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Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcountryevents.com.

This Week

Elf on the Shelf Dinner

December 18 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The elves have decked the halls and will be visiting with Santa to enjoy his favorite meal. Bring your favorite elf doll to enjoy dinner, crafts, storytime, a hot cocoa bar, and cookie decorating! Cost:\$12/person. Register by December 15. For more information, call 770.822.5450. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

Cookies for Santa

December 19 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Make sure Santa enjoys his stop at your house this Christmas. Enjoy story time with Mrs. Claus and hot chocolate while decorating cookies for Santa. Cost: \$5/child includes free admission for parents. Register by December 15. For more information visit www.gwinnettparks.com or call 678.277.0910.

Candlelight Tour at McDaniel Farm

December 19 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Celebrate the season with a candlelight tour of the 1930s McDaniel family farm. Step back in time with a costumed guide as you discover historic customs and traditions celebrated during the holiday season. End the tour with a warm beverage and special holiday craft. Cost: \$8; free for Environmental and Heritage Center members. Register online or visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more information and additional dates. McDaniel Farm Park, 3251 McDaniel Road in Duluth.

Next Week

Christmas Holiday Hours

All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Monday, December 28. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday. Christmas Day and New Year's Day are trash and recycling holidays in unincorporated Gwinnett County; therefore collections will be delayed by one day after the holidays. To view the holiday schedule, please visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

Drop off your Christmas tree for recycling

Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, in partnership with Gwinnett County, will host the annual Bring One for the Chipper event. When the holidays are over, drop off your live Christmas tree from December 26 to January 16 to be recycled at various locations in Gwinnett County. These trees will be chipped into mulch and used for County parks and facilities. Visit www.gwinnettcountry.com for a list of locations.

Fire stations will accept trees 24/7 and other facilities will accept them during regular business hours.

Future Events

Septic Tank Maintenance Workshop | FREE

January 7 at 6:00pm. Septic systems require regular maintenance in order to continue working properly and reduce the likelihood of costly repairs. Participants in this workshop may be eligible to receive a 5 percent credit on their stormwater utility fee. Space is limited, so register in advance by providing your name, address, and phone number to dwsreg@gwinnettcounty.com or call 678.376.7193. Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

Dance Fitness Party

January 7 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Kick off the New Year with dancing to get fit. Learn dance moves and get a good workout all while having fun. Cost:\$6/person. For more information, call 678.277.0860. Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service | FREE

January 18 from 9:00am to noon. In the spirit of the MLK Day holiday, the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, in partnership with Volunteer Gwinnett and the Gwinnett Neighborhood Leadership Institute, will host the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Great Day of Service volunteer event. Volunteers can sign up as individuals or groups at www.volunteergwinnett.net. Harbins Park, 2995 Luke Edwards Road in Dacula.

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