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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:

- Centerville Senior Center officially opens
- Work on a new fire station begins
- Rock Springs Park sees new facilities
- Students learn about justice system

**County offices closed for Labor Day; trash pickup schedule unchanged**

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Monday, September 4** for the Labor Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on **Tuesday, September 5**. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Trash and recycling collection in unincorporated Gwinnett County is **scheduled as normal** for Monday, September 4. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Residents can visit [www.gcsolidwaste.com](http://www.gcsolidwaste.com) to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live within city limits should contact their trash and recycling provider to find out if collection will be delayed due to the holiday.

**4-H Farm Friends exhibit teaches about animals, farm life at Gwinnett Fair**

The 4-H Farm Friends exhibit at the Gwinnett County Fair from **September 14 to 24** provides urban-dwellers a chance to watch baby chicks hatch, calves nurse from a bottle, and goats gambol in their pen.

The 4-H exhibit offers other hands-on opportunities to learn about farm life, such as milking a wooden saw horse, feeling rabbit fur and wool, and watching farm hands care for animals we depend on for food and clothing.



Farm Friends is located at the big red barn at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. For a schedule and more information, visit [www.gwinnettcountryfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryfair.com).

### Gwinnett Transit extends opportunity to take online survey



Gwinnett County Transit extended the deadline for its survey to **September 12**. The County is developing short- to long-term plans for its transit system. Now is the time to get involved while plans are still being formulated. The online survey will help shape what the system should look like.

To gather more public input, the Transit planning team is also attending local events throughout the county to hear from you.

The final recommendations of the initiative, called *Connect Gwinnett: Transit Study*, will be presented to the Board of

Commissioners in 2018.

So get involved! Take the survey and visit the project's website for upcoming events and to learn more about this important issue.

### Human trafficking forum set for September 12

Human trafficking is a very real problem in metro Atlanta, and a forum set for **September 12 at 7:00pm** can teach you how to recognize potential victims, what to do when you suspect human trafficking, and about national and local programs to assist human trafficking victims.

Sponsored by the Gwinnett Human Relations Commission, speakers include Tajuan McCarty, a former victim and founder of the WellHouse, Michelle Anderson of the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, Bob Rodgers, president of Street Grace, and Sgt. Austin Godfrey of Gwinnett Police Vice Unit.

The forum will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2410 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross. For more information, email [muriam.nafees@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:muriam.nafees@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 770.822.7955.

### Help clean the Yellow River by picking up trash

Do your part to help the planet by picking up trash at Yellow River Park on **September 16** from **9:00am to 12:30pm**.

The clean-up also includes adjoining tributaries and bridge crossings. Experienced kayakers and canoers are invited to clean up the water while others work on land. Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Minimum age is 14 or 18 if you're interested in being a part of the river crew. Pizza and T-shirts will be provided for volunteers afterward. Pre-register [online here](#).



Clean-up teams include delegations from the Yellow River Water Trail, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, Gwinnett County Clean & Beautiful, and Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources.

### Chairman taps citizens to help County establish budget priorities

Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash has enlisted seven residents to help set priorities and make recommendations for the 2018 proposed budget.

The budget review team hears County department directors and agency heads present their business plans and financial resource requests.



The videotaped business plan presentations are available to view on the county's website.

The Chairman's 2018 budget proposal will be made available to the public on November 28 in conjunction with a formal presentation to the district commissioners. A budget public hearing will follow on December 4. By county ordinance, the Board of Commissioners must adopt the annual budget during its first meeting in January.

#### Bicentennial series to discuss slavery in Gwinnett County

As part of the County's bicentennial program, the Gwinnett Historical Society Speaker Series will feature a Georgia Gwinnett College professor who will discuss slavery in Gwinnett.

Dr. Michael Gagnon will share the results of his research on **September 18** from **7:00pm to 9:00pm** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville. For more information about the presentation, visit <http://www.gwinnetths.org>. The presentation will follow a brief GHS business meeting.

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