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Dear Emily,

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.



Meet Beckham

Beckham is a one-year-old Pit Bull mix who was found in April at an apartment complex in Duluth. He is part of the new Homeless Pet Clubs program and is currently sponsored by the Jackson County Homeschoolers.

Beckham was named for the famous soccer player and his obsession with playing ball. Beckham gets along great with kids and other dogs. In fact, the Jackson County Homeschoolers have been working with Beckham. These kids have taught him how to sit and lay down and are currently working on getting him to stay. Beckham would be an excellent all-around family dog! He can go to a loving home for only the \$30 adoption fee.



Beckham has already been neutered and micro chipped and has received his first round of vaccinations. Meet Beckham and other great pets at Pawfest on Saturday, May 11 at Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway in Lawrenceville, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

If you are looking for a companionable addition to your household like Beckham, visit the [Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center](#) at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville or call 770.339.3200.

Pet Revolution 2013: The revolution has begun

Join the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center as they kick off [Pet Revolution 2013](#) on May 18 from 8:00am to 6:00pm at the shelter, located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. Several rescue groups, pets, and vendors will be at the event. There will also be activities for kids, a cookout, and a bake sale benefiting the shelter.

State Route 20 to be widened to Forsyth



Gwinnett commissioners approved a construction contract to widen the last remaining two-lane section of State Route 20 within Gwinnett County. Almost four miles will be widened from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Burnette Trail in Sugar Hill.

The County purchased right of way and easements from about 200 properties using state and federal dollars and will also oversee the state-funded construction. The project includes widening, alignment, curb and gutter, sidewalks, retaining walls, utility work, traffic signals, and asphalt paving. Construction is expected to take approximately three years.

GDOT recently awarded a separate contract to build a new four-lane bridge for State Route 20 over the Chattahoochee River to improve traffic flow between Sugar Hill and Cumming in Forsyth County. Gwinnett County worked with GDOT to complete the engineering on both projects, and Forsyth County is working with the state to widen the road on their side of the river from James Burgess Road to

Samples Road. That project is expected to get underway by early 2014. Planners expect traffic to increase along the corridor from 30,000 vehicles per day to 50,000 over the next 20 years.

Burn Ban in Gwinnett through September 30

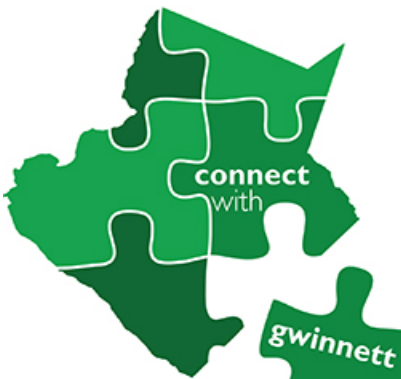
The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services will observe a total burn ban on all outdoor burning from May 1 - September 30, 2013, in Gwinnett County. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited during this time period, including the burning of trees, limbs, or any other yard waste as well as the use of air curtain destructors for land clearing. For unincorporated residents, please [contact your hauler](#) to ask about adding yard waste service.



For additional information concerning the burn ban, please contact the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4980 or visit www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com.

The Burn Ban is issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and includes 54 counties within the state of Georgia. During the summer months, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. The EPD has identified outdoor/open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone. Consequently, open burning in metro Atlanta and larger counties is restricted during the warm weather season.

County hosts workshop for potential vendors



The Gwinnett County Purchasing Division will host the seventh annual Supplier Symposium on June 6, 2013, from 8:30am to 11:30am at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Attendees will meet buyers and contracting officers from the Purchasing Division and other metro Atlanta agencies to take advantage of networking opportunities designed to create relationships and obtain information on current and upcoming projects.

To register for this free event, please visit the [Purchasing Symposium registration page](#).

To view current projects open for bidding and explanations of bidding procedures, visit the

[Purchasing Division's webpage.](#)

Smog season is here

What is smog?

Vehicle and industrial fumes release pollution into the air. These pollutants react with sunlight in the atmosphere to produce additional pollutants. During the summer, we have an increased level of sunlight and ozone and, in turn, an increased level of air pollution or smog. This can be hazardous for senior citizens, children, and people with heart and lung conditions such as emphysema and asthma.



How can you find out when smog levels are high?

The Clean Air Campaign issues smog alerts on days when the concentration of pollution is expected to reach unhealthy levels. Smog season is from May 1 to September 30, and you can find your daily Gwinnett smog forecast at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

What can you do?

As a Gwinnett County resident, when smog levels are forecasted as high, carpool, ride transit, work from home, or use another commute alternative. Visit www.cleanaircampaign.org to discover how the Clean Air Campaign can help you improve the air quality and save money.

Celebrate National Drinking Water Week



Ever wonder where your water comes from? Find out on Saturday, May 11 at Shoal Creek Filter Plant as Water Resources celebrates National Drinking Water Week.

The celebration takes place from 10:00am to 2:00pm and includes a tour of the filter plant, kids' activities, and free refreshments. County departments will set up informational displays and representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

The Shoal Creek Filter Plant is located at 1755 Buford Dam Road in Buford. If you have any questions about this event, please call 678.376.4200.

Memorial Day Ceremony: May 27

The public is invited to Gwinnett County's **Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27 at 1:00pm** at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. This event is held each year to celebrate and honor our county's military heroes and public service personnel.

This ceremony will mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Gwinnett County, and members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and honor guard units from the Gwinnett County Corrections, Fire and Emergency Services, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Lawrenceville Police Department will take part in this event.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. For more information about the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, visit www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com.



The Memorial Day Ceremony will be televised that night at 7:30pm on TVgwinnett, Gwinnett County's government access cable channel, and also will be available on demand at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

Join the Great American Cleanup



Do your part to help clean up Gwinnett County this spring. Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful is sponsoring the Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge from March 1 to May 31 as part of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

All interested local businesses or community groups can select a Gwinnett Challenge activity and be eligible to receive a cash prize! Projects must be completed between March 1 and May 31. Prizes will be awarded

based on the most impact made on the community.

For more information and how you can get involved, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.

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