

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:

- Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services receives life-saving alarm donations
- Roundabout project to begin on Lakeview Road at Pharrs Road and Hillside Drive
- Board of Commissioners adopt amendment to Civic Center Overlay District
- Gwinnett District Attorney's Office earns FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award

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

County completes purchase of Macy's properties at Gwinnett Place Mall

The Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County finalized the \$16.5 million purchase of the 23-acre Macy's department and furniture store properties at Gwinnett Place Mall, marking a key advancement in the redevelopment of the site. The eventual redevelopment will transform the mall site into a bustling, mixed-use complex and is projected to bring both catalytic change and new opportunities to Gwinnett residents and businesses. With this acquisition, the Urban Redevelopment Agency and Gwinnett County own a combined total of 76 acres on the Gwinnett Place Mall site.



Gwinnett County is partnering with CBRE, a real estate services firm with global expertise, to advance and refine plans for the redevelopment. The County plans to begin its selection process for a development partner with the nationwide release of a request for proposals in the first quarter of 2025. The Macy's department and furniture stores will be leased back to Macy's for continued operations through early 2025. Stay up to date on the [Gwinnett Place Mall redevelopment](#).

Adoptions and intakes paused through December 19

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center will be closed until **December 19** to prevent the spread of Streptococcus Zooepidemicus, known as Strep Zoo. During this time, Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement will continue to process pet reclaims. The center will also continue to intake sick, injured, or



aggressive animals for the safety of the community.

Strep Zoo is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can transfer between animals and humans, although human cases are very rare and associated with other underlying diseases or immunosuppression. Symptoms in dogs are severe respiratory distress, nasal discharge, vomiting, and rapid decline in health within 24 to 48 hours. Pet owners should monitor pets carefully for symptoms and seek immediate veterinary attention if symptoms arise. Without timely intervention, it can be fatal. Treatment with antibiotics is effective since it is a bacterial infection. Early diagnosis is key. For updates, follow us on Facebook [@GwinnettAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettAnimalShelter).

Share your input on the future of Gwinnett's tree canopy

Share your thoughts about tree protection in your area! Gwinnett County is updating its tree ordinance, and we need your input. Help shape the future of our county's tree canopy by taking a quick survey at GwinnettCounty.com/TreeOrdinance.

The revised Tree Ordinance aims to balance progress and preservation, create healthier neighborhoods, foster sustainability, and enhance public spaces. The Tree Ordinance revision process will take about a year, with completion set for August 2025.



Winter break camp registration is now open



Need some play dates for the kids over winter break? Sign them up for winter break camp! We have a variety of action-packed programs planned for kids ages 5 to 12 to have fun, explore new activities, and make friends.

Adventure Days Out camp is on weekdays Thursday, December 26 through Tuesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 2 through Friday, January 3 from 7:30am to 6:00pm. In December, Rhodes Jordan Park will host two, three-day sessions of Art Camp for Kids from 9:30am to 1:30pm. To learn more and register, visit GwinnettParks.com.

County offices closed for December holidays

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Tuesday, December 24** and **Wednesday, December 25** for the Christmas holiday and will resume regular hours on Thursday, December 26.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the holiday week. For more information, visit GCSolidWaste.com. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.



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 for locations and the latest activation status. To volunteer, please email OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8850.

Keep the cheer, skip the Christmas tree fires

For many families, holiday preparations start with decorating, but it's easy to overlook potential fire hazards. Almost one-third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems. Keep your family safe this holiday season with these safety tips:

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched
- Position the tree at least three feet away from any heat source
- Replace any worn or broken light strings and loose bulb connections
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree



A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. Remember to take special safety precautions when keeping a live tree in your home. Please visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](https://www.gwinnettsafety411.com) for more holiday tree safety tips.

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