



News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcountry homeowners

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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 party and gala commemorate County's 200th birthday on December 15
- Commissioners dedicate Bicentennial Plaza at former Fire Station 15 site in Lawrenceville
- Winters Chapel Road sidewalks completed
- Indigenous people Roots of Wisdom exhibit closes January 2
- New county commissioners taking office

UGA Extension plant sale starts December 26

The UGA Extension Gwinnett office's popular annual plant sale kicks off December 26, and the plant experts are offering a whole host of fruit shrubs and trees.

You can eat organically with your own blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, Goji berries, and pecans by ordering online before March 6. The plant experts also offer landscape plants.



You must pick up your prepaid order on March 14 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. No orders are shipped. Visit www.ugaextension.org/gwinnett, or call 678.377.4010 for order forms and plant sale information.

Residents can comment on the proposed 2019 budget until December 31

Residents have until December 31 to fill out an [online comment card](#) giving their views on the proposed 2019 budget for Gwinnett County.



The \$1.8 billion budget, which focuses on safety and maintaining assets, consists of a \$1.38 billion operating budget and \$434 million for capital improvements, including SPLOST-funded projects.

Five citizen volunteers served on Chairman Charlotte Nash's budget review committee, which heard presentations from elected officials and department directors. The Board expects to adopt the 2019 budget on January 3. Read more about the 2019 budget proposal [here](#) or watch a video on the proposed budget [here](#).

Bring a pet home for the holidays from Gwinnett County Animal Welfare

Take advantage of Gwinnett Animal Welfare's Home for the Holidays adoption special and give a gift of unconditional love.

All pets are free on Fridays, and 10 lucky dogs and cats are selected for free adoption each week through the end of December. Gwinnett County Animal Welfare is offering adoption gift certificates this holiday season, which allow the recipient to be actively involved in choosing the perfect pet.



All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare have been vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped and are ready to go to their new home. The shelter is located at 844 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville. Visit www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com for updates on available pets and activities.

Some seniors 65 or older on January 1 can get a tax exemption

If you are 65 years or older as of January 1 and your taxable income is below \$91,912, you likely qualify for the Senior School Tax Exemption. Apply by April 1 to be eligible. To apply for an exemption, visit gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com. For assistance, email tax@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770.822.8800.

Bring One for the Chipper set for January 26



Bring your used and stripped Christmas tree to the annual Bring One for the Chipper event where it will be turned into mulch.

You can drop off natural Christmas trees between December 26 and January 20 at [select fire stations](#) in Gwinnett County. The trees will be chipped into mulch for use at County parks. Recycling your Christmas tree saves precious landfill space and provides an easy and environmentally conscious way to dispose of your old tree. The event is sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful in partnership with Gwinnett County.

Visit www.gwinnettcb.org to see a list of all drop-off sites or register to volunteer for the chipping event scheduled for January 26 from 8:00am to 11:00am at Bethesda Park at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville.

Protect yourself from flood damage

Did you know your homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage?

Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. For information regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, please call 1.800.427.4661 or visit www.floodsmart.gov.

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