

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

July 2024



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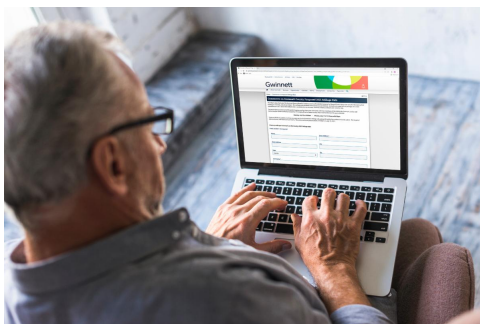
Happy Independence Day! I hope you get to spend the holiday surrounded by family and friends.

June was a busy month with various celebrations. We celebrated Flag Day on June 14 and Juneteenth on June 19. We also gathered with our vibrant LGBTQ+ community for Pride in the Park on June 29 at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville. I also had the honor and privilege of speaking to Korean War veterans at the 74th Korean War Veterans celebration.

We are not slowing down in Gwinnett and have many exciting news and events. Keep reading for more information on news and events happening across Gwinnett and in District 3.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Board of Commissioners proposes to hold millage rate steady

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general fund millage rate the same as last year at 6.95 mills. When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

Gwinnett's rollback millage rate for 2024 is calculated at 6.5 mills. The 2024 millage rate the Board of Commissioners is considering

is 6.95 mills, or .45 mills above the rollback millage rate. Therefore, state law requires commissioners to announce a property tax increase.

I invite you to share your comments during a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 16 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. You can also [submit comments online](#) regarding the proposed millage rate. For more information on the millage rate and property taxes, visit GwinnettCounty.com.

Gwinnett Police asking for school supply donations

The Gwinnett County Police Department is collecting school supplies for students during the Operation Children Thrive back-to-school supply drive through July 17. This year, there is a significant

need for backpacks, but other items, such as colored pencils, markers, pens, rulers, and notebooks, will be accepted. [Click here](#) for a full list of school supplies that are needed.

District 3 residents can drop off school supplies at the **Bay Creek Precinct located at 185 Ozora Road** in Loganville, the **East Precinct located at 2273 Alcovy Road** in Dacula, or any of the other [Police precincts](#) in the Gwinnett.



Gwinnett breaks ground on 53rd park

Discovery Park will become the 53rd addition to the award-winning Gwinnett Parks and Recreation system. Located at **the intersection of Old Norcross Road and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road**, park-goers can look forward to amenities such as a lighted multiuse trail, ball fields, an interactive fountain, and an inclusive playground for children of various ages and abilities.

The \$28 million is set to open to the public in 2026 and was funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as SPLOST. To learn more about how your pennies are working in Gwinnett, visit GwinnettSPLOST.com.

What's New in District 3



District 3 Town Hall: Fighting Fentanyl

Join me to learn how Gwinnett County Government and public health and safety partners are tackling the concerning rise in fentanyl misuse.

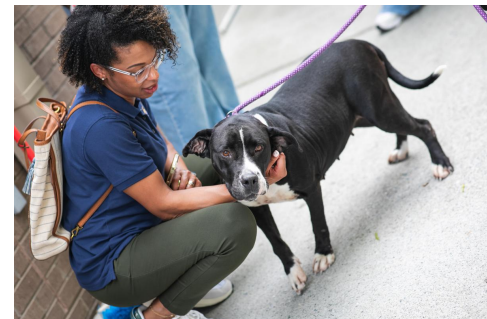
This town hall will feature a screening of the Emmy Award-winning docuseries *Upfront Gwinnett: Fighting Fentanyl*, followed by a discussion with a panel of experts. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable insights into this critical issue.

The town hall will take place on **Saturday, July 27 from 10:00am to noon at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.**

Add a furry friend to your family

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville is currently at **critical capacity**. Adoption is an exciting and fulfilling way to give a shelter dog a forever home. Before leaving the shelter, dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated.

Not sure if you are ready for a long-term commitment? Fostering is also available to provide a loving temporary home for a deserving pet and opening up space in shelters for other animals in need. For more information and to see available pets, visit GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com.



Join the discussion on short-term rentals

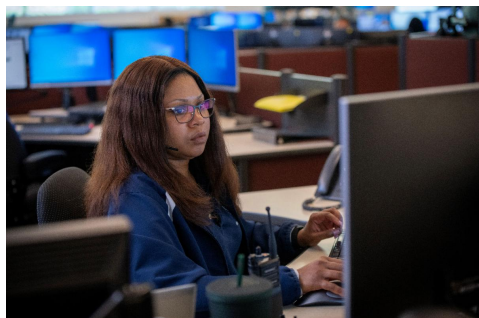
Share your voice with us! Residents are invited to join the discussion about short-term rentals in a public forum on **Wednesday, July 24 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in Conference Room 106 at One Justice Square located at 446 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

During this forum, residents can share their thoughts and suggestions to help shape our community's future. For questions, email STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com.

Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

Gwinnett is accepting applications for the next Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy. This 12-week program gives residents, students, and business owners a behind-the-scenes look at how Gwinnett County Government provides services to our residents.

Interested applicants must meet a [list of requirements](#) to participate. Applicants can [apply here](#) through **July 15**. A submitted application does not guarantee your place in the program. For more information about Gwinnett 101 Citizen Academy, please contact Community Outreach at Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com.



Gwinnett Police holding joint hiring event for 911 center and Police positions

The Gwinnett County E911 Communications Division will hold a joint hiring event with Police Officer positions on **Saturday, July 13** at the Police Training Center located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

The hiring event will complete Phase I of the recruitment process for 911 Center positions. Phase I of the hiring event involves an orientation, CitiCall simulation typing test, preliminary background investigation, and an oral interview. Those applying for Communications Officer positions are encouraged to register and

schedule an appointment in advance. The process can take several hours, and walk-ins are welcome but should arrive at 8:30am to ensure the entire process can be completed. For more information, please visit Gwinnett911Careers.com or contact Investigator Raemie Fransen at 770.513.5565 or Raemie.Fransen@GwinnettCounty.com.

Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Walk the Talk

Saturday, July 13 from 8:00am to 9:00am

Free! Hit the trail, get moving, and get informed! Take a walk with knowledgeable health professionals. Meet in front of Pavilion #1 by the playground. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Trash Regatta: Bottles to Boats

Saturday, July 13 from 10:00am to noon

Free! Join us as we turn Gwinnett County's trash into one man's treasure. The main event will be a boat race on running water. Teams will use an array of recyclable "trash", materials, and decorations to design their own floating boat and enter them into the great boat race, all while learning about the impacts of our trash on the ecosystem and how we can recycle and reuse items. Open to all ages. [Register here](#). Freeman's Mill Park, 1401 Alcovy Road, Lawrenceville.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Friday, July 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Come on out for some summer evening fun and join us for a scavenger hunt around the pavilion. Come and find out what we are discovering and be ready with closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothing. Light refreshments will be served and a small goody bag will be distributed at the end of the event. Open to ages six to 12. Fee: \$6. [Register here](#). Lenora Park Pavilion #1, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

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