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**December 16, 2014**

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**Mark your calendar!**

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at [www.gwinnettcountryevents.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryevents.com).

**This Week**

**Visits with Santa**

December 20 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Use your own camera for a \$5 sitting fee or get a photo at the event in a keepsake card for \$5 per photo. While you wait for your photo to print, make a craft in the Elf Workshop for only \$1. Call 770.822.5450 for more information. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

**Paws and Pages I FREE**

December 20 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Bring your kids to the animal shelter to read with some awesome therapy dogs. Children of all reading levels and abilities are invited to sit and spend some time sharing a story with a furry friend. Children who wish to participate should not be allergic to or fearful of dogs and must be able to sit quietly for a 10 to 15 minute reading session. Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, 684 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

**Next Week**

**Christmas Holiday Hours**

All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Friday, December 26. 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](http://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](http://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 I FREE**

January 15 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Attend this free workshop and learn what to look for when a problem exists, what to look for in a good contractor, and what permitting requirements are for new systems. For more information and to register, email [dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.376.7193. Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

## Controlling Pests Around the Home | FREE

January 27 from noon to 1:00pm. This free workshop will teach you ways to control termites and other pests, keep them out of your house, and how pest control companies can best serve you. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required by January 23. Contact Timothy Daly at 678.377.4010 or [timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:timothy.daly@gwinnettcountry.com). Gwinnett Extension, 750 South Perry Street in Lawrenceville.

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