

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

November 27, 2024

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 TV Gwinnett.



Bring the whole family to kick off the holiday season on Thursday, November 28 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm with the Great Tree lighting at Gwinnett Historic Courthouse! Meet Santa, then snap a holiday photo inside one of the beautifully decorated rooms.

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

### Experience holiday magic at the annual Lighting of the Tree!

Get ready to light up the night at the annual Lighting of the Tree event! Since 1987, Gwinnett County has kicked off the holiday season on Thanksgiving night, bringing the community together for a night of joy, entertainment, and dazzling lights. The 40-foot Norway Spruce, from the mountains of North Carolina, has already arrived at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, marking the beginning of our festive preparations. After its installation, County staff began decorating the Great Tree, topping it all off with a brightly lit star.

Bring the whole family for live entertainment, kids' activities, food vendors, photos with Santa, and more! The festivities will take place on the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse lawn, located at 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville on **Thursday, November 28 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. As the clock strikes 6:00pm, watch in awe as Santa lights our magnificent Great Tree. Following the annual Lighting of the Tree event, visitors can stop by the beautifully decorated Gwinnett Historic Courthouse for self-guided tours throughout the holiday season. Don't miss out on the warmth, joy, and festive spirit at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!



### County offices closed for November holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Thursday, November 28** and **Friday, November 29** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Trash collections will be made the day following the holiday. Subsequent collection during the holiday



week will take place on the day after the normal collection day.

For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](https://www.gcsolidwaste.com). A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

## Ride Gwinnett schedule for Thanksgiving holiday

Our transit system, Ride Gwinnett, will operate on a limited service schedule during the Thanksgiving holiday.

- **Wednesday, November 27:** No commuter service will run. Local, microtransit, and paratransit service will operate as normal.
- **Thursday, November 28:** No commuter, local, microtransit, or paratransit service will run.
- **Friday, November 29:** No commuter service will run. Local and paratransit service will operate on a Saturday schedule. Microtransit will operate as normal.



Visit [RideGwinnett.com](https://www.RideGwinnett.com) for more information.

## Share your input on the 2025 proposed budget



Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson presented her proposed budget to guide County government spending for the 2025 fiscal year. The proposed budget for 2025 totals \$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.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing for residents to provide comments on the budget in person on **December 3 at 6:30pm** in Conference Room C of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration

Center. You can also [give feedback](#) on the proposed budget through **December 31**. Commissioners will consider the 2025 budget at their first meeting of the new year on January 7.

## Voting in the city of Mulberry Runoff on Election Day

Election Day for the [city of Mulberry Runoff Election for Council District 5](#) is **Tuesday, December 3**. One polling location is open from **7:00am to 7:00pm** at the Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church Student Center, located at 1450 Pine Road in Dacula. You can still vote in this runoff even if you did not vote in the city of Mulberry Special Election on November 5.

For details about the city of Mulberry Runoff Election, visit the [frequently asked questions](#).



### Votación en el Desempate Electoral de la ciudad de Mulberry el Día de las Elecciones

El Día de Elecciones para la [Elección de Desempate para el Distrito 5 del Consejo de la ciudad de Mulberry](#) es el **Martes, 3 de Diciembre**. Un lugar de votación está abierto desde **7:00am a 7:00pm** en el Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church Student Center, ubicado en 1450 Pine Road en Dacula. Todavía puedes votar en esta segunda vuelta, aunque no hayas votado en la Elección Especial de la ciudad de Mulberry el 5 de Noviembre.

Para más información sobre el Desempate Electoral de la ciudad de Mulberry, visita las [preguntas más frecuentes](#).

## Pick up nutritious food at select parks

Our convenient and flexible mobile food distribution is available



twice a month at select park locations. Join us to pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on **Tuesday, December 10** at Rock Springs Park, located at 550 Rock Springs Road in Lawrenceville, and **Tuesday, December 17** at Bryson Park, located at 5075 Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn.

Mobile food distributions are from **3:00pm** until supplies last. No identification is required. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/FoodResources](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/FoodResources) for more information.

## Stay warm during the coldest nights

Gwinnett County is opening five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term exposure to frigid temperatures. These stations will be open from **6:00pm to 7:00am** on nights when temperatures fall to 35 degrees or below. Residents will have access to a warm place to rest and a meal.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/WarmingStations) for locations and the latest activation status. To volunteer, please email [OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8850.



## Visit our website, social media for latest news

To stay updated with the latest news from the County, visit our website, [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.



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