Springs celebrated the [completion of the Spalding Drive widening project](#) from Winters Chapel Road to State Route 140. The project widened the segment of Spalding Drive from a two-lane to a four-lane road with a center turn lane, added nearly 3,000 feet of a new 10-foot-wide multiuse path, and replaced the existing bridge over Crooked Creek.

The project was achieved through a regional partnership between Gwinnett County, the State Road and Tollway Authority, the city of Peachtree Corners, and the city of Sandy Springs. Construction on the project began in spring 2020 and was funded in part by Gwinnett County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.



Gwinnett Police welcomes 31 new officers during 116th Police Academy graduation

The [116th Police Academy](#) graduated August 24 in a ceremony attended by family, friends, and supporters at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. During the ceremony, Gwinnett Police welcomed 31 new officers to its ranks. The 116th academy class exemplifies diversity that embodies Gwinnett's mission of delivering superior services to its vibrantly connected community. Graduates of the 116th academy speak more than a dozen different languages ranging from

Creole, Swahili, Arabic, Russian French, Korean, Spanish, German, and Ukrainian.



As part of the academy, graduates completed a 408-hour training course required by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council. Gwinnett Police also administers an additional 400 hours of training in pursuit of the highest caliber officers.

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 to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. Learn more at StayCovered.GA.gov.



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