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Beat the lines and cast an early ballot before the General Election

Advance voting will take place in Gwinnett County through Friday, November 4. Gwinnett County Elections encourages voters to skip the lines on Election Day and take advantage of early voting before the General Election on Tuesday, November 8.

Advance Voting (Main Elections Office):

October 17-21, 24-28: 8:00am – 5:00pm
October 31-November 4: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday Voting (Main Elections Office):

October 22: 8:00am – 5:00pm
October 29: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Satellite Voting:

October 29: 7:00am – 7:00pm
October 31-November 4: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Seven satellite locations will be open: Bogan Park Community Recreation Center in Buford, Dacula Park Activity Building in Dacula, George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center in Suwanee, Lenora Park Activity Room in Snellville, Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center in Norcross, Mountain Park Activity Building in Stone Mountain, and Shorty Howell Park Activity Building in Duluth.

Voters can also request a mail-in absentee ballot through Friday, November 4 at www.gwinnettelelections.com. No voting will take place on the Saturday or Monday before the election.

Election Day voting will take place 7:00am to 7:00pm at all polling locations in the county. Voters who cast their ballots on Election Day must go to their assigned polling location; the Gwinnett Elections Office is not a polling location on Election Day. To find your polling location or view a sample ballot, visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

AROUND GWINNETT

Veterans Day Ceremony honors Gwinnett's veterans and fallen heroes

Gwinnett County will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Friday, November 11 at 11:00am** at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Join in paying tribute to the men and women who have served honorably in the military, during wartime or peacetime, and to remember the fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.



Celebrate America Recycles Day: November 19

Celebrate America Recycles Day with the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful on **Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves, in Lawrenceville. This free event offers paper shredding, plus electronics, tire, toner/printer cartridge, and paint recycling. In addition, bring your old sneakers and gently used clothing to be donated to those in need or to be recycled into new products. Come for free kids' activities, including touch-a-truck, and meet your haulers.

Here are some things to remember before you come:

- Paper shredding is limited to five copier paper boxes
- Tire recycling is limited to eight per vehicle; no dealer tires
- Electronics recycling is free with the exception of TVs, monitors, and printers
- There is a \$10 cash fee per TV or computer monitor and a \$5 cash fee per printer

For more information, please call the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division at 770.822.7141.

County offices closed: Veterans Day

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of the county, will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day. All offices will resume regular working hours Monday, November 14. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Trash collection in unincorporated Gwinnett County is scheduled as normal.

Explore Gwinnett is Gwinnett's official tourism agency and promotes Gwinnett as a place to meet, stay, and play.

View the complete events calendar at www.exploreGwinnett.org.

Sordid and Sacred: The Beggars in Rembrandt's Etchings

November 1 with more dates through December 23
Tuesday – Saturday
10:00am – 5:00pm
Hudgens Center For The Arts
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Building 300, Duluth

A Christmas Carol

November 25 with more dates through December 23
Thursday – Saturday • 8:00pm
Saturday and Sunday Matinees • 2:30pm
Aurora Theatre
128 East Pike Street, Lawrenceville

SmallWORKS

November 1 with more dates through January 7, 2017
Monday – Saturday
10:00am – 5:00pm
North Gwinnett Arts Association Center for the Arts
3930 Charleston Market Street NW, Suwanee

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Questions about your water bill? Call 678.376.6700.



Officials celebrate new SPLOST projects in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County officials are commemorating the completion of three SPLOST-funded projects in different parts of the county this October.

Officials commemorated the opening of the Diverging Diamond Interchange at Jimmy Carter Boulevard and I-85 on October 3 with a ribbon cutting on the bridge's pedestrian walkway. The DDI was completed last summer and is the second DDI in the county.

A ribbon cutting was also held for the second phase of the Gwinnett Fire Training Academy on October 4. An expansion project, funded by the 2009 SPLOST program, adds a three-bay storage building for fire apparatus and a training pavilion to the facility.

On October 18, officials celebrate the opening of the new Lilburn City Hall and Lilburn Branch Library. The two-level building includes 5,217 square feet of shared community and support space in addition to the 18,864-square-foot library and 24,927-square-foot city hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fall in love with a shelter dog (or cat) this October

October is national Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month and to celebrate, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will reduce adoption fees for dogs to just \$20 throughout the month. You can also adopt a cat for \$20. Adoption fees include the first round of vaccines, microchip and spay/neuter.

This is a great season to fall in love with a shelter pet; visit the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Saturday. You can also visit www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com or follow us on Facebook @Gwinnett Animal Shelter to see adoptable dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, get details on upcoming events, and learn helpful tips on how to care for your shelter pet.

PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

When it fogs, it clogs

Sewer backups can occur at your home or on public sewer lines. Backups in your home can be costly to your wallet, but backups on the public system can be costly to the environment.

Many times, these backups are caused by an excess amount of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) in the sewerage system, which can solidify in underground pipes to form layer upon layer of pipe clogging residue. Foods high in fats, oils, and grease include meats, sauces, gravies, fried dishes, butter, milk, ice cream, and more.

When you wash dishes with detergents and hot water, FOG may appear to be harmless because it disappears down the drain easily. However, as the liquid cools, oil and grease solidify and accumulate. This can cause the flow of wastewater to be restricted, which will eventually result in sewer backups in your home. When FOG creates a clog on the public sewer lines, raw sewage can spill out of the system onto roads, yards, and ultimately into surface waters such as creeks and ponds.

The good news is much of this damage is preventable by making sure FOG does not get into the sewerage system. Some effective ways to prevent the occurrence of FOG in your pipes include disposing of food scraps into the trash, using glass jars to collect excess grease, and wiping grease off dishes with paper towels.

Here are some other helpful hints to keep FOG out of the sewer system:

Do: Wipe pots, pans, and work areas prior to washing.

Don't: Pour cooking residue directly into the drain.

Do: Dispose of food waste into the trash or compost area.

Don't: Dispose of food into the garbage disposal.

Do: Collect waste oil and store for disposal in the trash.

Don't: Pour waste oil directly into the drain.

For more information, visit www.unclogthefog.com.

Don't forget to attend our free workshop!

TAX COMMISSIONER

Online, not in line

Renewing your vehicle registration online is quick and easy. Credit cards accepted online are American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and VISA (there is a 2.35 percent convenience fee charged by the Georgia Department of Revenue when you pay). If your vehicle is in the title tax system, unless you have a specialty tag, you can renew for a convenience fee of only \$1.

Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com for more information and to renew.

CHECK IT OUT

Doing some fall cleaning? Check out these reads to help you get organized. These and other titles can be found at your local branch or online at www.gwinnettpl.org.

The Art of Organizing Anything: Simple Principles for Organizing Your Home, Your Office, and Your Life, by Rosalie Maggio

The Simple Living Handbook: Discover the Joy of a De-cluttered Life, by Lorilee Lippincott

Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back, by Brooks Palmer

Department of Water Resources • Free Workshop!
Detention Pond Maintenance

Thursday, November 10, 2016 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Learn about the purpose, function, and aesthetic value of your detention pond along with some troubleshooting tips at this free workshop. Attendees from unincorporated Gwinnett County, city of Lilburn, or city of Peachtree Corners may qualify for a maximum 5 percent credit toward their stormwater utility fee for the following year.

Three ways to register: Visit the public education page at www.gwinnettH2O.com, send an email with your name, address, and phone number to dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com, or call 678.376.7193 (press 5).