

# NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

February 26, 2020

Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community.

[Gwinnett County Government](#) would appreciate your help keeping your neighbors informed by sharing the following information through your homeowner association newsletter, website, and emails and by talking to your friends and family.

## What's new on TV Gwinnett?

Gwinnett County brings you the latest news and happenings about your community through Eye on Gwinnett, our weekly news program.



What you'll see in this episode:

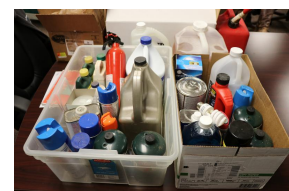
- Gwinnett Recorder's Court is offering evening sessions
- Gwinnett Fire celebrated graduation and promotion ceremony
- Bring toxic products to the Household Hazardous Waste event February 29
- Early voting starts next Monday, March 2
- Citizen Fire Academy is taking applications

View Eye on Gwinnett episodes on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, or watch them on [TVGwinnett.com](#).

## Household Hazardous Waste event set for February 29

Leap into spring and get rid of your pesticides, cleaners, batteries, and other toxic products by taking them to the Household Hazardous Waste disposal event **February 29** from **8:00am to noon** at the **Gwinnett County Fairgrounds** located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

For information on quantities and items accepted or to register to volunteer, visit Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's [Household Hazardous Waste Event page](#).



## Elections season offers many chances for Gwinnett voters to cast ballots



Gwinnett voters should make note of the many opportunities to exercise their civic duty. Voters can check their voter registration status on My Voter Page at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](#). They can also see a sample ballot and find their Election Day voting location.

This year, the Voter Registrations and Elections office is offering more voting opportunities than ever before. Eligible voters may **vote advance in person** every day, including weekends, **March 2 to March 20** at the Voter Registrations and Elections Office located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville from 7:00am to 7:00pm. In addition, **satellite voting** will begin **March 9** until **March 20** from 7:00am to 7:00pm every day including weekends at seven additional locations around the county. For satellite voting locations, visit [GwinnettElections.com](#).

Voters may request an **absentee/advance by mail ballot** for the March 24 Presidential Preference Primary **now** through **Friday, March 20**. Please call the Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an

application or complete the form online at [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

For the qualifying period for political party candidates, visit the [Running for Office](http://Running for Office) webpage. For more information or to stay up-to-date with elections in Gwinnett, follow @GwinnettGov on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GwinnettGov) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GwinnettGov) or visit [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

## La temporada de elecciones ofrece muchas oportunidades para que los votantes de Gwinnett puedan votar



Los votantes de Gwinnett deben tomar nota de las muchas oportunidades para ejercer su deber cívico. Los votantes pueden verificar su estado de inscripción electoral en la página de My Voter Page en [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov). También pueden ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación para el día de las elecciones.

Este año, la oficina de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones ofrece más oportunidades de votación que nunca. Los votantes elegibles pueden **votar por adelantado en persona** todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, del **2 al 20 de Marzo** en la oficina de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones ubicada en 455 Grayson Highway en Lawrenceville de 7:00am a 7:00 pm. Además, la votación por satélite comenzará el **9 de Marzo** hasta el **20 de Marzo** de 7:00am a 7:00pm. Todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana en siete ubicaciones adicionales en todo el condado. Para lugares de votación por satélite, visite [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto de voto ausente o boleta de voto por adelantado para la Primaria de Preferencia Presidencial del 24 de Marzo hasta el viernes 20 de Marzo. Llame a la Oficina de Elecciones al 678.226.7210 para solicitar una solicitud o complete el formulario en línea en [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

Para conocer el período de calificación para los candidatos de los partidos políticos, visite la página web [Running for Office](http://Running for Office). Para obtener más información o mantenerse al día con las elecciones en Gwinnett, siga a @GwinnettGov en [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettGov), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GwinnettGov) e [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GwinnettGov) o visite [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com).

## Extension Office annual plant sale ends soon

The UGA Extension Gwinnett office is offering blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranates, muscadines, and landscape plants in its annual sale. Order your plants by **March 6** in person or by mail at the Extension Office in Lawrenceville. Pick up your prepaid order on **March 19** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. No orders are shipped. For order forms and plant sale information, visit [GwinnettExtension.com](http://GwinnettExtension.com), or call 678.377.4010 to request a form.



## Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy accepting applications through March 1



Learn about how and why Gwinnett County Government does what it does by participating in the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy, a 12-week program that gives participants a behind-the-scenes look at County operations and policies. Participants meet one evening a week with County leaders and visit County facilities. To apply for the spring session, visit [Gwinnett101.com](http://Gwinnett101.com) by **March 1**. Classes start **April 9**.

The Gwinnett Youth Commission, an eight-week summer leadership program for high school students, is accepting applications through **April 6**.

## Animal Welfare celebrates Lucky in Love adoption event

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by adopting a new best friend! Adoption fees will be reduced to \$10 for pets adopted from the shelter at the **Lucky in Love** adoption event between **March 16 to March 21**. All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare have been vaccinated, neutered, microchipped, and ready for their forever home. Also, don't miss out on the last **FREE FRIDAY** for pet adoptions this month on February 28.

Follow Gwinnett Animal Welfare on Facebook [@GwinnettAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettAnimalShelter) or visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](http://GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com) for more information, including available pets, adoption specials, and events. Animal Welfare is located at 884 Winder



## Gwinnett Recorder's Court offering evening sessions



To better accommodate residents' schedules, Gwinnett Recorder's Court will offer evening court sessions beginning in March.

The nighttime sessions will be held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center once a month at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month beginning **March 26**. The sessions will be limited to minor traffic infractions. The number of sessions and the docket could expand depending on community response.

The number of cases to be heard is limited. To be placed on the docket, call the Clerk of Recorder's Court at 770.619.6100. For more information, click [here](#).

## Participate in the 2020 Census

Invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will arrive by mail **inmid-March!** Most areas will receive an invitation to respond online (or by phone), while the other households will receive a paper questionnaire along with an invitation to respond online. Regardless of which invitation you receive, all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire by mid-April.



As the invites arrive, remember that the Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, or money or donations. The Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party. [Learn more](#) from the U.S. Census Bureau about avoiding fraud and scams.

## Apply now to save on property taxes



If you own and occupy a home in Gwinnett County, you are likely eligible for a homestead exemption to reduce your property taxes. In addition to a standard exemption, there are several others for residents who are seniors, disabled, and other special circumstances. If you already have an exemption, you don't need to reapply. Here's how to get started:

- **Apply by April 1.** Exemptions are not automatic. Applications must be received by April 1 to reduce taxes in the current year.
- **Apply online** at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Exemptions](https://www.gwinnetntaxcommissioner.com/Exemptions). Watch for an email confirmation. If you do not receive this email, contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need help applying, contact Property Tax Customer Service from 8:00am to 5:00pm weekdays at 770.822.8800 or [tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tax@gwinnettcountry.com).



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