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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.

#### 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:

- Citizens Project Selection Committee meets
- February is Black History Month
- Human Trafficking Forums take place
- Sugarloaf Parkway upgrades coming soon
- Sign up to Walk Georgia by March 10

#### Trash pickup on schedule

Trash and recycling collection resumed on Friday, February 14, 2014. For those residents who did not have trash and recycling collected Wednesday and Thursday due to inclement weather, your hauler will collect your items and overages this week on your regularly scheduled day. Please be sure to place carts and bins at the curb before 7:00am on collection day.

If you have any questions, please contact the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Call Center at 770.822.7141 or email [gcsolidwaste@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:gcsolidwaste@gwinnettcountry.com). Gwinnett residents who live inside city limits should check with their cities for the status of their trash service.



#### Reminder: low cost spay/neuter clinic

The Society of Humane Friends of Georgia is hosting a public vaccination clinic for pets at the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville on Saturday, February 22 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

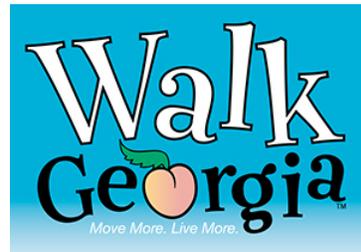
Vaccines are \$10. Microchipping will also be available for \$20. Cash payments are accepted only. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers. Proceeds from the clinic will benefit the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office Operation Second Chance Jail Dogs program and the



Society of Humane Friends outreach program and lost-cost spay/neuter clinic.

### Walk Georgia enrollment is open!

Walk across the state of Georgia - virtually - by signing up for the University of Georgia/Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Walk Georgia program. A 12-week program beginning February 2, Walk Georgia helps you increase your physical activity and develop the get-moving habit.



Sign up between February 1 and March 10 at [www.walkgeorgia.org](http://www.walkgeorgia.org). Then log on to report everything that gets you moving. Anything from a walk around the block to gardening or playing a game of pickup basketball counts. Logging all your activities adds up the miles, allowing you to "unlock" Georgia counties and take an online tour through our great state. April 26 is the last day for logging your miles.

The program is completely free and you may register as an individual or a four-person team. Either way, you'll have fun as you get fit! Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners that submit the most miles: \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Go to [www.walkgeorgia.org](http://www.walkgeorgia.org) to enroll. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678.377.4010 or [ines.beltran@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:ines.beltran@gwinnettcountry.com).

### Bridal Expo comes to Environmental and Heritage Center



The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, one of metro Atlanta's most unique event venues, will host a Bridal Expo on Saturday, March 16, 2014, from 1:00pm until 5:00pm.

As a special incentive for attending the GEHC Bridal Expo, any bride who signs a contract with the GEHC on the day of the event will receive a 10 percent discount on her room rental fee. Also, one lucky bride in attendance will walk away with a grand prize of a full center rental valued at \$5,000. (The winner will be responsible for rental of the GEHC's tables and chairs and will need to provide all necessary vendors. Additional rules apply. Visit [www.gwinnettEHC.org](http://www.gwinnettEHC.org) for complete rules and regulations.)

A number of vendors including Abby Floral Designs, Lanier Tent Rentals, Occasions Magazine, A Divine Events, Lauren's Florals, Spectrum Entertainment, Mary Kay, Anthony Thurmond Photography, Homewood Suites, and more will be onsite to share some of their creative ideas and designs for wedding ceremonies and receptions. In addition, there will be an opportunity to sample delectable food and appetizers from area caterers.

Tickets for the GEHC Bridal Expo are \$6.50 for brides/grooms and \$7.50 for the general public. Children ages 3 to 12 are \$5.50. Children under age 2 and GEHC members are free. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.gwinnettEHC.org](http://www.gwinnettEHC.org).

For information about the GEHC Bridal Expo, please contact Lisa Howell at 770.904.3502 or [lisa.howell@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:lisa.howell@gwinnettcountry.com), or visit [www.gwinnettEHC.org](http://www.gwinnettEHC.org).

### Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement to compete in nationwide challenge

Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement has been accepted

and is officially a competitor in the 2014 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge. The \$100K Challenge is a contest in which 50 shelters across the country compete to break their own records saving the lives of animals.



Throughout the months of June, July, and August 2014, each competing shelter must save more dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens than they did during the same three months in 2013. Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement is the only challenger in the state of Georgia, and many animals will benefit from this challenge. More details will be available closer to the competition dates, so keep an eye out.

For more information on the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge, visit the website at <http://www.challenge.aspcapro.org/>.

### Now is the time to prune roses



With spring right around the corner, now is a good time to prune your roses. Pruning encourages new growth and removes the dead or diseased parts, and improves the overall shape of rose bushes. If you have climbing roses that bloom in early spring, wait until after they flower to prune. Make sure pruning tools are sharp and clean. For more information about pruning roses or maintaining your home landscape, contact the Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Service at 678.377.4010.

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