



# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with  
Commissioner  
Matthew Holtkamp



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Greetings!

Happy November! With Thanksgiving around the corner, I hope everyone has started stocking up on groceries and ingredients for those family holiday dinners.

I want to thank all the HOA and community members who invited me to come speak about the transit referendum. I enjoyed attending and hosting the numerous meetings throughout District 4. Thank you to everyone who participated and voted.

Now, we're shifting our focus to the 2025 Budget. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Chairwoman's Proposed Budget Public Hearing on December 3, 2024. I encourage you to check out the article below, which includes a link for public comments. I would appreciate you sharing your thoughts.

In other news, I joined other officials and community leaders at last month's celebration of the Mall of Georgia's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Located in Buford, the mall has been a major retail hub for Gwinnett County since it first opened August 1999.

This was a huge milestone when you consider that other malls across the state and country are struggling and, in some cases, dying. The Mall of Georgia attracts thousands of shoppers every year, and we look forward to seeing its continued success in the years to come.



## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Chairwoman Hendrickson presents proposed budget for 2025

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Hendrickson presented her proposed budget last Tuesday to guide County government spending for the 2025 fiscal year.

The proposed budget for 2025 totals to \$2.65 billion. It consists of a \$2.1 billion operating budget and a \$542 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.



Under the proposed budget, the County will enhance transportation efficiency, improve and expand water and sewer services, and implement the County's Facility Asset Management Program as part of infrastructure efforts. Initiatives that are included will advance key public safety projects such as enhancing E911 communications and introducing community service aides to support the Police department. The budget also includes the 2045 Unified Plan with a focus on redevelopment and small area plan studies, resident workforce development, and the reinforcement of the County's Equity Program.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on **December 3** in **Conference Room C of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center**. [Residents can also offer input on the County's website](#) through December 31. Commissioners will consider the 2025 budget at their first meeting of the new year on January 7.

Get your free flu and COVID vaccines



Get ready for the winter months by getting a free COVID or flu vaccine on **Friday, November 22** from **10:00am to 2:00pm** at the **Collins Hill Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library**, located at 455 Camp Perrin Road Northeast in Lawrenceville. While vaccines are free with your ID card and insurance card, a limited supply of free vaccines will be available for children under 19 with no insurance.

TRICARE, Oscar, Kaiser, and Ambetter Plus insurances are not accepted. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to receive the vaccine. To register for the event, visit the [Gwinnett County Public Library website](#).

### 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.



## What's New in District 4



### Review November 5 General Election results

The November 5 General Election took place on Tuesday, November 5. You can now review the county and statewide results, along with the results for the city of Mulberry Special Election on the [County's website](#). The results have been officially certified by the board.

### Superior Court Clerk's office launches new notification system

Gwinnett County Superior Court Clerk's office has partnered with the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority to offer the Filing Activity Notification System or FANS. The system provides Georgia citizens with tools to monitor activity regarding their property and records.

FANS is a free, voluntary, opt-in program that can be used to send electronic notifications of filing activity to individuals who create notifications in the system.

To get started, go to [FANS.GSCCCA.org](https://FANS.GSCCCA.org) and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or concerns regarding FANS, please contact the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority at 1.800.304.5174 or [Help@GSCCCA.org](mailto:Help@GSCCCA.org).



### Share your input for the Gwinnett Disparity Study

Gwinnett County Government is seeking your feedback as we embark on the County's first disparity study. In partnership with Griffin & Strong P.C., the study will evaluate potential disparities or barriers in government contracting and purchasing for small and/or underrepresented businesses.

Attend the upcoming virtual informational meeting to learn about the study and how to participate. Then, we encourage you to share your experiences, feedback, and ideas as part of the public hearing

immediately following the information session.

Join us for the virtual meeting:

- **[Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm](#)**

Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. The meeting will be recorded for analysis and posted on the study's website. For more information, email [GwinnettCountyStudy@GSPCLaw.com](mailto:GwinnettCountyStudy@GSPCLaw.com) or visit [GwinnettCountyDisparityStudy.com](https://GwinnettCountyDisparityStudy.com).

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

### Terrarium Party

**Saturday, November 16 from noon to 2:00pm**

You will be guided through making your own mini terrarium to bring a bit of green into your home. All materials will be provided. Ages 9 and up. [Register online](#). The fee is \$10.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$20.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. Bogan Park Community Recreation Center, 2723 N Bogan Road NE, Buford.

### Littlest Learners

**Friday, November 22 from 10:00am to 10:45am | Free**

Explore alongside your baby as they have fun learning important developmental skills! Ages 1 year and 6 months and under. [Register online](#). Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

### Cookies with Santa

**Saturday, December 7 from noon to 2:00pm**

Come out and spend the afternoon with Santa! Make a craft, decorate Christmas cookies, enjoy hot chocolate, take a photo, and give your wish list to the big guy himself. Ages 4 and up. [Register online](#). The fee is \$6.00 for Gwinnett residents and \$12.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. Bogan Park Community Recreation Center, 2723 N Bogan Road NE, Buford.

### Santa's Workshop & BINGO

**Monday, December 9 from 11:00am to 1:00pm | Free**

Suit up for fa-la-la-la fun and games, plus holiday treats. Bring an unwrapped toy for free entry. Ages 50 and up. [Register online](#). The fee is \$2.00 for non-Gwinnett residents. George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.



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