

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

September 14, 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:

- Application now open for Small Business Grant
- Construction to begin on Collins Hill Road
- New speed cameras in five school zones
- A look at Gwinnett's newest series, Upfront Gwinnett: Fighting Fentanyl

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

### Dog park dedicated in honor of fallen SWAT K9

Gwinnett officials dedicated the Graves Park dog park to fallen SWAT K9 Blue. K9 Blue was Gwinnett Police's first canine assigned full-time to the SWAT Unit. He was shot and killed on September 10, 2020, while tracking suspects who fled a stolen vehicle in Norcross. Upon locating one suspect in the woods, K9 Blue was fatally wounded as officers issued commands and the suspect opened fire.

Along with tracking wanted individuals, K9 Blue served high-risk warrants, assisted with apprehending barricaded suspects, conducted building searches, and found evidence and lost property. In Blue's honor, permanent signage is now placed at the entrance of the dog park, located within the park's 70 acres.



### Gwinnett Small Business Grant application now open

Gwinnett County is now accepting applications for the [Gwinnett Small Business Grant](#), a program that provides financial assistance to small businesses that were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants must present verification of their business license and payroll records, as well as documentation of COVID-19's impact on their business. For those interested, eligibility pre-screening is available to verify qualification before



applying. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SmallBusinessGrant](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/SmallBusinessGrant) to apply.

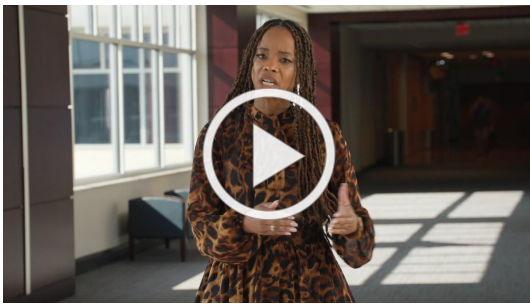
## The Public Safety Fall Festival returns this weekend

Join Gwinnett police officers and firefighter-paramedics at the Public Safety Fall Festival this **Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Coolray Field! The 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](mailto:Tebin.Clack@GwinnettCounty.com).



## Watch Breanna's Story on Upfront Gwinnett: Fighting Fentanyl



Upfront Gwinnett is a new in-depth video series focusing on issues impacting the county. On the first episode of [Upfront Gwinnett: Fighting Fentanyl](#), a Gwinnett mom invited us into her home to share how the lethal drug damaged her family forever.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid drug and is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Tasha Edwards is now advocating against the drug following her daughter Breanna's death.

## Visit 4-H Farm Friends at the fair

Learn about life on the farm inside the Big Red Barn at the annual 4-H Farm Friends exhibit at the Gwinnett County Fair! Get up close and personal with rabbits, goats, and sheep, and try "milking" Daisy, the wooden sawhorse cow! There's something for everyone, including 30-minute group tours available weekdays from 9:30am to 11:30am.

The exhibit runs from **Thursday, September 14 through Sunday, September 24** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. To learn more, visit [GwinnettExtension.com](https://www.gwinnettextension.com).



## Construction on Collins Hill Road begins late-September



The expansion of Collins Hill Road from University Center Lane to the Lendon Connector is set to start construction later this month. The project will add two travel lanes with a center lane, install a shoulder with a curb and gutter, and include a new 12-foot-wide multiuse path. The project aims to reduce traffic congestion near Georgia Gwinnett College and downtown Lawrenceville. The installation of the southbound travel lane and longer turn lane will also provide smoother access to side roads and the college entrance.

The Collins Hill Road widening project is expected to be completed and opened by mid-2024 and is

## 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 your ideal daily community, housing and small-scale economic development, sustainable infrastructure and transportation, and redevelopment and community resources in Gwinnett.

To learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan and to take these surveys, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).



## Property tax bills due October 15



The 2023 Gwinnett County property tax bills were mailed in August and are due on **October 15**. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company; however, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid.

For more information or to pay online, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay](https://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay).

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