

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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Hello Silvia,

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community. Read this newsletter to stay up-to-date on the latest news from your County government.

[Gwinnett County Government](#) appreciates your help keeping your neighbors informed by sharing the following information through your homeowner association newsletter, website, and emails and by talking to your friends and family.

### What's new on TV Gwinnett?

Gwinnett County brings you the latest news and happenings about your community through Eye on Gwinnett, our weekly news program.



What you'll see in this episode:

- Board of Commissioners approves Opioid Abatement Advisory Committee
- Learn more about the Water Resources Assistance Program
- Help shape the future of Centerville
- Attend the annual Supplier Networking Event

Check out more videos on TV Gwinnett [Video on Demand](#).

### Gwinnett becomes first metro Atlanta gold-tier BioReady® community

At a recent Board of Commissioners meeting, Gwinnett County received a plaque for achieving gold status as a BioReady® community from Georgia Bio, the state's leading life sciences membership organization. The BioReady® program rates communities in three tiers: Bronze, Silver and Gold. These ratings assess a municipality's readiness to host biotechnology facilities based on zoning practices and infrastructure capacity, helping real estate developers and biotechnology companies find the most favorable destinations to locate.

Gwinnett is committed to fostering the biotech sector and aims to remain an ideal hub for life sciences research and development.



### Attend the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study Open House

Join us at the Lilburn Activity Building for the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study Open House! On **Thursday, August 1 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**, residents are invited to review project recommendations and share their feedback on ideas to improve safety and connectivity in the study area. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessStudy](https://GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessStudy).

The Lilburn Activity Building is located at 788 Hillcrest Road in Lilburn.



## Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant applications open August 1

Gwinnett will begin accepting applications for its [Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant](#) on **August 1**. The grant program provides financial assistance to nonprofits negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This may occur in the form of operational support or capital support. Applications can be accessed through August 30 in the [grant application portal](#), and applicants must [register with GovGrants](#) to submit an application.

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners allocated \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for Nonprofit Capacity Building. 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, and learning, and cross-cutting barriers to access like transportation or culturally and linguistically responsive services.



## 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, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway 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. To register for the event, please visit the [Purchasing Division's webpage](#). If you have any questions, please email Dana Garland at [Dana.Garland@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Dana.Garland@GwinnettCounty.com).

## Atlanta Regional Commission seeks input to update Public Participation Plan

The Atlanta Regional Commission is seeking input to inform a major update to the agency's regional public participation plan. The update is the first since 2019 and is designed to ensure that ARC's transportation planning meets the region's needs and reflects metro Atlanta's diverse population.

Residents can provide input by taking an [online survey](#), visiting the [ARC website](#), or attending [in-person events](#) in August and September to review the draft plan and offer comments.



## 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. For more information, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Property-Tax](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Property-Tax).

## 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](https://www.b2anywhere.com), call 770.904.3500, or email [B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com).



## Stay safe while walking



Help prevent tragedies by teaching your loved ones about pedestrian safety with these helpful tips:

- Follow all traffic signals
- Use sidewalks and cross at designated crosswalks
- Stop and look in both directions when crossing the street
- Always hold children's hands when crossing the street
- Avoid playing in the street
- Watch for vehicles backing out of driveways
- Wear bright clothing to be seen at night

Visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://www.GwinnettSafety411.com) for more [pedestrian safety tips](#).

## Visit our website, social media for latest news

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