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Chairwoman delivers State of the County Address

In her fourth State of the County address, County Commission Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson reflected on the County's progress toward ensuring Gwinnett is a community where opportunity thrives.

Hendrickson cited how the County maintains its Triple AAA/Aaa bond rating, while making historic investments in affordable housing, infrastructure, and human services intended to remove barriers for residents and businesses alike. She also noted the Board's intention to call for a transit referendum that would give Gwinnett residents the opportunity to vote on the issue of the future of mobility this November. In closing, Hendrickson challenged the audience to take the first step toward the doorway of opportunity that is open for everyone.

To watch the address and to learn more about Gwinnett's 2023 accomplishments and 2024 vision, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SOTC.



AROUND GWINNETT

Multicultural Festival returns May 18

Join us on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall for the 10th annual Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House! Residents of all ages can enjoy a fun-filled day with cultural performances from around the globe, bounce houses, carnival rides, touch-a-truck with public safety vehicles, and more. For more information, email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.442.6520.

Vote in the General Primary Election

The General Primary Election Day is on Tuesday, May 21. Voters can cast their ballots in advance in person from April 29 to May 17 at the Voter Registrations and Elections office and other voting locations. The 10 advance polling locations will be open every day, including weekends, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Voters may request an absentee by mail ballot for the May 21 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election now through May 10. For more information, visit GwinnettElections.com.

Vota en las Elecciones Primarias Generales

El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales es el Martes 21 de Mayo. Los votantes pueden emitir su voto por adelantado en persona del 29 de Abril al 17 de Mayo en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones y en otros lugares de votación. Los 10 lugares de votación adelantada estarán abiertos todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto en ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales Primarias y No Partidistas del 21 de Mayo desde ahora hasta el 10 de Mayo. Para más información, visite GwinnettElections.com.

County to host Memorial Day Ceremony

Join us to pay tribute to our fallen military heroes at Gwinnett County's annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27. The event will take place on the grounds of the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

How do you dispose of household hazardous waste?

We all have products in our home that can make our daily activities more efficient or convenient. However, many of these items, like batteries, paint, automotive fluids, and pesticides, can leach contaminants into waterways, harming wildlife and damaging ecosystems if disposed of improperly. Protect your health and our environment with these safe and sustainable ways to dispose of household hazardous waste:

- Never dump household waste down a storm drain.
- Recycle automotive fluids.
- Make paint solid using cat litter.
- Bring waste to one of Gwinnett's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Find the next event at Gwinnett2o.com/GetInvolved.

Protect your water quality and save money

Join us on Wednesday, May 8 to learn how to create your own rain garden at the Rain Garden workshop from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Gwinnett Technical College in Lawrenceville. Then, join us virtually from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to learn about indoor and outdoor water conservation practices on Thursday, May 16.

To register, visit Gwinnett2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Seniors may qualify for emission exemptions

If you are age 65 or older, a registered owner of a vehicle with a model year of 2014 or older, and drive less than 5,000 miles a year, you may be eligible for an emission inspection exemption. For more information and to apply, visit CleanAirForce.com or a Gwinnett tag office. Visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Locations to find a location near you.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Avoid burns and scalds at home

Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries. They can be painful and are often caused by hot liquids or steam. By taking preventive measures, you can avoid these kinds of injuries. Keep your family safe with these helpful scald prevention safety tips:

- Ensure the water temperature is just right.
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or follow the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Consider installing anti-scald devices in water faucets and showerheads to avoid potential burns.
- Check the water temperature with your wrist or elbow before bathing your baby.

Remember, if you get burned, treat it immediately and seek medical help if needed. For more safety tips, please visit GwinnettSafety411.com.



SPLOST

New Sensory Treehouse opens in Buford

County leaders joined together to open the new Sensory Treehouse at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in March. Made of weathering Corten steel, this treehouse offers a unique experience for people with mobility disabilities to enjoy the tree canopy. It features a 340-foot accessible steel walkway with three expanded nodes, surrounded by a viewing and activity platform and a high-hanging hammock.

After years of planning, the updated Blue Planet film debuted at the Sensory Treehouse, emphasizing environmental education and sustainability. The \$4.7 million total cost of the treehouse and film projects were funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Get a free recycling cart!

Did you know unincorporated Gwinnett County residents can request a recycling cart? Gwinnett Solid Waste offers this resource to those currently receiving trash services. If you're interested in curbside recycling services, order your free 65-gallon recycling cart by visiting GCSolidWaste.com.



SERVING GWINNETT

Become a firefighter/paramedic

Mark your calendars! Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services is hosting its hiring event on Tuesday, May 28 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Fire Training Academy. Skip the line and apply in advance at GwinnettFireJobs.com. The Fire Training Academy is located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula.

Tax Assessors' Office issues Real Estate Property Annual Notices of Assessment

Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notices of Assessment for 2024 will be mailed in April and can also be downloaded from the Tax Assessors' website at Gwinnett-Assessor.com. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2024. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT-311A form online or by mail. Mailed forms must be received or postmarked within 45 days of the date of your notice. It is suggested if mailing to send the documents by a trackable method to confirm delivery. For questions, call 770.822.7200.

County offices closed for Memorial Day

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 28. Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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