

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

December 6, 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:

- Learn about the 2024 proposed budget
- SR 124/Braselton Highway widening from Pine Road to Spout Springs Road
- Volunteers needed for warming stations
- Apply for the Homestretch Down Payment Assistance Program

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

### Attend a poll official hiring event

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. Become a poll official at an upcoming hiring event on **Monday, December 18 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** at the [Dacula Park Activity Building](#). During the event, attendees must complete an I-9 form and bring the required original identification documents for verification.

#### Asista a un evento de contratación para trabajadores electorales

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. Conviértete en un trabajador electoral en un próximo evento de contratación el **Lunes 18 de Diciembre de 4:00pm a 7:00pm** en el [Dacula Park Activity Building](#). Durante el evento, los asistentes deberán completar un formulario I-9 y traer los documentos de identificación originales requeridos para su verificación.



### Envision the future of Gwinnett!

If you missed the 2045 Unified Plan fall community events, there are still opportunities to share your feedback! Gwinnett Planning and Development is concluding its public



engagement efforts for the 2045 Unified Plan — a comprehensive roadmap guiding the county's development over the next decades.

The final events will be held on **Wednesday, December 13** and **Thursday, December 14** at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lecture Hall D in Suwanee where residents can analyze specific areas, learn about project recommendations, and contribute their own ideas. To get involved and learn more about the 2045 Unified Plan, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).

## Gwinnett Police hosting annual toy drive

Gwinnett Police's third annual [Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive](#) is underway, and you have a chance to help make this holiday season extra special for local children! The department is accepting toy donations for children ages 3 to 15 until **Friday, December 15**. Donations can be dropped off at [Gwinnett Police Headquarters](#) or any [precinct](#) lobby near you.

For more information about the Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive and how you can help support our efforts, email [PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com).



## Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center wins Support System Award



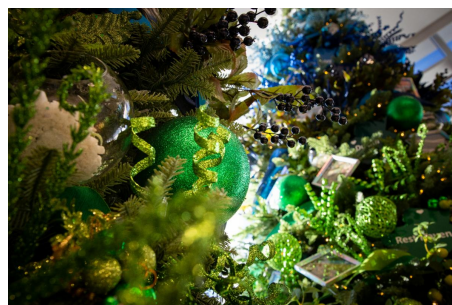
The [Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center](#) recently won the Support System Award at the Gwinnett Chamber's annual Small Business Awards held at 12Stone Church in Lawrenceville. The center was among ten winners out of 100 finalists for exceptional business practices and entrepreneurial excellence.

Since its establishment in 2021, the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center has supported hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in Gwinnett through classes and networking opportunities. Located at 405 North Perry Street

in downtown Lawrenceville, the center stands as a collaborative effort between Gwinnett County Government and Georgia Gwinnett College.

## Holiday performances at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center

You are invited to participate in one of Gwinnett's favorite holiday traditions! Student choirs from several Gwinnett County schools will visit the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville to spread holiday cheer. If you're unable to [attend the performances in person](#), you can view them live on [TVGwinnett](#), the County's government access cable television.



## Volunteer at Gwinnett's warming stations



Gwinnett County has opened five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term 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 and organize check-in materials, greet participants, monitor program assets, help with setup/break down, and other related station tasks. To volunteer, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://VolunteerGwinnett.net).

## Share your input in the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study!

Are you concerned about safety and connectivity in southwest Gwinnett? There's still time to share your feedback! The Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study aims to enhance safety and connectivity for those who walk, bike, and ride transit in the study area. Participate in the study by **Friday, December 15** by visiting [GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessSurvey](https://GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessSurvey).



## Deck the halls safely for the holidays



Holiday decorations are a joy for many during the season, but it's crucial to be aware of potential fire hazards. Every year during the holiday season, fires injure more than 2,600 people and cause millions of dollars in property damage. No matter your décor choices, it's essential to follow the manufacturer's instructions. The following tips will help make the holiday season a safe and enjoyable time for the whole family:

- Maintain your holiday lights
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets
- Never leave holiday lights on unattended
- Water your live tree and check for freshness daily
- Use nonflammable decorations

Visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://GwinnettSafety411.com) to find more [safety tips for the holidays](#).

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