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Board keeps 2024 millage rate the same as last year

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners adopted the same general fund millage rate as last year, 6.95 mills. Prior to the vote, the Board accepted public comments at three public hearings and through the County's website.

Most homeowners in Gwinnett benefit from the Value Offset Exemption, meaning they will not see an increase in the county government portion of their tax bill. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, schools, and cities. One mill equals a dollar tax per thousand dollars of assessed property value.

Details on the 2024 millage rates and information about how property taxes are calculated are available at [GwinnettCounty.com/PropertyTaxes](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/PropertyTaxes). Property tax bills are due in October.



AROUND GWINNETT

Vote early for the General Election

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the November 5 General Election. Registered voters may vote advance in-person any day, including weekends, from October 15 through November 1, 7:00am to 7:00pm, at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and 12 other advance voting locations around the county. To find an advance voting location near you, visit [GwinnettElections.com](https://www.GwinnettElections.com).

Visit MVP.SOS.GA.gov to check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling place.

Vota por adelantado para las Elecciones Generales

Los votantes no tienen que limitarse al Día de las Elecciones para emitir su voto para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, desde el 15 de Octubre hasta el 1 de Noviembre, de 7:00am a 7:00pm en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en otros 12 lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado. Para encontrar un lugar de votación adelantada cerca de ti, visita [GwinnettElections.com](https://www.GwinnettElections.com).

Visita MVP.SOS.GA.gov para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y localizar su lugar de votación.

Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

Celebrate the contributions of our Hispanic and Latino community during Hispanic Latino Heritage Month! From September 15 through October 15, explore a self-guided exhibit highlighting the American Latino community's rich histories and culture at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium in Lawrenceville. Then, enjoy the Fiesta on the Plaza from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on October 15 with food, music, entertainment, and more. To register, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/FiestaOnThePlaza](https://www.GwinnettCounty.com/FiestaOnThePlaza).



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Keep your gutters clear and our water clean

As autumn approaches and leaves begin to fall, it's important to keep them out of storm drains, which lead directly to our local waterways. Leaves blocking storm drains can contribute to flooding in the street, increasing the risk of damage to property and infrastructure. When leaves decompose in a waterway, they release nutrients that can pose a threat to the underwater ecosystem. Avoid these issues and keep our water clean with these helpful tips:

- Avoid raking or blowing leaves into the street
- Compost fallen leaves for free fertilizer to use in your garden
- Use fallen leaves as mulch in your landscape

To learn more, visit [Gwinnett20.com](https://www.Gwinnett20.com).

Go paperless! Pay your water bill online

Registering for paperless billing is fast, free, and secure. Just create or sign into an account, select a payment method, and opt for e-bill. Each month, your bill will be sent directly to your email inbox and can be paid using a mobile device or computer. You can also set up automatic payments to ensure you never miss a due date! Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/WaterBillPay](https://www.GwinnettCounty.com/WaterBillPay) to get the convenience and efficiency of paperless billing. Make sure you keep receiving the Gwinnett County Connection newsletter by signing up at [GwinnettCounty.com/Newsletters](https://www.GwinnettCounty.com/Newsletters).

TAX COMMISSIONER

Property tax bills due October 15

The 2024 Gwinnett County property tax bills, mailed in August, are due on October 15. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company. However, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid. For more information or to pay online, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Pay.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Don't underestimate thunderstorms

Thunderstorms are extremely common in Georgia and affect relatively small areas when compared to hurricanes and winter storms. However, all thunderstorms are dangerous and shouldn't be ignored. Prepare for thunderstorms in your area with these helpful tips:

- Postpone outdoor activities
- Get inside a building
- Avoid natural lightning rods, like tall, isolated trees in open areas
- Unplug appliances and other electrical items

Visit GwinnettSafety411.com for more thunderstorm safety tips.



SPLOST

Gwinnett County's Police Headquarters is getting an upgrade

The County will use Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds for the redesign of our Gwinnett Police headquarters. The upgrades will address current and future space requirements, consolidating offsite teams and sections into a single facility. Originally built in 1977, the existing headquarters was expanded in 1988 and has undergone several reconfigurations over the years to adapt to the evolving needs of the county and the department. Precision Planning Inc. was awarded a \$5.8 million contract for design and construction, funded by SPLOST. Construction on the project, totaling approximately \$86 million, is slated to begin in 2026. To learn more about how your pennies work in Gwinnett, visit GwinnettSPLOST.com.

RESOURCES

Get assistance through OneStop 4 Help

If you are facing challenges related to hunger, health, housing, or other issues, assistance is available. Contact OneStop 4 Help and reach our community navigators, who are ready to help you. To speak to a community navigator, call 770.822.8850 or fill out a request form at GwinnettOneStop.com.



SERVING GWINNETT

Explore Gwinnett's Transit Plan

Want to learn about Gwinnett's Transit Plan and transit referendum? Residents can explore our educational hub that features a bilingual video series, proposed transit destinations, frequently asked questions about the plan, and a list of proposed transit projects. The educational hub also provides information about the transit referendum, including the question that will appear on the November 5 General Election ballot. To learn more about the plan, visit GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Explora el Plan de Transporte Público de Gwinnett

¿Quieres aprender sobre el Plan de Transporte Público de Gwinnett y el referendo de tránsito? Los residentes pueden explorar nuestro sitio web educativo que presenta una serie de videos bilingües, destinos propuestos para transporte público, preguntas frecuentes sobre el plan y una lista de proyectos de transporte público propuestos. El sitio web educativo también brinda información sobre el referéndum de tránsito, incluyendo la pregunta que aparecerá en la boleta de las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre. Para más información sobre el plan, visita GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service volunteer weekend October 18 through October 20. This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county. Register at VolunteerGwinnett.net.

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