



# News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcountry homeowners

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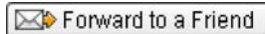
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## Dear Homeowner,

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:

- 101<sup>st</sup> Police Academy class earn their badges
- Partnership Gwinnett summit brings business, community, elected leaders together
- Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy graduates
- Fallen Office Antwan Toney honored
- Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Department named 2018 Agency of the year by state group
- See what your taxes buy with County online tool

## Have your photo taken with your pet with Holiday Pet Portraits on December 8

Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement will host Holiday Pet Portraits for families and pets on December 8 from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Portraits are free with a pet food donation.

The county animal welfare shelter will be open for adoptions throughout the day and will be offering adoption gift certificates for those who are looking to give the gift of a pet.



Then on December 15 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Gwinnett Animal Welfare is wrapping up its last with Yappy Hour party by offering 200 free rabies vaccinations at Rock Springs Park. Other vaccines are available for \$10 and microchipping only costs \$25. Yappy Hour is being sponsored by Gwinnett Animal Welfare, Animal Alliance of Georgia, Canine Pet Rescue, Society of Humane Friends, and Live Healthy Gwinnett.

To celebrate the yuletide season, Gwinnett Animal Welfare is also offering a Home for the Holidays adoption special. All pets are free on Fridays, and 10 lucky dogs and cats are selected for free adoption each week through December.

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](http://www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com) for updates on available pets and activities.

**Public hearing on County 2019 budget set for December 10**



A public hearing on the County's proposed \$1.8 billion budget for 2019 is set for 7:00pm on December 10 in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium.

The draft fiscal blueprint emphasizes public safety and maintenance of County assets. The proposal includes a \$1.34 billion operating budget and \$434 million for capital improvements, including SPLOST-funded projects.

The board will also take public comments online through the end of the year. The final budget will be adopted at the board's first meeting in January. A copy of the budget and a video overview of the budget proposal are available online at [gwinnettcountry.com](http://gwinnettcountry.com).

#### Student choirs sing Christmas favorites at GJAC

Gwinnett County elementary, middle, and high school choirs are spreading holiday cheer at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center this December with musical renditions of popular Christmas carols.



Performances will take place weekdays through December 14 on the second floor across from the jury assembly room. View the schedule or watch the video recordings of the performances on TVgwinnett, the County's government access cable television channel or on-demand at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

#### Some seniors 65 or older on January 1 can get an 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](http://gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com). For assistance, email [tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tax@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 770.822.8800.

#### 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](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

#### Bicentennial moment: Gwinnett bicentennial celebration closes with day of family friendly events, evening gala



**Gwinnett**  
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Celebrate Gwinnett County's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 15 when the County concludes its yearlong bicentennial celebration with a family-friendly party and an evening gala at the Infinite Energy Center.

The festivities will feature kids' activities highlighting the county's diversity from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Hudgens Center for Art & Learning and the Performing Arts Center at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway. The free event is a cultural birthday celebration with different rooms representing different continents. In each themed room, youngsters can create crafts from the continent and get their bicentennial passport stamped. Guests will see cultural performances from across the globe.

There also will be a kids' group art project that will be put on exhibit. Other activities include storytelling and meet-and-greets with historical characters from Gwinnett's past.

Visitors can also learn about the history of Gwinnett by viewing documentaries shown throughout the day and by exploring the Gwinnett history exhibit. They can take in an art exhibit featuring Gwinnett artists.

Outdoors, visitors will find food trucks representing a variety of cultures, make s'mores over fire pits, and watch an artist make an ice carving of the bicentennial logo.

Then, the public can celebrate the county's rich history and pay tribute to its vibrant community and diverse cultures at a gala in the Infinite Energy Center ballroom. The cocktail party begins at 6:00pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm. Tickets cost \$125 per person. Cocktail attire is appropriate.

Visit [www.gwinnett200birthday.com/events](http://www.gwinnett200birthday.com/events) to buy tickets for the evening gala and to learn more about the free daytime event. To find out more about Gwinnett's bicentennial celebration, visit [www.Gwinnett200.com](http://www.Gwinnett200.com).

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