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#### Dear Homeowner,

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.

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#### What's new on TVgwinnett?



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

#### What you'll see in this episode:

- Youth Sports Expo
- Find your lost pet online
- Gwinnett receives environmental awards
- Roadway mowing gets more money
- Stay safe in cold weather

#### Severe Weather Preparedness Week, February 2-6

Severe weather such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, and floods are dangerous and can strike at any time, which is why it is important to get ready in advance. Severe Weather Preparedness Week runs from February 2 - 6, and is a great time to make sure you and your family are prepared for weather emergencies. Each day of Severe Weather Preparedness Week focuses on a different type of threat faced by Georgians. [Click here](#) for more information on how to keep you and your family safe.

#### Commission hosts Town Hall Meetings

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you! Join them this spring for four Town Hall Meetings that will be held in locations throughout the county. Beginning at 6:15pm, representatives from County departments will hold an open house to answer your questions and talk about the different services they provide. At 7:00pm, the commissioners invite you to share your thoughts and ideas about County government services. [Click here](#) for meeting dates and locations.



## Fire and Emergency Services, Police hold citizen academies beginning in March

The Gwinnett County Police Department and the Fire and Emergency Services Department are hosting citizen academies this spring. These citizen academies provide a first-hand glimpse into the departments, in addition to providing valuable safety and crime prevention tips.

The Police Department Citizens Police Academy begins March 3. Participants will receive training on animal welfare and enforcement, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, firearms, SWAT, traffic enforcement, and more. If you are interested in participating, visit

[www.gwinnetcpa.com](http://www.gwinnetcpa.com) to get an application. Applications must be received by Friday, February 13. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, email

[CitizenPoliceAcademy@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:CitizenPoliceAcademy@gwinnettcountry.com).

Fire and Emergency Services' Citizens Fire Academy starts March 5 and continues for 12 weeks. Topics covered include incident command, search and rescue, fire control, medical operations, fire and life safety education, and more. If you are interested in participating, [click here](#) to get an application. All applications for this session must be received by Tuesday, February 17. Applications received after that date will be considered for the next session that begins in September. For more information about the Citizens Fire Academy, email [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.518.4845.

Both academies offer alumni programs so residents can remain involved with the Police and Fire and Emergency Services departments.

## Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop



Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources is partnering with the City of Lilburn to offer a rain barrel workshop on February 21 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Attendees will make a rain barrel and take it home following the workshop. They will also learn about water conservation, water quality, and troubleshooting tips for installing their rain barrel.

The \$25 fee includes all rain barrel materials. Checks should be made payable to Gwinnett County. Cash payment will not be accepted for this program. Space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, please call 770.638.2225 or email [rschmitt@cityoflilburn.com](mailto:rschmitt@cityoflilburn.com). Lilburn City Hall, 76 Main Street in Lilburn.

## Extension hosts annual plant sale

The Gwinnett Extension is offering varieties of blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, native azaleas, and other landscape plants as part of its annual sale. Orders will be taken now through March 11. Visit [www.gwinnettextension.com](http://www.gwinnettextension.com) or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

## Atlanta Regional Commission seeks public input

The Atlanta Regional Commission recently announced Phase II of its online survey. This survey is an influential step in the development of the region's plan. The survey focuses on new technologies and innovations that may impact where and how residents travel and live over the next quarter century. The input gathered through this survey will help the ARC develop and update the Region's Plan, which is a long-range comprehensive plan for transportation, land use, community development, water quality, workforce training, arts and culture, as well as aging and health resources.



The survey is available until March 31 and takes five minutes to complete. It gives you a chance to tell the ARC how to respond to upcoming trends in technology and remain economically competitive. [Click here](#) to submit your answers.

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