

# **Gwinnett Senior Golden Games**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**January 20, 2026**

- The meeting was called to order at 10 am.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by all in attendance.
- INVOCATION by Glory Villevasso
- INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: All present introduced themselves to the group.
- GUEST SPEAKER: Riley Holcombe from Gwinnett Fire Safety made an excellent presentation on Home Fire Safety and Fire Extinguisher Use and Safety.
- SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes from previous meetings are available on our website. Motion to approve minutes from the November meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: The officers for 2026 are as follows: President Jennifer Echols; Vice President Johnny Blaha; Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator, Kathryn Hall and Secretary Jennifer Hackemeyer. Darlene McCain serves as our Web Page Designer.
- TREASURER REPORT: According to Treasurer Kathryn Hall, the Games have \$9,619.61 in our account as of December 31, 2025. For comparison purposes, we

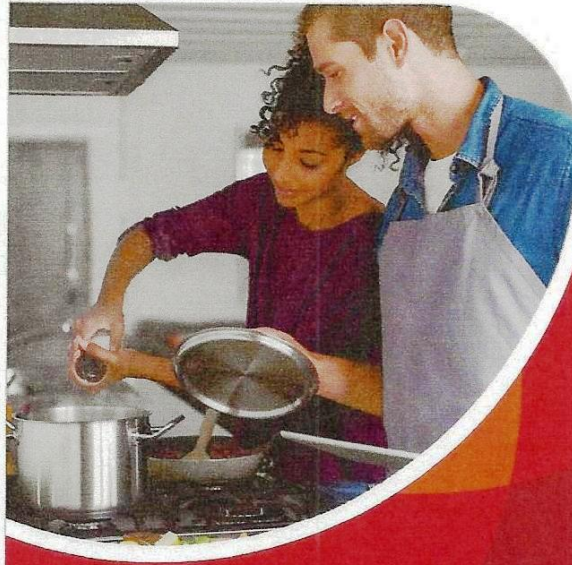
ended 2024 with \$9363.89. She noted that we collected \$2400 in registrations and donation from the Gwinnett County website. Expenses from opening and closing ceremonies were \$516.26. Pins cost \$1599.52 and pictures were \$51.30. Motion was made, seconded and adopted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report.

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The schedule for the 2026 Games has been updated and is available on our website. Note Opening Ceremony will be August 14, 2026.

Next meeting is February 17, 2026.

- **COUNTY BUSINESS:** Golden Games needs to complete paperwork for the 2026 program. Holly Smith or another staff member will forward the materials to Games leadership.
  - **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved.
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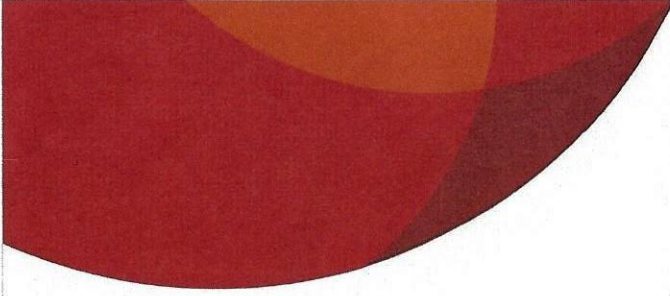
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# HOME SAFETY

Protecting your family  
from fires, injuries, and  
other hazards





Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services provides free home safety surveys, that includes smoke alarm checks, for all Gwinnett residents. The department's team of fire educators shares life-saving information with the community related to the causes of fires, injury and prevention, and ways to reduce and escape potential hazards in the home.

## **COMMON CAUSES OF HOUSE FIRES**

### **COOKING HABITS**

Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires in America, as well as Gwinnett County. Unattended cooking is the reason behind most of these fires. By staying in or near the kitchen while cooking, removing flammable items from inside or around the oven and stove, and using an appropriate lid while cooking, you can greatly reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

### **CANDLES**

Candles pose a risk for potential fires if they are not handled with care. It's important to make sure all candles are supervised by an adult, kept a safe distance from other flammable objects, and put completely out before leaving a room or going to sleep.

## **SPACE HEATERS**

Space heaters and other portable heating devices are good ways to keep your home warm during the colder months. If not used properly, these devices can lead to an unintended fire in your home. If using a space heater, make sure to keep a 3-foot area around the space heater clear of any objects, plug a space heater directly into an outlet and don't use extension cords, and turn off any space heater when going to sleep or leaving the house. Be sure to follow all manufacturer's instructions for safe use and maintenance.

## **ELECTRICAL**

There is always a risk of an electrical fire while using appliances, extension cords, light fixtures, and space heaters. To prevent the risk of electrical fires, you should avoid overloading outlets. Turn off and unplug items that you do not use constantly, and check cords, electronics, and power outlets if you encounter burning or unusual smells coming from them. Follow all manufacturer's instructions for safe use and maintenance.

## **SOME CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL INJURY**

### **TRIPS & FALLS**

By evaluating the items in and around your home, injuries from trips and falls may be prevented. Consider habits such as good housekeeping, wearing sturdy comfortable shoes, and securing rugs and other floor coverings around the home as the primary means to prevent these injuries.

### **BURNS**

Burns can happen at any moment by any source of heat. Children and adults could potentially be injured by common items around the home. Keep in mind that burns can occur from hot water, accidents while cooking, and even the radiant heat from home heating devices and appliances such as space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves.



## HOME HAZARD

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### FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY RULES

A fire burning for just one minute will triple its original size. Learn how to contain a small fire before it grows.

#### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



**Keep** your fire extinguisher in an **easily accessible** area.



**If you doubt** whether you can fight a fire with a fire extinguisher, don't. **Get out** and stay out.

Even if you put the fire out, **still call 911** to have **firefighters confirm** that the fire is completely **extinguished**.



### A B C

When buying a fire extinguisher, **look for one labeled A-B-C**, as you can use it on most fires.

**After using** the fire extinguisher to put out the flames, **leave the room. Close the door to limit smoke** and damage should the fire reignite.

If you need to use a fire extinguisher, don't panic. Remember:

**Pull** the pin | **Aim** low | **Squeeze** the handle | **Sweep** from side to side

Learn how to use a fire extinguisher with one of our free classes! Visit [GwinnettFireEducation.com](http://GwinnettFireEducation.com) for more information.



## WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A FIRE

- 1 When the smoke alarm sounds, roll out of bed and stay low to the floor.
- 2 Feel the door. If it is cool, open it slowly and crawl to the nearest exit. If the door is warm or hot, follow an alternate escape route.
- 3 Do not stop to collect valuables or pets.
- 4 If you're unable to leave the room, call 911; be sure to tell the 911 operator that you are trapped. Seal the door with wet towels, if readily available. If not, use a sheet or blanket. Make a lot of noise to make yourself known to rescuers.
- 5 When you get out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- 6 Call 911 once you are away from immediate danger.

