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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.

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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:

- Last town hall is May 12
- Animals get great support
- Water professionals honored
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- Buford Library closing for renovation

Chairman Nash appointed as ACCG President



Gwinnett County Chairman Charlotte Nash was sworn in by Senator Johnny Isakson on Sunday, April 19 as President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and will serve as part of the association's 40-member Board of Managers. ACCG is Georgia's county association and works on behalf of county officials and their communities by providing public policy and legislative advocacy, leadership development, civic and community engagement initiatives, insurance and retirement programs that specialize in local government needs, and other cost-saving programs.

As president, Chairman Nash will work with the ACCG Executive Director and the Board of Managers to lead the association and guide policies over the next year. In addition, she will work with the Board of Managers to update the strategic plan, which focuses on increasing county

efficiencies, enhancing continuing education offerings, and fostering strong relationships between counties and the state and federal government.

Gwinnett celebrates Water Professionals Appreciation Week

The Georgia General Assembly recently established Water Professionals Appreciation Day to promote awareness of the importance of water resources to the health of our communities and the environment. This is also a day to bring attention to the thousands of dedicated professionals who work every day to keep our water flowing, our wastewater treated, and our streams clean. Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources professionals are committed to operating and maintaining the County's water and wastewater treatment facilities, along with thousands of miles of water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater conduits to ensure that our water resources are properly managed and protected.



Gwinnett County will celebrate water and water professionals with several weekend events surrounding the May 5 Water Professionals Appreciation Day observance. For more information about these events, please visit the [Department of Water Resources webpage](#).

Animal Shelter reopens May 2



The Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will reopen to the public on Saturday, May 2. The shelter will be open from 11:00am to 6:00pm and there will be many animals available for adoption that will be eligible to take home on Saturday. The adoption fees are \$90 (\$60 veterinarian fee plus \$30 adoption fee).

Because of recent events, shelter staff will initiate a new vaccination program. In order to reduce the occurrence of illness, all dogs will be given DAPP and Bordetella vaccinations and all cats will be given FVRCP and Feline Bordetella vaccinations upon intake

In addition, animal control officers will have one place to enter the building with newly vaccinated animals, and these animals will not be allowed to walk near the general population of animals until they reach their designated pens. Shelter staff will also conduct daily rounds to identify sick animals. If an illness is detected, animals will be placed in a sick bay or taken to a veterinarian for treatment, depending on the symptoms.

Next town hall meeting to be held at Hudgens Center for the Arts on May 12

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you. The last of four town hall meetings will be held Tuesday, May 12 at the Hudgens Center for the Arts, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Building 300 in Duluth.



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.

Community emergency volunteer courses available to residents



The Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management is offering free Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT training to Gwinnett County residents beginning May 26, 2015. These courses educate residents about disaster preparedness for emergencies that may impact their community. Residents are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Courses are open to all Gwinnett County residents age 18 years and older who pass a background

check provided by the Gwinnett County Police Department. The training consists of eight sessions that take place from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Tuesdays. A course review and disaster simulation will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 8:00am to noon. For more information or to sign up for the course, please email ema@gwinnettcountry.com. Sign up soon; class size is limited to 25 participants.

Police Department hosts first annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival

The annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival will take place Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett Place Mall, located at 2100 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth, near the Satellite Boulevard and Tandy Key Lane entrance. The event offers families the opportunity to see the services provided by the Gwinnett County Police Department and interact with officers.



In addition to meeting officers from various units, families can receive free car seat checks and enjoy kids' activities, police vehicles and fire truck displays, K-9 demonstrations, cultural performances, a rock wall, inflatables, and food vendors. For more information, call the Gwinnett County Crime Prevention Unit at 770.513.5119.

Sheriff's Office hosts third annual Jail Break Challenge

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office will host its third annual Jail Break Challenge on June 6 at 8:00am at the Gwinnett County jail, 750 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville. This 5K obstacle run is designed to challenge runners of all levels. The course leads runners around the campus of the jail, where they will encounter all levels of terrain and extreme obstacles.

The event will feature three categories: Open Competitive, Team Competitive, and Non-Competitive. Proceeds support the Sheriff's Office's teen mentoring programs. Space is limited, so register soon at www.active.com. For more information, please visit www.jailbreakchallenge.org.

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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