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Learn about Gwinnett's Transit Plan

Gwinnett County has launched an educational hub for residents to get informed about the transit plan and have their questions answered. Serving as a resource for residents to find and share information, the hub explores different transit modes, benefits for the community, and information about a potential transit referendum. It also features a monthly video series, highlighting various components of the plan.

Gwinnett's Transit Plan aims to provide 100 percent transit coverage through the expansion of the existing microtransit service. Proposed services also include an airport ride to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Bus Rapid Transit and Bus Rapid Transit Lite, and additional transit transfer facilities.

In January, the Board of Commissioners approved a notice of intent to call for a transit referendum, an action required by Georgia law before the Board can officially call for a transit referendum to be placed on the November ballot.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/YourRide](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/YourRide) to learn more.

AROUND GWINNETT

Grab a summer meal on-the-go

Gwinnett's Summer Meals program is back, providing free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger, as well as those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities.

Nutritious meals are available from Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, August 2, and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last.

Find a complete list of meal locations, bus routes, and more at [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](https://www.gwinnettsummermeals.com). If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteerGwinnett.net).

Apply to be a poll official

Get involved in the electoral process and give back to your community! The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office is seeking citizens of all backgrounds, especially bilingual Spanish speakers to become poll officials for upcoming elections.

It's a great opportunity to see how elections work, gain valuable work experience, and earn up to \$440 per election. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/jobs).

Aplica para ser trabajador electoral

¡Participa en el proceso electoral y retribuye a tu comunidad! La Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente hispanohablantes bilingües, para que se conviertan en trabajadores electorales para las próximas elecciones.

Es una gran oportunidad para ver cómo funcionan las elecciones, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$440 por elección. Se anima a los ciudadanos interesados a aplicar en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/jobs).



PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Avoid kitchen clogs

Some recipe ingredients, such as cooking oils, are essential to creating the perfect dinner but can harm sewer pipes and septic systems. When these fats, oils, and grease, known as FOG, go down the drain, they solidify, causing blockages and potential damage. Save money and protect the environment with these helpful disposal tips:

- Scrape food scraps into the trash
- Wipe excess FOG off cookware before washing
- Use sink strainers to prevent food scraps from entering the drain
- Pour used FOG into a container with a lid and dispose of it in the trash

Visit [UnclogTheFog.com](https://www.unclogthefog.com) to learn more about proper FOG disposal.

Discover how to keep your lawn healthy

Want a green landscape that is filled with plants that bloom and thrive? Join us virtually for a free Smart Irrigation workshop on Wednesday, June 12 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to learn how to save water and money while maintaining a beautifully healthy yard!

To register, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://www.gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com with your name, address, and phone number.

TAX COMMISSIONER

Skip a trip to the tag office

Renew your tag at one of 10 self-service kiosks in Gwinnett! All you need is a valid Georgia driver's license, the correct address on your renewal notice, proof of liability insurance transmitted to the state system, and a valid emission inspection on file, if applicable. For more information and to find a kiosk near you, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Kiosks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Keep an eye on kids around water

Accidental drownings are tragic reminders of how quickly life can be taken away. Although 90 percent of parents say they supervise their children while they are swimming, these adults are sometimes distracted by other activities. Here are some helpful tips to keep your kids safe in or around pools:

- Stay alert even with a lifeguard on duty
- Install secure barriers around home pools
- Ensure children wear a fitted life jacket whenever they are around water
- Sign your kids up for swim lessons with Gwinnett Parks to practice safe swimming
- Designate a Water Watcher, a responsible adult who watches kids in the water without distractions

Please visit GwinnettSafety411.com to find more water safety tips.



SPLOST

Visit the expanded Ivy Creek Greenway

Gwinnett officials unveiled the expanded Ivy Creek Greenway at George Pierce Park in April, connecting the park with Westbrook Road. As a part of the 2018 Gwinnett Countywide Trails Master Plan, the greenway trailhead offers amenities such as a bike repair station, benches, and bioretention areas. It includes a ¼-mile section of greenway with a 12-foot-wide concrete multi-use trail. The Permatrak prefab concrete boardwalk structure also includes overlooks and a pedestrian bridge that spans Suwanee Creek. The \$3.7 million project was funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program, known as SPLOST.

RESOURCES

Get your rental home inspected

Gwinnett County is committed to upholding the interior standards of the International Property Maintenance Code at residential rental properties. If your rental home is damaged, improperly maintained, unsanitary, or unsafe, you may request an inspection by emailing CodeEnforcement@GwinnettCounty.com, visiting GwinnettZIP.com, or calling 770.513.5004. Once a request is submitted, an inspection appointment will be scheduled. During the inspection, any code violations will be documented on a notice of violation. A Gwinnett Code Enforcement officer will then work with the property owner or manager to address all violations. For a list of common interior code violations, visit GwinnettCodeEnforcement.com.



SERVING GWINNETT

Recycle your glass around the county

Have glass to recycle? Drop it off at one of Gwinnett's 13 glass recycling sites! The County's glass recycling program allows residents to bring clean, empty glass containers for safe and sustainable recycling.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling to learn more and find a purple glass recycling container near you.

Protect the air quality

The state Environmental Protection Division is imposing a metro-wide burn ban through September 30. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including burning trees, limbs, and yard waste, as well as the use of air curtain destructors.

For more information, visit GwinnettFireMarshal.com or call 678.518.4980.

Offices closed for Juneteenth

All Gwinnett County Government offices, apart from operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Wednesday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and will resume regular hours on Thursday, June 20.

Trash and recycling collection will remain the same during the holiday week. For more information, please visit GCSolidWaste.com.

A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

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