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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

Peanuts...Naturally Exhibit

Now through April 28 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Peanuts...Naturally takes a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through Peanuts comic strips, videos, objects, and interactive stations. Scientifically-oriented interactive stations allow kids of all ages to learn more about and appreciate the wonders of the natural world. Entrance to the exhibit is included in GEHC admission. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford. Call 770.904.3500 or visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more details.

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, no appointment necessary. For more information, contact Chief Magistrate Kristina Hammer Blum at 770.822.8081 or kristina.blum@gwinnettcountry.com.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

February 14 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Think outside the chocolate box this year and bring your sweetheart to the historic courthouse for dinner, music, and dancing in the romantic Superior Court Ballroom. The evening starts with light appetizers in the Gallery Hall, followed by dinner, live music, and dancing in the ballroom. The evening includes a keepsake photo and door prizes. \$61/couple. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. Advanced registration required by February 8. Call 770.822.5450.

Next Week

CPR/AED Training

February 19 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Free! Zero Response is an awareness campaign designed to equip Gwinnett County residents with the knowledge and understanding needed during a cardiac emergency. Responsible citizens using the lifesaving skills they have been taught will be able to provide immediate assistance, thereby creating the zero response timeframe. Learn how to administer CPR and use an AED. Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters, 408 Hurricane Shoals Road in Lawrenceville. Registration is required. Email

fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com or call 678.518.4850. [Read more.](#)

American Red Cross Blood Drive

February 20 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Adults 17+. The need for blood remains constant. Help ensure that a stable inventory is available for premature babies, cancer patients, sickle cell anemia treatments, or the many accidents and other illnesses that may require transfusions. To register, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 30093 and sponsor code NHSC. [Norcross Human Services Center](#), 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross. You may also contact the Red Cross at 1.800.483.5433. All donors will be eligible to win a \$1,000 gift card from a home improvement store. For more information, call 770.638.5661.

Food Safety Program

February 21 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Most cases of food-related illness can be prevented if everyone who handles and prepares food learns how to Fight BAC!®. Although bacteria are everywhere, they can be stopped with a little know-how and everyday weapons such as soap and water, a refrigerator, and a food thermometer. The program will be held in the Head Start Program Building in Buford, 84 Maddox Road in Buford. There is no pre-registration or cost for the class. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678.377.4010 or ines.beltran@gwinnettcountry.com.

Rain Gardens

February 21 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Join Robert Brannen as he highlights how to choose a location, design, and build a rain garden at this free workshop. Attendees who live in unincorporated Gwinnett County or the City of Lilburn can qualify for a maximum 5 percent credit toward their Stormwater Utility Fee for the following year. Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Pre-register by sending an email with your name, address, and phone number to dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com or calling 678.376.7193 and pressing 5.

Line Dance Marathon

February 23 from 6:00pm to midnight. Grab your friends, come for a line dance marathon in the gym, and learn *The Cupid Shuffle* and more! Country, hip-hop, and everything in between will be played for all levels of dancing. Bring a dish to share, drinks are provided. Attend the workshop earlier that day from 10:00am to 4:00pm and 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](#).

Future Events

Hatha Yoga

Mondays and Wednesdays, February 25 to April 3 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Class emphasizes fitness, flexibility, strength, mind-body awareness, proper breathing, and relaxation. Appropriate for people of all ages, shapes, and sizes (minors must be accompanied by a registered adult). Cost: \$35 for six weeks. [Centerville Community Center](#), 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. For information, email the instructor at pattycugnasca@gmail.com. To pre-register, call the community center at 770.985.4713.

Teen Driving Course

February 26 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The Gwinnett Police Department's crime prevention officers are offering the P.R.I.D.E. Program (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) safe driving classes to assist new drivers and their parents. The P.R.I.D.E. program is a free, national award-winning, two-hour course designed to educate teen drivers ages 14 to 16. Officers do not conduct any behind-the-wheel training but instruct parents and teens on what to expect during the 40 hours of supervised practice driving time required by Georgia law and throughout their driving experience. Police Department North Precinct, 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard in Buford. Classes fill up fast, so please register early by contacting Officer Aaren Dieffenbacher at aaren.dieffenbacher@gwinnettcountry.com or 678.442.5005.

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