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Mark your calendar!

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

This Week

American Red Cross Blood Drive

February 13 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE to register. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Please bring a photo ID. Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville.

Job Readiness Workshop I FREE

February 14 from 9:00am to noon. This one-day workshop will cover resume writing and interview skills. It is provided by Lift Up Atlanta Incorporated. For more information, call 678.225.5400. Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

Gwinnett Extension 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, 2015. Visit www.gwinnettextension.com or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

Atlanta Regional Commission online survey

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 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.

Next Week

County offices closed for Presidents Day holiday

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, February 16 for the Presidents Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 17. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Presidents Day is not a trash and recycling holiday for solid waste providers in unincorporated Gwinnett County, so trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recycling Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Residents can [search for their solid waste hauler](#) to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live in a city should contact their trash and recycling provider to find out if collections will be delayed due to the holiday.

Composting: turning trash into treasure I FREE

February 19 from noon to 1:00pm. Composting is the process of using landscape waste to create fertile organic matter. It can be used to improve the quality of your soil and promote healthy plants. There is no cost to attend, but please register by February 17. Contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or by email at timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com to register. Gwinnett Extension Conference Room, 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400 in Lawrenceville.

Future Events

World Thinking Day

February 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Celebrate cultures around the world with the Girl Scouts. Join the Environmental and Heritage Center for an international learning opportunity as each participating troop will have information to share about a specific country, a sample of that country's cuisine, and a swap item that you can purchase. This event has a special program fee of \$1 per person. There will be a separate charge of a dime per swap item and beverage/food item. Visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more information. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Lawn care with integrated pest management workshop | FREE

March 5 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Attend this workshop to learn to identify common plant problems in your yard, how to reduce the amount of pesticides used on your property, and how to identify good and bad insects. For more information, call 678.376.7193 or email dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com. Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Town Hall Meetings | FREE

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 around 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 the dates and locations of each meeting. Residents may come to any or all of the meetings, so please select the best date and location for you to attend.

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