



News for Neighborhoods

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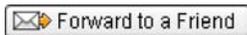
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Dear Homeowner,

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:

- Transit voting starts February 25; voter registration deadline is February 19
- County hosts transit contract referendum open houses
- Microtransit pilot program extended
- Two new satellite senior centers opening next month
- Police hiring event set for March 2 to March 3
- Black History Month events honor contributions by African-Americans

County offices closed for Presidents Day holiday on February 18

All Gwinnett County Government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed February 18 for the Presidents Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on February 19. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Presidents Day is not a trash and recycling holiday for solid waste providers in unincorporated Gwinnett County so trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal. 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 to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live in a city should contact their city to find out if trash and recycling will be delayed due to the holiday.

Learn the facts before you vote on Gwinnett's transit plan, contract with MARTA

With voting on the transit contract referendum set to start February 25, Gwinnett County Government is hosting a series of public information sessions so voters can make an informed decision before they go to the polls.

Voters are being asked to consider expansion of the County's transit options through a contract with MARTA. If the voters choose to approve the transit contract that Gwinnett County has negotiated with MARTA, the expansion would follow a plan developed by the County with substantial public participation. The expansion will be funded through a one-cent sales tax for transit improvements.



The contract provides control to Gwinnett over funds, expenditures, projects, and services. It requires Gwinnett funds to be spent for the benefit of Gwinnett. It sets Gwinnett's transit plan, Connect Gwinnett, as the source of transit projects. It also provides Gwinnett with three seats on the MARTA board.

Election Day is March 19.

The open house education sessions through February will be:

Thursday, February 21, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Shorty Howell Park Activity Building
2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth

Saturday, February 23, 10:00am to 1:00pm
Snellville City Hall
2342 Oak Road, Snellville

Tuesday, February 26, 9:00am to noon
Georgia Gwinnett College Student Center
1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville

Thursday, February 28, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Gwinnett Fire Academy
3608 Braselton Highway, Dacula

For the full list of open house education sessions through March 16, [click here](#).

To learn about the highlights of the contract, [click here](#). For more information about the transit plan, visit www.ConnectGwinnettTransit.com.

Ways to vote in the upcoming transit contract referendum



February 19 is the last day to register to vote and/or update your registration record in this election.

Voters will have multiple opportunities to cast their ballot on the transit contract referendum ahead of the **March 19** election day.

In-person voting at the Main Elections Office on Grayson Highway runs from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily from **February 25 to March 15**, including Saturdays and Sundays.

From **March 4 to March 15**, voters can visit one of seven satellite locations around the county from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily, including Saturday and Sunday. On election day, **March 19**, voters must go to their assigned polling location. **March 15** is the last day to have an absentee mailed to you.

For more information about satellite locations and absentee voting, visit www.gwinnettelelections.com. To learn your assigned polling location or to check the status of your voter registration, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or call the Elections Office at 678.226.7210.

Cómo votar en el próximo referéndum sobre el contrato de transporte

El 19 de Febrero es el último día para inscribirse para votar y/o actualizar su historial de inscripción electoral para ésta elección.

Los votantes tendrán múltiples oportunidades para emitir su voto en el referéndum sobre el contrato de transporte el 19 de Marzo.

La votación en persona en la Oficina Principal de Elecciones en Grayson Highway funciona desde las 7:00am a 7:00pm todos los días, del 25 de Febrero al 15 de Marzo, esto incluye los Sábados y los Domingos.



Desde el 4 de Marzo hasta el 15 de Marzo, los votantes pueden visitar uno de los siete lugares satélite alrededor del condado desde las 7:00am a 7:00pm todos los días, que también incluye los Sábados y los Domingos. El Día de las Elecciones, 19 de Marzo, los votantes deben ir a su lugar

de votación asignado. El 15 de Marzo es el último día para que le envíen por correo una boleta de voto ausente.

Para obtener más información sobre las ubicaciones satélite y votación ausente, visite www.gwinnettelections.com. Para conocer su lugar de votación asignado o para verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral, visite el sitio web de la Secretaría de Estado de Georgia en www.mvp.sos.ga.gov o llame a la Oficina de Elecciones al 678.226.7210

Celebrate your love with a (free) Valentine's Day wedding at the historic Isaac Adair House



What could be more romantic and memorable than getting married on Valentine's Day at one of Gwinnett's most picturesque historic homes?

Chief Magistrate Kristina Hammer Blum and Probate Court Judge Christopher Ballar will be performing wedding and vow renewal ceremonies at the Isaac Adair House in downtown Lawrenceville on Thursday, February 14 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The wedding ceremony is free.

Couples must obtain a valid marriage license prior to the ceremony and bring the original license with them on February 14. Contact Probate Court at 770.822.8350 for information about obtaining a marriage license. Couples renewing their wedding vows do not need to bring a copy of their license.

For ceremony details and to reserve an appointment, call 770.822.8081.

The Isaac Adair House, built in the 1820s, features an elevated porch and a Grand Garden with a pergola and arbor.

Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center is offering computer classes

The Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center is offering computer classes for seniors ages 50 and older this spring. Seniors can register online from February 15 to March 16 at www.gsrlc.org. Seniors may also register in person from 10:00am to 11:00am on March 19 at Bethesda Park Senior Center or from 10:00am to 11:00am on March 21 at George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center.

UGA Extension plant sale continues through March 6

UGA Extension Gwinnett's popular annual plant sale runs through March 6, and the plant experts are offering a host of fruit shrubs and trees.

You can enjoy healthy eating with your own blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, and Goji berries by ordering online. The plant experts also offer landscape plants.



You must pick up your prepaid order on March 14 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. No orders are shipped. For order forms or for more information, visit www.ugaextension.org/gwinnett, or call 678.377.4010.

Sign up for Gwinnett 101 to learn how Gwinnett County Government works



Everything you ever wanted to know about how Gwinnett operates is available for people who sign up for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy. The citizens academy is a free, 12-week program that gives participants a behind-the-scenes look at Gwinnett County Government. For one evening a week from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, participants meet with County leaders, visit County facilities, and learn how government works.

Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old and be a Gwinnett resident, worker, business owner, or attend a Gwinnett college or university. Class size is limited to 30 participants chosen by a selection committee.

Candidates must apply by March 1. To learn more, visit www.Gwinnett101.com or contact Nicole Love Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com.

County accepting applications for third Youth Commission class

Gwinnett County Government is recruiting high school students for the Gwinnett Youth Commission, a program to develop young leaders who can speak on behalf of youth in Gwinnett County and be engaged with the community.

The commission, launched in 2017, consists of an eight-week course on Gwinnett County Government, covering infrastructure, health and human services, public safety, courts, and recreation. Students will also receive leadership and personal development training.

To be eligible for the Youth Commission, students must be a resident of Gwinnett County, be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior at a Gwinnett high school, Buford City School, or a private or home school in Gwinnett. Interested applicants must submit a completed application and typed essay by March 29.

For more information, contact Nicole Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8877, or visit the [Gwinnett Youth Commission webpage](#).



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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