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Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcountryevents.com.

This Week

VITA Income Tax Preparation

Mondays: January 28 to April 15 (except February 18) from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will provide income workers with 2012 household incomes of \$49,000 or less with free tax preparation services on a first-come; first-served basis. IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers will help keep more money in your pocket and will screen for the Earned Income Tax Credit, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) support, benefits screening (for food stamps, energy assistance, childcare assistance), and credit report analysis. Sponsored by the Atlanta Prosperity Campaign, the Internal Revenue Service and other community organizations. Cost: free. Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. For program information, visit www.atlantaprosperty.org, call 211 or 404.614.1000. For community center inquiries, call 770.985.4713.

Roses for the Home Garden

January 30 from noon to 1:00pm. Learn about the various types of roses and how to care for them properly so they will thrive throughout the growing season. Cooperative Extension Conference Room located on the fourth floor of the Gwinnett County Government Annex Building at 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400 in Lawrenceville. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required by January 28. To register, contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com.

P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error)

Thursdays: January 31 and April 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. National award-winning course for parents and new/soon-to-be drivers (14 to 16). Learn about the 40 hours of supervised driving required by Georgia law, driver attitude, knowledge, and behavior of parent and teen driver. Parents must attend. Sponsored by Child and Adolescent Resource Education Services. Cost: free. Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. Call 404.578.7629 or email monicaddavis@comcast.net. To pre-register, call 770.985.4713.

Next Week

Nutrition Education for seniors: Control of fat intake

February 5 from 11:00am to noon. This class will teach seniors about their fat and calorie goal, how to properly weigh/measure food, how to keep track of their food intake, and how to eat less fat and fewer calories. The event will be held at Norcross Senior Center in the Norcross Human Services building, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross. There is no cost for the class. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678.377.4010 or ines.beltran@gwinnettcountry.com.

Homeowner H2O Water Conservation Workshop

February 7 at 7:00pm. The workshop will take place at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville, and provide the knowledge and tools you need to increase water efficiency in your home. Attendees will receive a low-flow home retrofit kit, outdoor water efficiency kit, do-it-yourself home water audit guide, and information on how to apply for Gwinnett County's toilet rebate program. Pre-register by sending an email with your name, address, and email to dwrconserve@gwinnettcounty.com or calling 678.376.6722.

Birding 101

February 9 from 11:00am or 1:00pm. Did you know that there are more than 10,000 bird species worldwide? Join us at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center as we discover more about the sport of birding. Ages 8 and up. Program is included with cost of admission. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford. Call 770.904.3500 or visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more details.

Future Events

Valentine's Day Wedding Ceremonies

February 14 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Celebrate this Valentine's Day by joining other couples at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in the old Justice of the Peace Office (Rooms 103 and 104) where Magistrate Court judges will perform Valentine's Day wedding ceremonies or perform special ceremonies to renew wedding vows. Couples who are getting married must obtain a valid marriage license prior to February 14 and bring the original marriage license to the ceremony; you will not be able to obtain a license at the historic courthouse. Contact Probate Court at 770.822.8250 for information on obtaining your marriage license. Couples who are renewing their wedding vows do not need to bring a copy of their wedding license. All services are free and no appointment is necessary. For more information, contact Chief Magistrate Kristina Hammer Blum at 770.822.8081 or kristina.blum@gwinnettcounty.com.

Line Dance Marathon

February 23 from 6:00pm to midnight. Learn The Cupid Shuffle, and more! Grab your friends and come for a line dance marathon in the gym! Country to hip-hop and everything in between will be played for all levels of dancing. Bring a dish to share, drinks are provided. If attending the workshop the line dance marathon is Free! \$5/person. Best Friend Park Gym, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard in Norcross. Call 770.417.2212 or [register here](#).

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