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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 information below through your homeowner association newsletter, website, and e-mails and by talking to your friends and family. Click on *forward this e-mail to a friend* below to share this newsletter!

Gwinnett County offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of the County, will be **closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26** for the Thanksgiving holiday. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

County offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 29.



Thanksgiving is a trash holiday

Thursday, November 25 is a trash and recycling holiday for all residences in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Pickups scheduled for that day will be rescheduled for Friday, November 26 and Friday pickups will be rescheduled for Saturday, November 27. **Only Thursday and Friday pickups will be affected.**

Please note that the trash schedule will not change for Christmas Day and New Year's Day since both holidays fall on a Saturday.

Gwinnett's AAA credit rating reaffirmed

Three major credit ratings agencies have reaffirmed Gwinnett County's overall credit rating as AAA with a stable outlook, citing the County's **conservative financial management policies and practices** as key factors. In addition, the Gwinnett County Water and Sewer Authority and the

Gwinnett County Development Authority were also confirmed AAA from Moody's, Standard and Poor's, and Fitch Ratings. Gwinnett County first achieved AAA ratings from the three major ratings agencies in 1997 and has maintained that status every year since. **This excellent credit rating combined with current favorable interest rates will result in significant interest savings.**

Safe cooking this holiday season

The Thanksgiving holiday is typically a time when family and friends gather to share a meal and give thanks. As preparations for the busy holiday are underway, firefighters want to encourage safe cooking practices. Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires during the Thanksgiving holiday and throughout the year. **Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services** and the National Fire Protection Association are calling on all cooks to include fire safety in their recipes.

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, remember to check it regularly: use a timer to remind you that something is on the stove or in the oven
- Keep anything that could catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains away from your stovetop, oven, or any other heat producing appliance in the kitchen
- Never wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking: remember to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire and cool a burn injury with water until the pain goes away
- Never attempt to cook if you are extremely tired or if you have consumed alcoholic beverages
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away from the oven or stove when cooking
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home

Planning to deep-fry your turkey?

If you are planning to deep-fry your turkey, make sure to **carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions** for cooking and safety when using a turkey fryer. Gwinnett Fire and Emergency services shows what can happen when you fail to follow proper procedures.



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Want more information on recycling in Gwinnett?

Gwinnett celebrated *America Recycles Day* on Saturday, November 20, at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Residents brought more than 15 tons of paper to shred, which saved 255 trees, 5,700 gallons of oil, 45 cubic feet of landfill space, 60,000 kilowatts of energy, 105,000 gallons of water, and prevented 900 pounds of air pollution! Attendees enjoyed games, mascots, and educational exhibits along with a recycling bin decorating contest. Thanks to all who participated in this event!

If you are looking for more information about recycling in Gwinnett, check out these short videos! They provide details such as cart set-out guidelines and materials that are recyclable at the curb.



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