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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:

- Gwinnett hosts inaugural Stand Down event for veterans
- Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office is hosting its Thanksgiving Food Giveaway
- 2045 Unified Plan events scheduled for this fall
- Gwinnett Corrections hosts Career Fair

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

County to honor those who served during annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Residents are invited to pay tribute to Gwinnett's veterans during the 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on **Saturday, November 11 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and County officials will provide remarks, and Army veteran and Superior Court Judge Angela Duncan will give a keynote address. The ceremony will stream live on Facebook @GwinnettGov and be available on demand at TVGwinnettLive.com following the event.



Drop off your expired medicine

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for National Drug Take Back, an initiative that allows residents to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Residents can drop off tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs this **Saturday, October 28 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at <u>police headquarters and any of our six precincts</u>



Participants will not be asked questions about their medical history or how they came into possession of the medications. To learn more, email <u>PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com</u>.

Recycle your items at America Recycles Day

Bring your hard-to-recycle items to America Recycles Day on **Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am to noon** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. Volunteers will remove items placed in disposable containers from the trunk or back seat of your vehicle. Recycling electronics is free, but there is a \$35 fee per projection or console TV, \$15 fee per flatscreen TV or computer monitor, and \$5 fee per printer.

For a full list of acceptable items, visit <u>GCSolidWaste.com</u> or call 770.822.7141. The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.



Attend the Gwinnett Corrections Career Fair



Gwinnett Corrections will host a career fair to fill several openings for Correctional Officer and Correctional Officer Senior positions. Applicants will have a chance to complete the first of two phases of the hiring process, and conditional offers of employment may be given to candidates during this event. The career fair will take place **Saturday, November 4 from 8:00am to 3:00pm** at the Comprehensive Correctional Complex located at 750 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville.

To participate in the career fair, please apply online prior to attending the event

at <u>GwinnettCounty.com/CorrectionsCareerFair</u>. New Correctional Officer hires will receive a \$4,300 hiring incentive. New Correctional Officer Senior hires with POST Certification and a year of Georgia Department of Corrections experience will receive a \$4,700 hiring incentive.

Watch the latest episode of Community Conversations

Community Conversations is an initiative that sheds light on issues that impact our vibrantly connected community. Tune in as District Attorney Patsy Austin-Gatson discusses the importance of serving on a jury, the jury selection process, and supporting victims before and after verdicts.

This episode features appearances from Assistant District Attorney Ryan Smith, Victim Witness Advocate Shenita Coward, a victim of crime, and two jurors.

Get a grant towards your first home



Are you a first-time homebuyer? You might be eligible for Gwinnett's Homestretch Down Payment Assistance Program! New or existing Gwinnett residents aspiring to own a home can receive down payment assistance of up to \$7,500 as a five-year deferred payment loan with zero percent interest. To qualify, the home must be located within Gwinnett County and should not exceed \$323,000 for an existing home or \$346,000 for new construction.



For a list of eligibility requirements, visit <u>GwinnettCounty.com/HomestretchDPA</u>.

Don't risk losing your Medicaid

Please take a moment to update your <u>Georgia Gateway profile</u> today to avoid losing coverage. The state of Georgia is now 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 your phone number or email, or simply want to double check, please visit <u>Gateway.GA.gov</u> to verify your details and stay informed about your family's Medicaid status. To learn more, visit <u>StayCovered.GA.gov</u>.



Keep kids safe this Halloween



Halloween is a time of excitement for kids, but it's important to prioritize their safety. Children are twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car walking on Halloween than any other day of the year. To ensure a safe trick-or-treating experience, encourage your little ones to follow these tips:

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- Cross the street safely, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths away from vehicle traffic.
- Slow down, stay alert, and keep an eye out for cars.
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights to make them visible to drivers, especially after dark.

You can also reduce fire hazards for your kids by opting for costumes made from nonflammable fabrics. For more holiday safety tips, visit <u>GwinnettSafety411.com</u>.

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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