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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 TV Gwinnett.



Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson extends her warmest wishes to everyone and expresses her gratitude to residents for their resiliency, unity, and determination.

#### Chairwoman Hendrickson presents 2024 proposed budget

Gwinnett County Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson presented her <u>proposed budget</u> to guide County government for the 2024 fiscal year. The proposed budget addresses needs like affordable housing and public safety, as well as challenges facing county government including hiring and retaining a qualified workforce.

A public hearing will be held on **Monday**, **December 4 at 6:30pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville for residents to address the Board of Commissioners. Residents can also <u>share their input</u> on the County's website through December 31.



#### Kick off your holidays with the Lighting of the Tree

The annual Lighting of the Tree kicks off the holiday season on **Thursday, November 23** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in downtown Lawrenceville. From **5:30pm to 8:00pm**, enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, a visit from Santa, and more. Following the event, explore the courthouse with self-guided tours and experience the magic of Santa's headquarters. Don't miss this treasured family tradition!



#### Discover joy on new Ride Gwinnett Route 50

There's a new way to get from Lawrenceville to Buford with Ride Gwinnett. <u>Route 50</u> is now in service, providing new connections from the Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride in Lawrenceville through downtown Suwanee. The route also includes connections to the Mall of Georgia, the Exchange at Gwinnett, and Coolray Field.

Visit <u>RideGwinnett.com</u> to explore the new route and take your next trip.



## Join us for the 2045 Unified Plan events!



Gwinnett Planning and Development has added new dates to its fall event series for the 2045 Unified Plan — a comprehensive roadmap guiding Gwinnett's development over the next decades. Upcoming events will be held for residents to analyze specific areas, learn about project recommendations, and share their own ideas.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 29** at OneStop Centerville in Snellville and on **December 13 and 14**at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee. For more details about the upcoming events, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan.

#### Gwinnett hosting several poll official hiring events

Citizens who want to be involved in the electoral process are invited to attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming <u>poll official hiring events</u>. The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds — including Spanish-English bilingual speakers — who want to gain valuable work experience and earn up to a \$390 stipend per election. During the event, attendees must complete an I-9 form and bring the required original identification documents for verification.



# Gwinnett organiza varios eventos de contratación para trabajadores electorales

Los ciudadanos que quieran participar en el proceso electoral están invitados a asistir a uno de los próximos <u>eventos de contratación de trabajadores electorales</u> del condado de Gwinnett. La División de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, incluidos los hablantes bilingües en español e inglés, que quieran adquirir una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar un estipendio de hasta \$390 por elección. Durante el evento, los asistentes deberán completar un formulario I-9 y traer los documentos de identificación originales requeridos para su verificación.

#### Learn more about the Water Resources Assistance Program

Gwinnett Water Resources partners with various organizations to provide plumbing services, septic system repair, and water-saving appliances to Gwinnett residents through the Water Resources Assistance Program. To be



eligible for WRAP, homeowners must live in Gwinnett County and own the home where the work will occur.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and to apply, visit <u>GwinnettCounty.com/PaymentAssistance</u>. Customer advocates are also available to help you through the application process. Contact a customer advocate at <u>WRAP@GwinnettCounty.com</u> or call 678.376.6800.

## Get a grant toward 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 \$10,000 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 GwinnettCounty.com/HomestretchDPA.



#### Lend a helping hand at a warming station



Gwinnett County has opened <u>five warming stations</u> for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from longterm exposure to forecasted temperatures of 35 degrees and below. When activated, warming stations are operational from 6:00pm to 7:00am, allowing residents to warm up, eat a meal, and get some rest.

Volunteers are needed to assist staff with organizing checkin materials, greeting participants, monitoring program areas, helping with set-up/break down, and other related station tasks. To volunteer, visit <u>VolunteerGwinnett.net</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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