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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:

- Commissioners set March 2019 as date for transit referendum
- 2040 Unified Plan meetings seeking public feedback
- Water Innovation Center to break ground in October
- Lower trash fees now in effect
- Graves Park improvements to start soon
- School is back, drivers use caution around buses

Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy



Applications for the next Citizens Police Academy, which will run **August 21 to October 11**, are due on **August 17**.

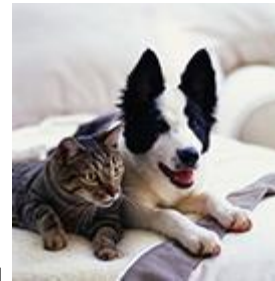
Classes will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Residents who participate in the academy will have a behind-the-scenes look at their police department. Topics

covered during the academy include crime prevention, E-911, criminal investigations, SWAT, crime scene investigations, and more.

To view an application, visit the Citizens Police Academy website at www.gwinnettcpa.com. Applications can also be submitted by email at policevolunteers@gwinnettcountry.com or by mailing them to P.O. Box 602, Lawrenceville, 30046.

Animal Welfare and Enforcement joins in Clear the Shelters on Saturday, August 18

Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement on Saturday, **August 18**, will participate in the fourth annual Clear the Shelters initiative with an Adoption Jamboree. Clear the Shelters is a national effort involving hundreds of shelters that offers free pet adoptions to help empty shelters and provide homes for dogs, cats, and other animals.



Dogs and cats adopted from the shelter are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. Adoption fees will be waived at the event.

The Adoption Jamboree, which runs from 11:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday, will feature a DJ, face-painting, Kona ice, popcorn and giveaways for pets. Clear the Shelters, sponsored nationally by NBC and Telemundo as part of National Adopt a Pet Day, is one of several specials offered by the Gwinnett animal shelter in August. Prospective owners can take home dogs and cats at no charge on Free Fridays through August 31. On other days, animals can be adopted for \$20.

Dogs typically cost \$90 to adopt, and cats typically cost \$30. Dogs and cats up for adoption at the shelter typically have been examined by Animal Welfare staff veterinarians and are ready to go home.

The shelter is extending its hours on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm into the fall. Ice cream socials will be held on the last Thursday of each month through October. The shelter is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

2040 Unified Plan maps, policies on display at open houses August 13 through August 30



The 2040 Unified Plan and the Future Development Map are scheduled to be available for viewing, review, and public feedback during a series of community open house sessions through **August 30**.

The Department of Planning and Development and its consultant Pond & Company will present draft goals or themes relating to economic development, redevelopment, transportation, and other issues along with policies to help achieve those goals. This presentation is a big-picture look at how the county could develop over the next 22 years.

There will be maps of various areas of the county that will include broad descriptions of uses allowed, such as residential and commercial levels and possible transportation improvements. The community open houses will also feature displays showing the Needs and Opportunities, recommendations, policies, and Future Development Map that will be included in the plan. This input process is not just limited to the general public. Gwinnett County has gained input from elected officials, interviews with residents, business and community leaders, various committees, County sponsored booths at community events, and more.

To view the dates of the community open house meetings and learn more about the plan, visit www.Gwinnett2040UnifiedPlan.com and follow Gwinnett 2040 Unified Plan on Facebook. Email questions to gwinnett2040@gwinnettcountry.com.

Elections Office seeking poll officials for upcoming elections

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for poll officials to staff elections in 2018.

As a poll official, you get a front row seat to the democratic process, earn valuable work experience, and you get paid!

Residents who can read and write English and Spanish are encouraged to complete a poll official application at www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com.



La Oficina de Elecciones busca trabajadores oficiales para las próximas elecciones

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado está buscando trabajadores electorales para proveer personal en las elecciones en 2018. Como trabajador electoral, usted participa directamente en el proceso democrático, obtiene una valiosa experiencia laboral, y lo mejor de todo es que te pagan! Se les anima a los residentes que pueden leer y escribir en inglés y español a completar una aplicación de oficial electoral en www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com.

Unincorporated Gwinnett County residents can order larger recycling carts online

Residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County can request new, covered 65-gallon recycling carts on wheels at no cost through the County's website or by contacting their solid waste hauler. The larger recycling carts would replace 18-gallon bins.

Residents can request the bins by clicking [here](#). The larger bins are part of an agreement between the County and haulers that went into effect July 1.

For more information, visit www.gcsolidwaste.com or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141.

Lawrenceville-Suwanee ramps onto I-85 to close overnight August 22 through August 24

The Georgia Department of Transportation is closing northbound and southbound on-ramps onto I-85 at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road (Exit 111) overnight from **August 22** through **August 24**. The closure will be in effective from 10:00pm to 5:00pm. A detour will be arranged, and message boards will be in place to warn motorists. Exact dates may change due to weather or other factors.

The closure is necessary to install ramp meter technology as part of the I-85 Express Lanes Extension project.

To find real-time information on project status and traffic conditions, call 511, visit 511ga.org, or download the Georgia 511 app.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Gwinnett in the Civil War



The Civil War largely bypassed Gwinnett even as Union General William T. Sherman besieged distant Atlanta. Still, the war had a profound impact on the county as the conflict claimed an estimated 500 local men and half the county's wealth. Gwinnett had about 13,000 people in the 1860 census.

At the Secession Convention in Milledgeville in January 1861, all three of Gwinnett's delegates voted against leaving the Union, but the county fielded at least 10 companies of about 100 soldiers each.

As Sherman invested the City of Atlanta in the summer of 1864, he sent his cavalry into the surrounding countryside to destroy facilities of military value, to forage, and to block reinforcements attempting to aid the beleaguered Rebels. On July 21, 1864, Brig. Gen. Kenner Garrard left his encampment in Decatur to burn bridges over the Alcovy and Yellow rivers. He entered Gwinnett near Lilburn, and camped near the Yellow River at Rockbridge Road. That night, they raided the plantation home of Thomas Maguire at the Promised Land near Centerville, robbing Maguire of his watch and wallet and taking provisions.

The next day, federal troopers burned the bridge at Rockbridge Road and the Yellow River. Over the next few days, they rode to Conyers, Covington, Social Circle, and Monroe. A detachment of Union cavalry returned to Gwinnett on July 23, burning cotton bales in Loganville and scattering a group of about 50 Confederates in Lawrenceville. They bivouacked at the Yellow River while another detachment stayed overnight near Mountain Park. Federal troopers then returned to Decatur with about 175 prisoners and captured supplies. The raid cost Garrard two men killed in action.

A young Gwinnett man, Eli Landers, wrote several letters home which were compiled into a book, "In Care of Yellow River: The Complete Civil War Letters of Pvt. Eli Pinson Landers to His Mother." The book gives a glimpse of daily life and reflections of a typical Southern soldier during the war.

Visit the Gwinnett Historical Society webpage at www.gwinnetths.org to learn more about Gwinnett County history.

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