

# NEWS

## for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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Hello Suleica,

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.



The Board of Commissioners and County Administrator Glenn Stephens share their holiday wishes on this special edition of Eye on Gwinnett.

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

### Take the Park Place Master Plan survey

Do you have ideas for the future of the Park Place district? Share your input in a quick survey to ensure that the Park Place Master Plan reflects the needs, desires, and collective vision of the community. The Park Place district generally surrounds the intersections of Park Place Boulevard and Stone Mountain Highway. As an important southern gateway to Gwinnett, this corner of the county is commonly known as Mountain Park, Snellville, or Stone Mountain.

To complete the survey, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/ParkPlaceSurvey](https://GwinnettCounty.com/ParkPlaceSurvey).



### Recycle your live Christmas tree



Want to make this holiday season sustainable? Drop off your live Christmas tree at designated fire stations from **December 26 to January 22**. As part of the annual Bring One for the Chipper event, we will chip the trees into mulch for use at County parks on Saturday, January 25. The designated Gwinnett fire stations will accept trees 24/7.

For a list of drop-off sites or to register as a volunteer for the chipping event at Bethesda Park, visit [GwinnettCB.org](https://GwinnettCB.org).

## Dog adoptions and intakes paused through January 2

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center is pausing adoptions and intakes for dogs and puppies through **Thursday, January 2** 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 cat and kitten adoptions and intakes, as well as 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](#).



## Attend Gwinnett's annual hiring event on January 10



Explore impactful career opportunities and interview to join the Gwinnett County Government team during the annual Career From Here Hiring Event. This year's event will be **Friday, January 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gas South Convention Center located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth.

Come participate in a resume review, resume editing, meet with current employees to learn how you can thrive in a variety of fields, and interview with County representatives. Interviews will be held on a first-come, first-served basis. [Register to attend Career From Here.](#)

## New aquatic center fees coming in 2025

Effective January 1, aquatic admission fees will increase to support the maintenance of our topnotch swim facilities. Fees for entry, passes, swim lessons, programs, and rentals will be adjusted. Rates for senior aerobics, adaptive programming, and discounts will remain the same.

This adjustment ensures we can continue to provide a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for all guests. View the updated fees at [GwinnettCounty.com/AquaticFees](http://GwinnettCounty.com/AquaticFees).



## Visit the new Western Gwinnett Pathway



Gwinnett officials recently unveiled a new segment of the Western Gwinnett Pathway, spanning five miles between Rogers Bridge Road and Suwanee Dam Road. As a part of the 2018 Gwinnett Countywide Trails Master Plan, the pathway — with the vision to connect the Loop Trail — will extend 17 miles, connecting Shorty Howell Park, the Gwinnett Place Mall area, the Gas South District, and the cities of Duluth and Suwanee.

Approximately \$7 million of the total \$14 million project was funded by the County's SPLOST program.

## Prepare your home for cold weather

As the temperature drops, it's critical to winterize your home to prevent potential damage to your plumbing system. Freezing temperatures can lead to issues like leaks, water damage, and increased water bills. Prepare your pipes for frigid temperatures with these helpful tips:

- Insulate pipes in attics, basements, and crawl spaces.

- Use an insulated spigot cover on outdoor faucets.
- While traveling, set your thermostat to 55 degrees to prevent freezing.
- Open cabinet doors to let in warm air.



Taking steps to winterize your home's plumbing is an effective way to protect your property and conserve our water resources. [Watch our video on winterizing your home](#) and find more water-saving tips at [DWRConserve.com](http://DWRConserve.com).

### Visit our website, social media for latest news

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



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