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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](http://www.gwinnettcountryevents.com).

**This Week**

**P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error)**

April 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. 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. Learn what to expect during the 40 hours of supervised practice driving time required by Georgia law in addition to driver attitude, knowledge, and behavior. Parents must attend. Sponsored by Child and Adolescent Resource Education Services. Cost: free. [Centerville Community Center](#), 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville. Call 404.578.7629 or email [monicaddavis@comcast.net](mailto:monicaddavis@comcast.net) for more information. To pre-register, call 770.985.4713.

**Silent Auction benefiting Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services**

April 25 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services will host this Wild West Hoedown. This silent auction will be a barn raising do-si-do event you won't want to miss. Delmar Gardens of Gwinnett, 3100 Club Drive in Lawrenceville. Tickets are \$25 in advance. To sponsor the event or make a donation, contact Brittany Ebner at 770.822.8067 or email [brittany.ebner@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:brittany.ebner@gwinnettcountry.com) for details.

**Next Week**

**S.A.F.E. for Women**

April 30 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Crime Prevention officers are offering S.A.F.E. training to women 13 years of age and older. S.A.F.E., an acronym for Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange, is an unparalleled two-hour educational awareness and crime-victim prevention program. It encompasses strategies, techniques, options, and prevention to provide teenage and adult women with information to help reduce their risk of exposure to violence and introduces them to the physical aspects of self-defense. Participants will be able to practice the physical aspects taught in the class and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing and sneakers. Police Department South Precinct, 2180 Stone Drive in Lilburn. Please register early as this class is limited to 20 participants. Please call or 678.442.5032 or email [aaron.brinkman@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:aaron.brinkman@gwinnettcountry.com) to register.

**Annual and perennial plants for the home garden**

May 2 from noon to 1:00pm. Learn about the different types of annual and perennial flowers that can be successfully grown in the home landscape and how to care for them. Cooperative Extension Service Conference Room located on the fourth floor of the Gwinnett County Government Annex Building at 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400, in Lawrenceville. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required by April 30. To register, contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or [timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com).

### **First-Time Home Buyer Workshop**

May 4 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This workshop will guide participants through the complex, confusing, and sometimes overwhelming process of purchasing a home. CredAbility believes educated buyers are less likely to become a victim of predatory lending, fair housing discrimination, or become a foreclosure risk. Topics include: finding the right mortgage product, understanding the costs of ownership, preparing for closing, down payment assistance programs, and budgeting and money management. Cost: free. [Buford Human Services Center](#), 2755 Sawnee Avenue in Buford. For more information and registration, please call 1.800.251.2227. Space is limited; register early.

### **Future Events**

#### **National Drinking Water Week Open House**

May 11 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Ever wonder where your water comes from? Join us in celebrating National Drinking Water Week at one of your state-of-the-art water filter plants. Take a tour of the facility and see how your water goes from lake to tap. County departments will set up informational displays and representatives will be on hand to answer any questions. Kids will enjoy fun activities, and free refreshments will be available for all. Shoal Creek Filter Plant, 1755 Buford Dam Road in Buford. Call 678.376.4200 for more information.

#### **Pet Revolution 2013**

May 17 at 8:00pm - May 19 at 8:00pm. During the event there will be animal adoptions running around the clock! All Atlanta-area animal control agencies and rescue groups are invited to bring their animals for adoption. All animals will be available immediately and can be taken home directly from the event. In addition to adoptions, this event will also focus on spay/neuter education and pet ownership education. Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. For more information, please call the Gwinnett County Animal Shelter at 770.339.3200 or visit [www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com).

#### **Controlling Pests in the Vegetable Garden**

May 22 from noon to 1:00pm. Learn how to identify and control common vegetable garden pests. Cooperative Extension Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of the Gwinnett County Government Annex Building at 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400, in Lawrenceville. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required by May 20. To register, contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or [timothy.daly@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:timothy.daly@gwinnettcounty.com).

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