



December 26, 2017

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Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcouyevents.com.

This Week

Bring One for the Chipper to dispose of your Christmas tree in a smart, green way

Through January 15. Bring your Christmas tree to the annual Bring One for the Chipper event sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful in partnership with Gwinnett County. You can drop off natural Christmas trees at designated sites in Gwinnett County. The trees will be chipped into mulch for use at County parks. Select fire stations will accept trees 24/7 and other locations will accept them during regular business hours. Recycling your Christmas tree keeps trees out of landfills by recycling them into mulch, which saves landfill space and provides an easy and environmentally conscious way to dispose of your old tree. Visit www.gwinnettcb.org to see a list of all drop-off sites or register to volunteer for the chipping event scheduled for January 27.

UGA Extension Gwinnett plant sale kicks off

Through March 21. The UGA Extension Gwinnett office's famous annual plant sale kicked off December 26, and the plant experts are offering a whole host of delectable fruit shrubs and trees. You can buy blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, Goji berries, azaleas, pecan trees, and other landscape plants in its annual sale. Order your plants by March 21. Pick up your order only on March 29 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. No orders are shipped. For order forms and plant sale information, visit www.ugaextension.org/gwinnett or call 678.377.4010 to request a form.

Third Annual Festival of Trees at the Southeastern Railway Museum | FREE!

December 27 through December 30 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The Third Annual Festival of Trees will showcase decorated trees including a 12-foot tree adorned with bubble lights, antiques, and other historical visual treats that highlight Gwinnett's 200-year history. Cost: Free entry into the Historic Train Depot to view some of the trees; however, to enter the main building to see additional trees, there is an admission charge of \$10 per adults, \$8 per senior 65 and older, \$7 for children 2 to 12 years old. Sponsored by the Duluth Historical Society, Southeastern Railway Museum and Historic Train Depot, 3595 Buford Highway, Duluth.

Holiday Candlelight Tours

December 28 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. A candlelit tour will transport visitors to the 1930s McDaniel Family Farm. Discover historic customs and traditions celebrated during the holiday season with costumed guides. This event is appropriate for all ages. Cost: \$8 per person.

Visit www.gwinnettparks.com to preregister. Call 770.814.4920 for more information. McDaniel Farm Park, 3020 McDaniel Road, Duluth.

Next Week

NASA@Your Library | FREE!

January 2 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The Buford-Sugar Hill branch of the Gwinnett Public Library is offering lunar exploration here at home. Create a travel commercial for your own moon adventure by using a green screen and the Space Stage app. Buford-Sugar Hill Branch, 2100 Buford Highway, Buford.

Coffee with a Cop

January 5 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Spend some quality time with a Gwinnett County police officer at Coffee with a Cop at the Chick-fil-A in Duluth. The program, intended to break down barriers between police and the people they serve, allows the public to ask questions, discuss issues, and

get to know each other a little. For more information, call 678.442.6504 or email Officer David Wood at David.D.Wood@gwinnettcountry.com. 1570 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

Grand Opening of Lilburn Activity Center | FREE!

January 6 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Start out the New Year exploring class and rental options at the newly opened Lilburn Activity Building, formerly a County library branch. There will be new instructor demonstrations for dance, fitness, and music, kid's activities, arts and crafts, tasty treats, and more. For more information, call 678.277.0875. Lilburn Activity Center, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

Future Events

Homeowner H2O Water Conservation Seminar

January 13 at 11:00am. As part of a series of workshops on water conservation, the Department of Water Resources will teach homeowners how to detect and repair leaks, install water-efficient fixtures, and establish water-saving habits in and out of the home. [Online preregistration](#) is recommended for DWR workshops. Collins Hill branch of the Gwinnett Public Library, 455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville.

MLK Day Parade | FREE!

January 15 at 11:00am to 12:30pm. The MLK Day Parade begins at the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration building and ends at Moore Middle School, where performances, vendors, and artwork will be on display. Keynote speakers include alumni of the historic Hooper Renwick School in Lawrenceville. Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville; Moore Middle School, 1221 Lawrenceville Highway, Lawrenceville.

MLK Day of Service Workday Celebration | FREE!

January 15 from 9:00am to noon. Join volunteers for National Day of Service as they empower and strengthen local communities by cleaning up Rock Springs Park. Families, service organizations, and scout groups welcome. Cost: Free. For more information, call Tania Ballou at 678.277.0903 or email tania.ballou@gwinnettcountry.com. Rock Springs Park, 550 Rock Springs Road, Lawrenceville.

1-18-18: Two Become One Mass Wedding Ceremony | FREE!

January 18 at 1:18pm. At exactly 1:18pm on January 18, 2018, a special mass wedding and vow renewal ceremony to celebrate the bicentennial will take place in the Superior Court Ballroom at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse. Chief Magistrate Kristina Hammer Blum and Probate Judge Christopher Ballar will perform the free "On 1-18-18...Two Become One" ceremony. Couples must provide a marriage license from a Georgia Probate Court; no out-of-state weddings will be performed. Each couple may bring a maximum of six guests. Preregistration is required by January 16 by calling 770.822.5450. For more information, visit www.gwinnettparks.com. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

1-18-18: Two Become One Mass Wedding Reception

January 18 at 2:00pm. The brides, grooms, and their guests from the 1-18-18: Two Become One Mass Wedding Ceremony are invited to celebrate with a reception in the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse's Superior Court Ballroom. The price includes a first dance, wedding cupcakes, light refreshments, and a wedding keepsake. Each couple may bring up to six guests. Cost: \$15 per person. Preregistration is required by January 16 by calling 770.822.5450. For more information, visit www.gwinnettparks.com. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

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