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

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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:

- Earth Day recycling event on April 18
- Post-prison help continues
- Incentive to try express bus service
- Updated GDOT website
- Tax assessments mailed April 3

#### County hosts networking event for potential vendors

The Gwinnett County Purchasing Division will host the ninth annual Supplier Symposium on April 16, 2015, at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. The annual symposium provides vendors with an opportunity to meet buyers and contracting officers in Gwinnett County and other metro Atlanta agencies. Potential vendors may drop in between 8:30am and 11:30am. To register for this free event, view current projects open for bidding, or read about bidding procedures in Gwinnett County, visit the Purchasing Division's webpage at [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).



#### Earth Day Celebration returns to Coolray Field April 18

Please join the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division



on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves as we celebrate Earth Day with a free recycling event.

This event will feature paper shredding (limit five copier paper boxes), electronics recycling (\$10 cash fee per TV), tire recycling (limit eight tires per vehicle; no dealer tires), paint collection (limit five one-gallon cans per vehicle; cans must

contain 25 percent wet, usable paint; no paint thinners, stains, spackle, oil paint cans, rusted paint cans, or dried-up paint), and toner/printer cartridge collection. Please bring your gently used or old sneakers to be donated to those in need or recycled into surfaces for local playgrounds and running tracks.

Kids will enjoy free activities like touch-a-truck, and adults will have the opportunity to meet their haulers. If you would like to volunteer, please visit [www.volunteergwinnett.net](http://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to sign up for this event.

### Animal Shelter closed until further notice for voluntary quarantine

On April 10, 2015, the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center voluntarily closed for quarantine due to an outbreak of illness in sheltered dogs. Symptoms were pneumonia-like and included coughing and sneezing. One dog died as an apparent result of the illness. Currently, a total of 23 dogs at the shelter are experiencing symptoms, but are responding well to antibiotic treatment with doxycycline.



The University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine has been working to determine the cause of the outbreak. Testing is currently underway on four affected dogs. Partial results for one dog have come back negative for Bordetella, more commonly known as kennel cough. The dog also tested negative for all strains of canine influenza. Testing did indicate signs of pneumonia, for which the cause is unknown and under further study. The center is waiting on lab cultures to determine the original cause of the pneumonia. There is no current timeframe on the final results. As soon as they are received, the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will issue another update.

The shelter will remain closed until further notice as all animals inside are still undergoing treatment. A long-term secondary shelter has been secured and will be open to the public soon. All routine shelter operations will be available in the secondary facility. This includes any owner reclaims and adoptions of animals that entered shelter care after April 10, 2015. Please check back here for updates on the secondary facility including the hours of operation and address. For more information about the illness, please [click here](#). Email [animalwelfare@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:animalwelfare@gwinnettcountry.com) for other questions.

### Next town hall meeting to be held at Pinckneyville Park on April 23



The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you. The third of four town hall meetings will be held Thursday, April 23 at the Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Building, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Berkeley Lake.

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 additional meeting dates and locations.

### Free forum being held to bridge gap between law enforcement and teens

Gwinnett County, in partnership with the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and law enforcement officials from the Gwinnett County Police Department and Sheriff's Office are hosting a teen forum to bridge the gap between youth and local police on April 25 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Rhodes Jordan Park Community

Recreation Center, 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

The forum is open to youth ages 11 to 18 and uses open dialogue to create better understanding and improved interaction between youth and law enforcement. The forum will familiarize students with law enforcement officers as real people, reasons for police stops, appropriate and inappropriate behavior during police stops, citizens' rights, filing complaints, and students' responsibility and accountability for behaviors that may result in police contact. [Click here](#) for registration and more information.



### Join the Great American Cleanup 2015



Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual community improvement program. For three months during the spring, more than 4 million volunteers and concerned citizens across the nation work together to beautify neighborhoods, reduce waste, initiate recycling programs, and plant trees.

The [Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge](#) is hosted locally by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful. It is open to businesses, local governments, school and church groups, civic groups, athletic teams, and individuals.

Visit Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's [website](#) to learn more about taking the pledge to be an environmental steward.

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