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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:

- Ground broken for new fire stations
- Great Gwinnett Wetlands cleanup
- Memorial Day observance
- Paramedic graduation
- Gwinnett Center hotel makes progress

Memorial Day ceremony recognizes Gwinnett military heroes

Gwinnett County will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on **Monday, May 25, 2015, at 1:00pm** at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. This event is held each year to celebrate and honor our country's military heroes and public service personnel.



Members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and honor guard units from Gwinnett County 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.

Police Department hosts the annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival



The annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival will take place **Saturday, May 16 from 11:00am to 3:00pm** at 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 to interact with officers.

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

Outdoor burn ban now in effect through September 30

The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind residents that a **ban on outdoor and open burning** is in place annually from **May 1 to September 30**. In accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources ban on open burning, 54 counties in Georgia including Gwinnett are responsible for complying with the state-issued burn ban.



The Georgia Environmental Protection Division imposes an annual ban on outdoor burning to comply with federal clean air regulations. During the summer months in Georgia, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. The EPD has identified outdoor and 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.

The safe and cautious use of residential grills for outdoor cooking is still allowed and does not require a permit. The use of **grills on balconies of apartment buildings is totally prohibited** under the Gwinnett County Fire Ordinance. For more information on the outdoor burn ban, [click here](#).

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**.

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.

Police Department announces new academy for local clergy

The Gwinnett County Police Department is holding its first ever Clergy Citizen's Police Academy. Sessions will be held on **Mondays between August 17 and September 21, 2015**. There will be no class on Monday, September 7 because of the Labor Day holiday. Each class will **begin at noon and end at 5:00pm**.

The mission of the Clergy Citizen's Police Academy is to create and develop a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens and clergy members who want to learn more about their police department. Members of the academy will learn about the Police Department's organizational structure, criminal investigations, narcotics, 911 Operations Center, Crime Scene Investigations, emergency management, use of force, internal affairs, and more.

Clergy who are interested in joining may obtain an application through the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association website at www.gwinnettcpa.com. Applications must be received by **August 3** to be considered. Applications received after August 3 will be considered for future sessions. Submit applications to policevolunteers@gwinnettcountry.com, by fax to 770.513.5531, or by mail to P.O. Box 602, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. For questions, email CitizenPoliceAcademy@gwinnettcountry.com.

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