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Commissioners adopt the 2045 Unified Plan

On February 20, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2045 Unified Plan, a comprehensive road map guiding Gwinnett's development through the year 2045.

With a core focus on accommodating the county's growing population, the 2045 Unified Plan preserves Gwinnett's high quality of life while promoting intentional and community-beneficial development. It was developed using stakeholder and community input for its recommendations and tackles key issues related to land use, economic development, housing, transportation, sustainable infrastructure, and community resources.

The plan also comprises actionable goals, strategies, priorities, and implementation to guide elected officials, County staff, and other leaders as they work to improve Gwinnett for all its residents.

The 2045 Unified Plan works in tandem with the County's recent Comprehensive Housing Study and the ongoing Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan to learn more about the plan.

AROUND GWINNETT

Board approves notice of intent to call for a transit referendum

The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a notice of intent to call for a referendum, a crucial step to improve mobility around Gwinnett. As outlined in Georgia law, this action is required before the Board can officially call for a transit referendum to be placed on the 2024 November ballot. The Transit Plan, approved last year, aims to expand the County's current transit system, Ride Gwinnett. This plan provides 100 percent transit coverage across the county, including two connections from Gwinnett County to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and expansion of the system's shared-ride service. It also proposes a shift in the County's current mobility funding model to a one percent dedicated sales tax. To learn more about the plan and additional projects, visit GwinnettCounty.com/TDP.

Apply for the Gwinnett Youth Commission

Get an inside look at Gwinnett County Government, interact with local leaders, and receive community leadership training this summer through the Gwinnett Youth Commission. This year-long program includes an eight-week summer training session and focuses on personal and professional development, public service, and more. To be considered for this upcoming term, rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors must apply by Friday, April 5. There is no cost to participate in this program. Visit GwinnettYouthCommission.com for more information and to apply.

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. 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 state appeal form to the Tax Assessors' Office or by visiting Gwinnett-Assessor.com.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Save on your water bill with a rebate

Ever experienced an unexpected spike in your water bill? It's likely caused by leaks in your home.

Fortunately, some smart technology devices can alert you to problems so you can act quickly to help prevent severe damage and high bills.

Gwinnett Water Resources is participating in the Smart Leak Detection Device Rebate Program, which offers a rebate of \$50 to \$100 on the purchase price of a smart leak detection device. For qualifications and to apply, visit Gwinnetth2o.com.

Discover ways to manage household hazardous waste

Join us at the Household Hazardous Waste workshop on Thursday, April 18 to learn about recycling, reducing, storing, and disposing of household hazardous waste from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Snellville branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library.

To register, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com and provide your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Apply by April 1 for a homestead exemption

Did you know that having a homestead exemption can reduce your property taxes? If you own and occupy a home in Gwinnett as your primary residence as of January 1, you may qualify for an exemption this year. Visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](https://www.gwinnettx.com/Apply) by April 1 to apply. If you already have an exemption, you do not need to reapply.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keep your kids safe in traveling vehicles

Car safety seats provide protection for children in a crash and reduce the risk of death. It's important to know how to properly install a car seat in a vehicle.

Remember, as children grow, how they sit in your car will change. Choose and install the right seat for your child with these helpful tips:

- Find a car seat that fits your child
- Ensure the car seat is the right fit for your vehicle
- Install your car seat correctly every time

Gwinnett Police provides car seat checks at Central Precinct, while Fire and Emergency Services offers countywide checks during scheduled events or by appointment at Fire Headquarters. To schedule an appointment, call 678.518.4845 or 678.442.6520. For more car seat safety tips, visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://www.gwinnettsafety.com).



SPLOST

County to break ground at Singleton Park

Commissioners gave the green light to build Singleton Park and Greenway in unincorporated Norcross. The new 1.58-acre park will meet the community's diverse needs and preferences with recreational and accessibility features, including open leisure spaces, a playground, a multimodal trail, shade structures, and a Ride Gwinnett stop.

F.S. Scarborough LLC was awarded the contract. The \$6.3 million project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, a Governor's Office grant, 2017 SPLOST programs, and a CARES Act Community Development Block Grant. Visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](https://www.gwinnettsplost.com) to learn more about SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Drop off your expired medication

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 on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at police headquarters and any of our six precincts. To learn more, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

SERVING GWINNETT

Recycle your used items for Earth Day

Have some hard-to-recycle items? Join us — rain or shine — at Gwinnett's annual Earth Day recycling event on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Each year, Gwinnett Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful join the global community to celebrate Earth Day. Drop off items that are typically more difficult to recycle, such as electronics, latex and oil-based paints, tires, paper, and clothing. Volunteers will remove items from disposable containers in your vehicle's trunk or back seat. For a list of acceptable items and more details, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com).

Register to vote in the upcoming election

Have you registered to vote? The 2024 election season is underway, and the deadline to register to vote in the General Primary Election is April 22. The General Primary Election Day is May 21 with the runoff on June 18. Visit [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov) to check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling place.

Inscríbete para votar en la próxima elección

¿Se ha inscrito para votar? La temporada electoral de 2024 está en marcha y la fecha límite para inscribirse para votar en las Elecciones Primarias Generales es el 22 de Abril. El día de las Elecciones Primarias Generales es el 21 de Mayo y la segunda vuelta el 18 de Junio. Visita [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov) para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y ubicar su lugar de votación.

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