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County buys Macy's at Gwinnett Place Mall

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved the Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County's purchase of the Macy's sites at Gwinnett Place Mall for \$16.5 million. The Board also approved the issuance of bonds to fund the purchase through its Urban Redevelopment Agency.

The Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County will acquire 293,059 square feet of retail space on 23 acres of the Gwinnett Place Mall site, including the Macy's department and furniture stores. These stores will be leased back to Macy's, allowing them to continue operations through early 2025. This follows the agency's initial purchase of a 39-acre portion of the mall in 2021, bringing their total ownership to 76 acres.

The County anticipates opening its search for a development partner for the Gwinnett Place Mall site by the first quarter of 2025. To learn more, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/GwinnettPlaceMall.



AROUND GWINNETT

County to install additional Flock Safety cameras

The Board approved the purchase of 40 additional Flock Safety cameras to help Gwinnett Police solve crimes and protect the community. Functioning as license plate readers, these cameras will be used by Gwinnett Police for real-time monitoring and data processing.

The \$225,300 contract was awarded to Flock Group Inc. and is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Governor's Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.

Tax Assessors' Office to conduct onsite property field visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors' appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs. Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at each property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. For questions or concerns, email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7200.

Winter break camp registration is now open

Need some play dates for the kids over winter break? Sign them up for winter break camp! We have a variety of action-packed programs planned for kids ages 5 to 12 to have fun, explore new activities, and make friends.

Adventure Days Out camp is on weekdays Thursday, December 26 through Tuesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 2 through Friday, January 3 from 7:30am to 6:00pm. In December, Rhodes Jordan Park will host two, three-day sessions of Art Camp for Kids from 9:30am to 1:30pm. To learn more and register, visit GwinnettParks.com.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Flush wisely this holiday season

With the holiday season comes joy, festivities, guests, and extra pressure on your plumbing. To keep things running smoothly, only flush human waste and toilet paper.

Avoid flushing items like wipes, cotton balls, sponges, or paper towels. These items can cause clogs and blockages in the pipes and lead to environmental pollution. Remember, your toilet is not a trashcan.

Visit Gwinnett2o.com to learn more about what not to flush.

Get water services support for your home

The Water Resources Assistance Program can help Gwinnett County homeowners repair leaky faucets, upgrade appliances, and repair septic systems.

Now serving households making up to 65% of the area median income, this program is easy to apply for and can help save you money while protecting our water resources. To learn more, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Navigating your County taxes

The tax commissioner is a constitutional officer elected to bill, collect, and disburse personal and property taxes and to administer homestead exemptions. Serving also as an agent for the state of Georgia, the tax commissioner registers and titles motor vehicles and disburses associated revenue. For locations and hours, online services, and more, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com. Please note, the Tax Commissioner's Office does not assess property values. Instead, the Tax Assessors' Office in the Gwinnett County Department of Financial Services is responsible for identifying and appraising all taxable property in the county.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stay safe in the kitchen this holiday season

The holiday season is a time for festive gatherings and delicious meals. However, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Ensure your celebrations are safe and enjoyable with these essential cooking tips:

- Stay focused while cooking
- Keep the cooking area free of clutter
- Use timers as reminders to check on your dish
- Ensure your appliances are clean and in good working condition
- Install and maintain smoke alarms at home

Visit GwinnettSafety411.com for more holiday season safety tips.



SPLOST

Enhancements coming to Lakeview Road

The existing two-lane bridge over Big Haynes Creek on Lakeview Road is set for a significant upgrade. The replacement bridge will feature 12-foot-wide lanes, providing ample space for vehicles, as well as sidewalks, curb and gutter systems, and drainage improvements to ensure better water management and pedestrian safety. E.R. Snell Contractor Inc. was awarded the \$3.8 million construction contract, funded primarily by SPLOST. Learn more about how your pennies work in Gwinnett at GwinnettSPLOST.com.

RESOURCES

Stay warm during the coldest nights

Gwinnett County is opening five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term exposure to frigid temperatures. These stations will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00am on nights when temperatures fall to 35 degrees or below. Residents will have access to a warm place to rest and a meal.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations for locations and the latest activation status. To volunteer, please email OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8850.



SERVING GWINNETT

Pick up nutritious food at select parks

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on December 10 at Rock Springs Park in Lawrenceville and December 17 at Bryson Park in Lilburn from 3:00pm until supplies last. No identification is required. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/FoodResources for more information.

Learn how to use Ride Gwinnett microtransit

Need an affordable way to get around Snellville, Lawrenceville, or Norcross? Travel to your favorite local spots using Ride Gwinnett's microtransit service, which offers on-demand, shared rides for just \$3 per trip! Here's how you can use the service:

- Request your ride using the Ride Gwinnett app
- Go to your pickup location
- Step onto the shuttle
- Pay your fare and enjoy the ride

Download the Ride Gwinnett app today and get half-off your first trip with the code 500FF. To learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/Microtransit.

County offices closed for December holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday and will resume regular hours on Thursday, December 26.

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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