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Don't miss key election deadlines

Remember these important dates leading up to the November 5 General Election:

- Voter registration deadline: October 7
- Advance in-person voting: October 15 to November 1
- Absentee by mail ballot request deadline: October 25

To vote by mail, apply for a ballot at SOS.GA.gov or use the forms at GwinnettElections.com. Return your ballot by mail, in person at the Elections Office, or drop it in a secure ballot drop box. Check your voter registration status at MVP.SOS.GA.gov.

Infórmate de fechas límite clave de elecciones

Recuerde estas fechas importantes previas a las elecciones del 5 de Noviembre:

- Fecha límite de inscripción de votantes: 7 de Octubre
- Votación adelantada en persona: 15 de Octubre al 1 de Noviembre
- Fecha límite de solicitud de boleta de voto ausente por correo: 25 de Octubre

Solicita una boleta en SOS.GA.gov para votar por correo, o usa los formularios en el sitio web de GwinnettElections.com. Devuelve tu boleta por correo, en persona en la oficina de elecciones o deposítelas en un buzón seguro de boletas. Verifica el estado de tu inscripción electoral en MVP.SOS.GA.gov.

AROUND GWINNETT

Learn about Gwinnett's Transit Referendum

This upcoming General Election, voters will decide if transit projects should be funded through a dedicated Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as a Transit SPLOST. If approved by voters, a one percent sales tax would be imposed for 30 years to fund up to 75 transit projects in Gwinnett, including an airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International airport, microtransit expansion, and more. Learn more at GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Aprende sobre el referendo de transporte público de Gwinnett

En las próximas Elecciones Generales, los votantes decidirán si los proyectos de transporte público deben financiarse a través de un Impuesto sobre las Ventas de Opción Local de Propósito Especial de Tránsito, conocido como Transit SPLOST. Si los votantes lo aprueban, se impondría un impuesto sobre ventas del uno por ciento durante 30 años para financiar hasta 75 proyectos de tránsito en Gwinnett, incluyendo un servicio de transporte al aeropuerto Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta, expansión del microtransporte, entre otros. Conoce más en GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Join us in honoring our veterans

Gwinnett County will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11 to pay tribute to our military heroes. Join us at the Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. The ceremony begins at 11:00am.

Light the Great Tree on Thanksgiving night

The annual Lighting of the Tree kicks off the holiday season on Thursday, November 28 at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on the downtown square in Lawrenceville.

Following Santa's official tree lighting duties, the Courthouse will welcome visitors for self-guided tours and serve as his headquarters, offering plenty of photo opportunities.



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Save money with smart water habits

All of Gwinnett's drinking water is solely sourced from Lake Lanier, so it's important to practice daily water conservation. Reducing your water usage helps protect our water resources and saves you money on your water bill. Make small changes to the way you use water with these helpful tips:

- Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Only wash full loads of dishes and laundry
- Upgrade to WaterSense plumbing fixtures
- Check for leaks and repair them quickly

Visit Gwinnetth2o.com for more information on water conservation.

Improve the environment while cooking

Join us on Thursday, November 14 at the Norcross Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library for the Better Cooking for a Better Environment workshop. From 6:00pm to 7:30pm, you'll learn how properly disposing of fats, oils, and grease in your kitchen helps protect our outdoor water resources, with cooking and cleanup demonstrations.

To register, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.6914, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Make an appointment for in-person visits

Residents are encouraged to schedule in-person visits for title processing, tax liens, and other complex transactions. Choose your preferred location, service, date, and time, and enter your contact details by visiting GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments. Appointments can be made up to two weeks in advance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Prioritize safety this Halloween

Halloween is an exciting time for those who celebrate, but twice as many kids are killed while walking on the holiday than any other day of the year. With simple precautions, kids can stay safe. Prepare children to act safely and be alert while driving with these helpful tips:

- Cross the street safely, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Walk on sidewalks or paths
- Avoid running into the street and crossing between parked cars
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights to be visible to drivers at night
- Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods
- Reduce distractions inside your vehicle while driving

Please visit GwinnettSafety411.com for more holiday safety tips.



SPLOST

Gwinnett uses SPLOST funding to extend life of ambulances

Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services will extend the lifespan of 20 ambulances by remounting the patient transport compartment onto new frames instead of buying new units. This innovative approach not only saves an estimated 20 to 50 percent in the cost of refurbishing the ambulances, but it also promotes sustainability by reducing waste.

Life Line Emergency Vehicles was awarded two SPLOST-funded contracts totaling \$5.3 million. To learn more about how your pennies work in Gwinnett, please visit GwinnettSPLOST.com.

RESOURCES

Receive aid through Gwinnett Veteran and Family Services

Are you a veteran or family of a veteran seeking assistance? Meet with a Veteran and Family Services navigator to help you complete Veterans Administration forms, file Veterans Administration benefits and claims, and connect you to valuable resources in Gwinnett and across the region. Visit GwinnettOneStop.com to learn more.



SERVING GWINNETT

Become a firefighter/paramedic

Mark your calendars! Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services is hosting its hiring event on Friday, November 8 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.

Recycle your items at America Recycles Day

Have some hard-to-recycle items? Rain or shine, you can bring them to America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00am to noon at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. Volunteers will remove items placed in disposable containers from the trunk or back seat of your vehicle. Recycling electronics is free except for projection/console TVs (\$35), computer monitors (\$15), and printers (\$5). Visit GCSolidWaste.com or call 770.822.7141 for a full list of acceptable items.

County offices closed for November holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, November 12. Offices will also be closed November 28 and November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trash will be collected as normal throughout the holidays, except for Thanksgiving Day, when collection will be delayed. 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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