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Greetings!

I hope you kicked off the month enjoying the 4th of July with good food, good company and good weather!

In this newsletter you'll find a ton of opportunities to engage with your community! From a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, to a public forum discussing short-term rentals, be sure to get involved.

Lastly, it is critical that all my constituents know about the upcoming transit referendum on the November 5 General Election ballot. Voters will decide whether to fund transit projects through a dedicated Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as a Transit SPLOST. If approved, this would implement a one

percent sales tax for 30 years to support up to 75 transit projects in Gwinnett.

I am asking you to invite me to come speak to your group about it, whether it's your HOA, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, or any other group you can gather! My goal is to get a minimum of 10 people in the room. If you can't get a group that size, then reach out and I will be sure to add you to an invite list for pop up meetings as they are created.

I have some information about the transit referendum below, but for more facts and in-depth answers, please visit GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Commissioners to hold public hearing on proposed 2024 millage rate

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is considering keeping the general fund millage rate the same as last year, at 6.95 mills. The next and final public hearing for residents to comment will be on **Tuesday, July 16 at 11:00am** in the **Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium** located at **75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville**.

For 2024, Gwinnett County's rollback millage rate is calculated at 6.5 mills. The 2024 millage rate the Board of Commissioners is considering is 6.95, or .45 mills above the rollback millage rate. Therefore, state law requires commissioners to announce a property tax increase.

The millage rates will be considered during the Board of Commissioners scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00pm**.



Drop off household hazardous waste

Bring your household hazardous waste for reuse, recycling, or disposal at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event on **Saturday, July 20 from 8:00am to 11:00am** at the **Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville**.

Residents can bring up to five disposable containers of waste products like paint, motor oil, batteries, cleaning chemicals, and more.



For a complete list of acceptable waste products, visit GwinnettCB.org.

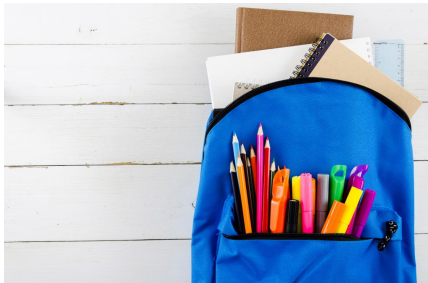
If you'd like to volunteer at this event, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.

Make an impact in your community

Share your voice with us! Residents are invited to join the discussion about short-term rentals in a public forum on **Wednesday, July 24** in Conference Room 106 at **One Justice Square**, located at **446 W Crogan Street in Lawrenceville**. From **7:00pm to 8:30pm**, residents can share their thoughts and suggestions to help shape our community's future. For questions, email STRTF@GwinnettCounty.com.



What's New in District 4



Gwinnett Police asking for donations for annual back-to-school supply drive

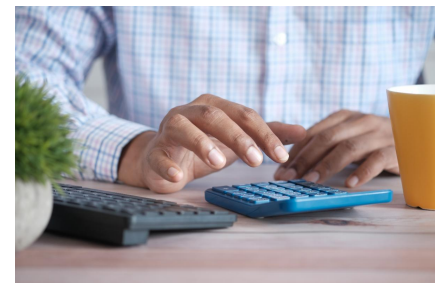
The Gwinnett Police Department is collecting school supplies for students during the Operation Children Thrive back-to-school supply drive until **July 17**. You can help our officers ensure that all students have the supplies they need to succeed in the upcoming 2024 – 2025 school year.

This year, there's a significant need for backpacks. Other items needed include colored pencils and markers, safety scissors, tissue paper [and more](#).

District 4 residents can drop off supplies at the North Precinct at **2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard in Buford**. Residents can also drop items off at Police Headquarters or [any of the six Gwinnett Police precincts around the county](#).

Property tax bills coming in August

Property tax bills should arrive in your mailbox by mid-August. Even if you sold a property this year, you will still receive a tax bill, as required by law. This is because taxes are calculated based on the ownership status on January 1, and the owner at that time is responsible for the full amount. Typically, taxes are paid on time and the responsibility transfers seamlessly to the new owners. If not, sellers may be named in tax liens placed on the property. To learn how to protect yourself as a seller, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Sold.



Transit referendum to be on General Election ballot

A transit referendum will be on the ballot for the upcoming November 5 General Election.

A Transit SPLOST aims to distribute financial responsibility more equitably among all residents, businesses, and visitors, alleviating the burden on Gwinnett's property owners. Currently, Gwinnett's transit system is funded by property owners through the County general fund, the federal government, discretionary grants, and Ride Gwinnett fares.



The transit plan includes an airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, enhanced and expanded county coverage by local bus, additional transit transfer facilities, and the expansion of microtransit providing 100 percent countywide coverage. The new transit referendum does not include heavy rail or MARTA.

The dedicated Transit SPLOST would be paid by all consumers who purchase goods in Gwinnett County. To learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide.

Special Events and Happenings

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

A Good Place for Bugs

Thursday, July 18 from 9:30am to 10:15am | Free

Insects need good homes too! Join us for storytime, STEM activities, and sensory fun! Ages 3 to 5 [Register online](#). Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

Health Hero Day!

Friday, July 26 from 9:00am to 1:00pm | Free

Be a hero with your health! Come for exciting activities, wellness tips, outdoor adventures, health screenings, resources, and family-friendly fun! Kick the new school year off right! Enjoy games, light refreshments, crafts and more! All Ages. [Register online](#). OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Splash Play Day

Friday, August 2 from 10:00am to 12:00pm | Free

Join Be Active Gwinnett for a last splash before the end of summer! Come cool off and enjoy splash pad fun with summer games, ice pops, and a water slide! All Ages. [Register online](#). E.E. Robinson Park, 885 Level Creek Road, Sugar Hill.

Back to School S.T.E.A.M.

Saturday, August 17 from 10:00am to 1:00pm | Free

Kick off the school year with science, technology, engineering, art, and math fun! All Ages [Register online](#). Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.



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