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Dear Homeowner,

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.



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:

- Primary election results
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Outdoor pools open
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Police Department holds job fair May 31

The Gwinnett County Police Department will host a job fair on **Saturday, May 31** from **8:00am to 3:00pm** for Police Officer positions. The job fair will take place at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center, located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

The Gwinnett County Police Department is a nationally accredited, full-service department with specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, DUI Task Force, and more. The department offers a competitive compensation and benefits package along with on-the-job training. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply before attending the fair on the [Police Employment website](#); however, human resources staff will be present at the fair and will be taking walk-up applications during the event.



For more information about the opportunities available with the Gwinnett County Police Department,

visit the [Police Employment website](#).

ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge kicks off Sunday, June 1



The Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will host a kickoff event for the ASPCA Rachael Ray™ \$100K challenge this **Sunday, June 1**. The shelter was recently chosen as a contender in a nationwide challenge to win up to \$100,000. Throughout the months of June, July, and August of this year, each competing shelter must save more dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens than they did during the same three months in 2013. Winners of the challenge could earn \$5,000 to \$100,000 in grant money from the ASPCA to help find homes for more animals in Gwinnett County and help low-income families spay/neuter their pets.

The kickoff event will include the **Run Fur their Lives 5K & Kitty Crawl 1-Mile Fun Run** on June 1 at 7:30am at Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway in Lawrenceville. After the race, come celebrate at the **Kickoff Festival** at the shelter, located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. The free festival will include activities for kids, food vendors, a car show, and animals available for adoption.

For more information, please visit the [Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center's website](#).

Gwinnett voters cast ballots in primary election

Gwinnett voters cast 54,228 ballots in the General Primary/Nonpartisan election on May 20, 2014. Total voter turnout for Gwinnett was 13.98 percent.

To view results for the 2014 General Primary/Nonpartisan election, [click here](#).

Gwinnett County pools are open for the summer



Outdoor pools opened for the summer season at all Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation aquatic centers on Saturday, May 24. Visitors will find a wide array of amenities for both fun and learning, including private, semi-private, and group swim lessons for all ages, as well as beach entry, water play structures, giant water slides, and picnic areas.

For more details on admission fees, specific amenities, hours of operation, or information on facility rentals, visit www.gwinnettparks.com.

For water and pool safety tips, visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com.

Timely tips for summer gardening

Now that warm weather is here, the Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Service would like to offer some gardening and outdoor advice.

1. Prune summer flowering shrubs like gardenias and big leaf hydrangeas after they finish flowering.
2. Reinvigorate annual flowers by cutting them back to one-half their height and fertilizing them with one-half cup of 10-10-10 all-purpose fertilizer per square yard.
3. If you see large black caterpillars with orange stripes consuming leaves on your oak trees, these are oak worms. They defoliate parts of oak trees, but do not kill the tree. Pesticide applications are not necessary.
4. Prune off old crepe myrtles before they form seed pods. Depending on the cultivar, they may produce flowers into the fall.
5. If your grass starts turning a bluish-green color and lies flat after being walked on, this is a sign that your lawn needs to be watered. Water thoroughly for deep soil penetration to encourage development of a healthy root system.
6. Remove old plants that have stopped producing in your vegetable garden. Doing so will reduce insects and disease organisms as well as clear space for fall vegetable plantings later in the summer.



For more landscaping and gardening advice, visit the [Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Service website](#).

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes

To reduce the mosquito population around your home, eliminate their breeding areas by cleaning gutters, replacing water in birdbaths, draining flowerpot saucers, and removing any other sources of standing water.

If you would like more information on preventing mosquitoes, contact the Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Service at extensionsservice@gwinnettcountry.com or call 678.377.4010.

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