

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

August 2024



Hello Silvia,

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and school is back in session.

Like many of you, we've had a busy summer. One of my favorite moments was the town hall I held on Saturday, July 27. I appreciate the residents and the panel of experts who attended to lead the conversation about the dangers of fentanyl that we are currently facing. We're one team, and I believe we can prevent an increase in fentanyl misuse and overdoses if we work together.

If you missed the town hall, you don't have to worry. You can catch up on the discussions and valuable information shared by [watching it on YouTube](#).



I also enjoyed spending time with our community at the Back To School Health Fair hosted by the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services in Lawrenceville. The event featured free immunizations, dental and vision checks, school supplies, and more!



Keep reading below for more exciting events happening across Gwinnett in August.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

**Board of Commissioners holds general millage rate steady**



The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners adopted the same millage fund rate as last year of 6.95 mills. The 2024 total property tax millage rate for property owners in unincorporated Gwinnett will be 14.71 mills. The millage rates for special service districts and countywide levies for recreation and economic development also remain unchanged from last year. Millage rates for service districts in Gwinnett are based on property location and county services provided, such as police, fire, and emergency medical services and code enforcement.

The Tax Commissioner's Office **will mail property tax bills this month, with payments due in October.** Property owners or

mortgage lenders can make payments by mail, online, in person at the main tax office, or by using one of the special drop boxes located at tag offices. Details on the 2024 millage rate and additional information about property taxes can be [found here](#).

### Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant applications now open

Gwinnett is accepting applications for the [Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant](#) to provide financial assistance to nonprofits negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In alignment with the County's Human Services Strategic Plan, funding will be awarded to organizations providing services in food security, housing, health and wellness, youth, literacy, learning, and cross-cutting barriers to access like transportation or culturally or linguistically responsive services.



Nonprofits can apply for either **capital support**, which focuses on projects that improve capacity by fulfilling a capital need, such as equipment, software solutions, and vehicles, or **operational support**, which focuses on providing technical assistance and learning modules to grow the organization's capacity. Applications are open through **August 30** and can be accessed through the [grant application portal](#).



### Gwinnett to host annual Supplier Networking Event on August 14

The Gwinnett Purchasing Division will host its annual Supplier Networking Event on **Wednesday, August 14 from 8:30am to 11:00am** at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth.

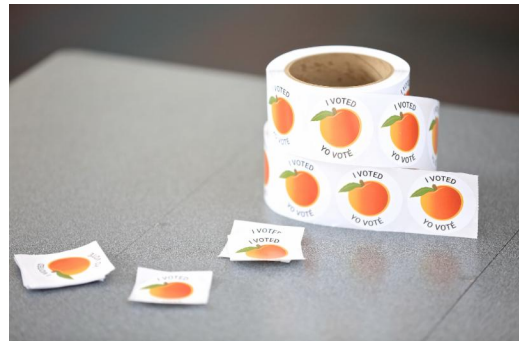
During the event, attendees can meet buyers and contracting officers from Gwinnett and other metro Atlanta agencies. County departments and procurement staff will also be available to allow potential suppliers to get acquainted with the County's procurement procedures.

All attendees are encouraged to park in Parking Deck 1. Level P3 is the closest entrance to the Gas South Convention Center. Visit the Gwinnett Purchasing website to [learn more and register](#).

### Request an absentee ballot

Are you registered to vote in the 2024 General Election but aren't able to vote in-person on Election Day? Beginning **Monday, August 19**, registered voters can request an absentee by mail ballot for the November 5 General Election through **Friday, October 25**.

For more information about absentee ballot applications, visit [GwinnettElections.com](#). To check your registration status, download a registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling place, visit [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](#).



### Solicita una boleta de voto ausente

Solicita una boleta de voto ausente ¿Está inscrito para votar en las Elecciones Generales de 2024 pero no puede votar en persona en el Día de las Elecciones? A partir del **Lunes 19 de Agosto**, los votantes inscritos pueden solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las Elecciones Generales del 5 de Noviembre hasta el **Viernes 25 de Octubre**.

Para más información sobre las solicitudes de boleta de voto ausente, visita [GwinnettElections.com](#). Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción electoral, descargar una solicitud de inscripción, ver boletas de muestra y ubicar tu lugar de votación, visita [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](#).



### Water main replacements help avoid breaks

The Department of Water Resources will begin work on water system improvement projects as part of an ongoing water main replacement program.

Just over half a mile of water mains will be replaced along Ridgedale Way and several cul-de-sacs in the Ansley Brook Subdivision located southwest of Lawrenceville at a cost of **\$1.4 million**.

Learn more about water construction projects by visiting, [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com).

### Gwinnett's population recognized in 2024 Digital Counties Survey

Gwinnett County's growing population is being recognized by The Center for Digital Governance and the National Association of Counties. Gwinnett placed 7th in the 1 Million or More Population category for the 22nd Annual Digital Counties Survey Award.

The survey identifies the best technology among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services; provide data analytics to allow decisions based on performance and outcomes; enhance cybersecurity; and apply innovative and emerging technologies to county priorities. To see a list of the top 10 winners in each of the five population categories, [click here](#).



### Enroll your kids in an afterschool program

The Building Brains Afterschool program provides a safe and fun environment where children can participate in afterschool enrichment activities in select schools throughout the county. Gwinnett County accepts Child and Parent Services assistance for several eligible programs when school is out of session. Through the CAPS program, qualified families may be able to attend at little to no cost.

For additional information about your child's school, please visit [B2Anywhere.com](http://B2Anywhere.com), call 770.904.3500, or email [B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com).

## Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

### Littlest Learners

**Friday, August 16 from 9:30am to 10:15am**

Free! Did you know that learning begins at birth? Explore alongside babies as they have fun and learn developmental skills. Open to ages 18 months and under. [Register here](#). Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

### Pollinator Painting in the Park

**Friday, August 23 from 10:00am to noon**

Paint your favorite pollinator or pollinator plant species with watercolors while learning more about these phenomenal organisms! Finish the day by helping us plant native pollinators into the ground to enrich habitats for wildlife. All painting materials will be provided, or bring your own! Resident fee: \$6. Non-resident fee: \$11. [Register here](#). Rhodes Jordan Park Clarence Haney Pavilion #1, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

### Dream Pageant

**Saturday, August 24 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Compete in a pageant for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for the dreamy title of Mr. and Ms. Special Gwinnett County or Mr. and Mrs. Special Gwinnett County Sweethearts. A reception will follow! Contestants must be 16 or older. Contestant resident fee: \$21. Contestant non-resident fee: \$41. [Contestant registration](#). Guest resident fee: \$11. Guest non-resident fee: \$21. [Guest registration](#). Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.



Jasper Watkins III, District 3 Commissioner  
Gwinnett County

---

[Jasper.Watkins@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Jasper.Watkins@GwinnettCounty.com)

Gwinnett County | 75 Langley Drive | Lawrenceville, GA 30046 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)