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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:**

- Bicentennial quilt hanging at GJAC lobby
- 2040 Unified Plan meetings seeking public feedback
- Mountain Park Aquatic Center repairs scheduled
- Chinese academics visit F. Wayne Hill plant
- County Fair kicks off September 13
- Volunteers to clean up Yellow River
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**County offices closed September 3 for Labor Day**

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed September 3 for Labor Day. All offices will resume regular working hours Tuesday, September 4. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. **Labor Day is not a trash holiday** for residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

**Animal Shelter offers September special for hard-to-adopt dogs and cats**

While many doggies and kitties are quickly adopted from the Gwinnett Animal Shelter, some get passed over time and time again just because they're a little older, not so easy on the eyes, or need a little more care. To help them get homes of their own, the shelter is hosting Adopt a Less-Adoptable-Pet Month, and cutting adoption fees to \$20 all through September.



Animals - including forlorn pets yearning for a home - have been vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are ready to meet their new family. Dogs typically cost \$45 to adopt, and cats typically cost \$30.

The shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm, Thursdays from 11:00am to 8:00pm, on Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. 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.

### Elections Office sponsoring hiring events on September 6 and 8

Citizens wanting to get involved in the electoral process and give back to the community are invited to Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events on **September 6** and **September 8** in Norcross.

The Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, including bilingual Spanish speakers.

The hiring events are set for:

- Thursday, September 6 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Saturday, September 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Both events will be hosted at the County OneStop Norcross facility at 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.

Interested citizens are encouraged to apply online at [www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) prior to the event. Gwinnett County Human Resources staff will be onsite to accept applications in person.



### La Oficina de Elecciones está patrocinando eventos de reclutamiento para el 6 y 8 de Septiembre

Los ciudadanos que están buscando formas de involucrarse en el proceso electoral y contribuir con la comunidad están invitados a los próximos eventos de contratación de trabajadores electorales del condado de Gwinnett el 6 de Setiembre y el 8 de Setiembre en Norcross.

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, pero tiene una necesidad urgente de trabajadores electorales bilingües, particularmente personas que hablen Español.

Los eventos de reclutamiento están programados para:

- Jueves, 6 de Setiembre de 4:00pm a 7:00pm
- Sábado, 8 de Setiembre de 9:00am a 1:00pm

Ambos eventos se realizarán en una de las instalaciones del Condado OneStop Norcross en 5030 Georgia Belle Court en Norcross.

Se recomienda a los ciudadanos interesados que apliquen en línea en [www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) antes del evento. El personal de Recursos Humanos del Condado de Gwinnett estará en el lugar para aceptar las solicitudes en persona.

### National Preparedness Month in September with ways to be ready for disasters



September is National Preparedness Month and Gwinnett County's Emergency Management team wants to remind people to be ready if disaster strikes. This year, the County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will focus on planning, with an overarching theme: Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, thunderstorms, and tornadoes. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The County website will focus weekly on different messages. The weekly themes are:

- Week 1: September 1-8                      Make and Practice Your Plan
- Week 2: September 9-15                    Learn Life-saving Skills
- Week 3: September 16-22                  Check Your Insurance Coverage
- Week 4: September 23-29                  Prepare for an Emergency

**Unincorporated Gwinnett County residents can order larger recycling carts online**

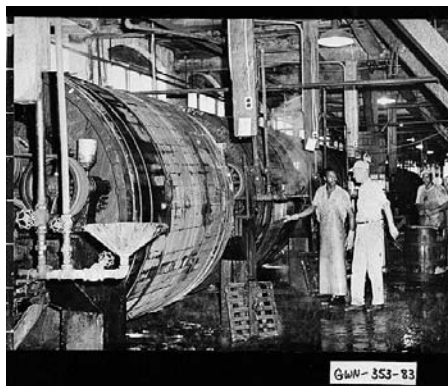
Unincorporated Gwinnett County residents can still order larger recycling carts online. Residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County can request new, covered 65-gallon recycling carts on wheels at no cost through the County's website or by contacting their solid waste hauler. The larger recycling carts 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](http://www.gcsolidwaste.com) or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141.

**Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Bona Allen Shoe and Horse Collar Factory**

The Bona Allen Company in Buford was the nation's largest tannery, producing horse collars, saddles, cowboy boots, shoes, and other leather items. It was famous for making saddles for movie stars, including Roy Rogers, William F. ("Buffalo Bill") Cody, Gene Autry, Lash LaRue, Gabby Hayes, and the cast of the popular TV show "Bonanza." The factory closed in 1981 after a fire.



At the age of 27, Bonaparte Allen started the company in 1873 by making whiplashes and then expanding to horse collars. It started making shoes in 1918. Allen owned homes he would rent to his employees. Some employees could buy them without a down payment.

Allen died in 1925, but the company continued to thrive, even during the Great Depression when farmers resorted to plowing with horses. In 1932, the Bona Allen factory employed 2,200 people. It also supplied Spalding, the sports equipment company, with material for baseballs and gloves. In 1943, it dropped its horse collar factory, shoe and chrome tannery. In 1968, the tannery and saddle and harness factories sold to the Tandy Corporation. When a fire struck in 1981, the factory closed and the last 160 employees were laid off.

The company sponsored a semi-pro baseball team called the Bona Allen Shoemakers, which won 56 of 61 games in 1933.

The tannery was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

To learn more about Gwinnett history, visit [www.gwinnett200.com](http://www.gwinnett200.com).

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