

GWINNETT  
COUNTY

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## Key dates for the 2024 Elections

Remember these important dates and ensure your voter registration is current:

- Presidential Preference Primary: March 12
- General Primary/Nonpartisan Election: May 21
- General Primary/Nonpartisan Election Runoff: June 18

Advance voting for the Presidential Preference Primary begins February 19 through March 8 at 10 advance voting locations. Visit [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov) to check your voter registrations, locate your polling place, and view sample ballots.

## Fechas claves para las Elecciones 2024

Recuerda estas fechas importantes y asegúrate de que tu inscripción de votante esté actualizada:

- Primaria de Preferencia Presidencial: 12 de Marzo
- Elección Primaria General/No Partidista: 21 de Mayo
- Desempate de Elección Primaria General/No Partidista: 18 de Junio

La votación adelantada para las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial comienza del 19 de Febrero al 8 de Marzo en 10 lugares de votación adelantada. Visite [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov) para verificar sus inscripciones de votantes, ubicar su lugar de votación y ver boletas de muestra.

## AROUND GWINNETT

### Gwinnett adds 10 new glass recycling sites

Residents now have access to 10 more glass recycling sites countywide, bringing the total number of locations to 13. The County's glass recycling program allows for safe and sustainable recycling, where residents can bring clean, empty glass containers.

The newest locations are in addition to the first three at OneStop Norcross, Pinckneyville Park in Norcross, and E.E. Robinson Park in Sugar Hill. To learn more and find a purple glass recycling container near you, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling](https://GwinnettCounty.com/GlassRecycling).

### Apply for the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

Get the inside scoop on how and why Gwinnett County Government operates the way it does by enrolling in the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy!

During this 12-week program, participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at County operations, meet local leaders, and tour County facilities. The academy held twice a year, aims to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County. To be considered for the spring term, apply at [Gwinnett101.com](https://Gwinnett101.com) by Friday, March 1.

### Revitalize your home

Gwinnett's offering up to \$20,000 in housing rehabilitation assistance to income-qualified homeowners in Gwinnett County. The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program offers funding to make essential repairs to their homes. The goal of the program is to address health and safety issues for qualifying homeowners, focusing on vital life systems of a home such as electrical, roof, and plumbing.

To qualify for the program, homeowners must be current on mortgage and tax payments, maintain the residence as their primary owner-occupied property, and earn below 80 percent of Area Median Income.

For a full list of eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/HomeRehabProgram](https://GwinnettCounty.com/HomeRehabProgram).



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Keep our waterways clean

Storm drains in Gwinnett prevent flooding by collecting rain runoff. However, when stormwater picks up any pollutants on its way to the drain, it can lead to pollution in our local waterways. The following healthy habits can help keep the stormwater drainage system clean:

- Properly dispose of household waste
- Clean up after your pets
- Pick up trash on your street
- Repair leaking vehicles quickly
- Recycle automotive fluids at local auto parts stores

It's imperative that we all play a role in protecting our waterways. Never dump anything down a storm drain and report illicit discharges to Water Resources at 678.376.7000. For more information, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://Gwinnetth2o.com).

### Discover how to repair a leak

Are you interested in learning how to identify and fix leaks and help save money? Join us at the Fix-a-Leak workshop on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Water Tower in Buford or on Saturday, March 16 from noon to 1:30pm at OneStop Centerville in Snellville. To register for either date, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](https://Gwinnetth2o.com), call 678.376.7193, or email [DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com) with your name, address, and phone number.

### TAX COMMISSIONER

#### Seniors may qualify for a tax exemption

Residents who are 65 or older as of January 1 with Georgia taxable income below \$116,728 might qualify for the Senior School Tax Homestead Exemption. Qualifying residents must own and occupy their home as of January 1 and must apply by April 1 to receive the exemption on this year's tax bill. If they're not required to file taxes, seniors can provide other proof of income to qualify. Learn more and apply at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors).

### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### Watch out for tax scammers

Be on alert for scammers posing as IRS agents demanding personal information or threatening criminal penalties. By sharing this information, your life savings could be compromised. Avoid scams this tax filing season with these helpful tips:

- Do your research on tax preparers before handing over your information.
- Watch for unsolicited emails, texts, and fake websites that might prompt you to click a link or share personal information.
- Be on alert for phone scams; IRS representatives will never demand payments over the phone or leave threatening messages.

If you suspect fraudulent tax activity, always report it to the IRS. Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) for more tips and information.



### SPLOST

#### Georgia DOT grant funds road resurfacing

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners approved an application for another Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. This grant will fund the resurfacing of more than 35 miles of roadways in Gwinnett County. The Georgia Department of Transportation will contribute \$7.6 million with a local match of \$2.3 million from the 2017 SPLOST Program.

To learn more about how your pennies are working in Gwinnett, visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](http://GwinnettSPLOST.com).

### RESOURCES

#### Get financial assistance on your mortgage

If you are a homeowner who has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, then you may be eligible for mortgage assistance. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs launched the Georgia Mortgage Assistance Program to provide financial aid to those in need. It could reduce delinquent payments or payments currently in forbearance, lower your mortgage balance after income loss, or cover housing-related expenses.

To check whether you are eligible to receive assistance, please visit [GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.GA.gov](http://GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.GA.gov).

### SERVING GWINNETT

#### Become a lifeguard

Looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning park system. Not only will you learn lifesaving skills and boost your fitness level, but you can also enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities. Pay starts at \$17.32 per hour, plus the training is free. Part-time and seasonal positions are available at our five year-round aquatic centers and four seasonal pools. Learn more at [GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard](http://GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard).

#### Support literacy during National Reading Month

Did you know that 90 percent of children's critical brain development occurs by age 5? Encourage your little ones to pick up a book during National Reading Month. Our G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Book Exchanges are stocked with books for children from birth through age 8. Reading unlocks the door to lifelong learning, social, and professional development. Support literacy in our community by donating books to the book exchanges or by becoming a book exchange steward! To learn how to get involved or find a location near you, visit [B2Anywhere.com](http://B2Anywhere.com).

#### Stay plugged into Gwinnett news and events

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube at @GwinnettGov to get the latest news and announcements. Subscribe to our e-newsletters at [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) to receive diverse content covering County news, volunteering, transit service, and outreach to our diverse communities.

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