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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

New Year's Holiday Hours

All offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2015, in observance of the New Year's holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours Friday, January 2, 2015. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the New Year's holiday. New Year's Day is a trash and recycling holiday in unincorporated Gwinnett County, therefore collections will be delayed by one day after the holiday. To view the holiday schedule, please visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors I FREE

January 1 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Lessons will cover how to save, print, and edit documents and how to use the Internet, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Class meets for six weeks and is open to students ages 60 and up. Call 678.225.5400 for more information. Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

Bring One for the Chipper

Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, in partnership with Gwinnett County, is hosting the annual Bring One for the Chipper event. Drop off your live Christmas tree until January 16 at various locations in Gwinnett County; 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. The trees will be chipped into mulch at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville on Saturday, January 24 and used for County parks and facilities. To volunteer for this event, visit www.gwinnettcbo.org.

Next Week

Winter Wildlife: Where do Animals go in Winter?

January 5 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Have you ever wondered where animals go when winter descends upon the forest? Animals have a few choices when it comes to braving the winter weather. They may migrate, go dormant, or just tough it out. Come learn about the amazing adaptations of Georgia animals by making wildlife food for local animals, building a children's winter wildlife snow-track craft, and going on guided hikes along the trails. The program is free with center admission. For more information, visit www.gwinnettcbo.org, or call 770.904.3500. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Virtual Travel Club I FREE

January 6 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Join your guide Fred Gakstatter as he takes you from the dizzying heights of Bolivia and the highest navigable lake in the world, to Lima, Peru. Fly over the Andes to Iquitos and board a small ship for a week in the Peruvian Amazon Rain Forest. Fly back to Lima and over the plains of Nazca, followed by a flight to the ancient Incan city of Cusco. Conclude your journey at the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Call 678.277.0179 for more information. Prime Timers Pointe at George Pierce Park, 55 Buford

Highway in Suwanee.

Elvis' 80th Birthday Bash

January 8 from noon to 1:30pm. Celebrate Elvis' 80th birthday with Elvis impersonator Mark Pitt. Lunch is catered by the Master's Table and will include some of the King of Rock and Roll's favorite food. The cost to attend is \$14 per person. Pre-register by January 2. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville. Call 678.277.0179 for more information.

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 or call 678.376.7193. Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

An Engaging Affair Winter Bridal Show

January 18 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Meet with wedding professionals to discuss options for your special day. Stay for the bridal gown fashion show, games, and door prizes. Grooms are always free. Registration is \$6 before January 16 and \$7 at the door. The first 30 brides receive a free t-shirt. For more information, call 770.822.5450. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January 19. 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 second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Great Day of Service volunteer event. Volunteers can sign up as individuals or groups at www.volunteergwinnett.net.

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