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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:

- Parks and Recreation offers another Bicentennial Bus Tour
- Gwinnett County Chairman Charlotte Nash delivers her State of the County Address
- Black History Month features an exhibit on Frederick Douglass at GJAC

**Chairman Nash delivers 2018 State of the County Address**

Almost 200 years of Gwinnett County history provided the backdrop for Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash's 2018 State of the County speech February 14 to a crowd of about 800 at the Infinite Energy Center.

"Two hundred years after our founding, we remain a community of pioneers, with many of our residents having come from across the U.S. and from around the globe, seeking opportunity and

prosperity," she said.

With a projected population of more than 1.5 million in 2040, Nash said expanded transportation options must include transit. She said she hopes the state legislature will pass a bill that balances regional oversight and local control.



Video of the speech will air frequently on TVGwinnett, the County's government access cable channel on Charter, Comcast and AT&T U-verse, and will be available on demand at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com). Text of the speech and a related handout can also be found on the County's website.

#### County offices closed for Presidents Day holiday on February 19



All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed February 19 for the Presidents Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on February 20. 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](http://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.

#### Medical Reserve Corps to host training on traffic and crowd control

The Medical Reserve Corps of Georgia East Metro will conduct traffic and crowd control training on **February 17** from 9:00am to noon at the Gwinnett, Newton & Rockdale County Health Department's District Office at 2570 Riverside Parkway in Lawrenceville.

The training will focus on managing traffic and crowds during disasters or at points of distribution. The Medical Reserve Corps is a nonprofit organization supporting the health and emergency preparedness needs of Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale counties.

To attend or for more information, visit [www.mrcgem.com](http://www.mrcgem.com).

#### Elections Office sponsoring hiring events on February 21 and 24

Citizens looking for ways 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 **February 21** in Norcross and **February 24** in Snellville.

The Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but has an urgent need for bilingual poll workers, particularly Spanish speakers.

The hiring events are set for:

- Wednesday, **February 21** from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Norcross Human Service Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross
- Saturday, **February 24** from 9:00am to noon at Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville

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 on site to accept applications in person.

#### La Oficina de Elecciones está patrocinando eventos de reclutamiento para el 21 y 24 de Febrero

Los ciudadanos que buscan maneras de involucrarse en el proceso electoral y contribuir con la comunidad están invitados a los próximos eventos del Condado de Gwinnett en relación al reclutamiento de trabajadores electorales el 21 de Febrero en Norcross y el 24 de Febrero en Snellville.

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 serán:

- \* Miércoles, 21 de Febrero a partir de las 4:00pm hasta las 7:00pm en el Norcross Human Services Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross
- \* Sábado, 24 de Febrero desde las 9:00am hasta el mediodía en Centerville Community Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville

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.

### Give your feedback on the County's 2040 Unified Plan

There's still time to offer your feedback on the County's 2040 Unified Plan, which will contemplate how land use, transportation, housing, and economic development can combine and work together in the county.

The final community open house is scheduled for **February 22** at Bogan Park in Buford. There will be stations for people to learn about the plan plus a handful of interactive activities for folks to offer input on different topics.



If you can't make the open house, take a short online survey to share your thoughts on the plan.

For more details, visit [www.Gwinnett2040UnifiedPlan.com](http://www.Gwinnett2040UnifiedPlan.com) or follow us on Facebook at Gwinnett 2040 Unified Plan.

### Gwinnett Tax Commissioner announces new after-hours self-service kiosks for tag renewal



The Tax Commissioner's Office is offering two new self-service kiosks for citizens to renew their tags nights and weekends in Lawrenceville and in Buford. Customers will be able to renew their vehicle registrations and immediately receive current decals for their license plates. Major credit and debit cards are accepted, and processing fees apply.

The kiosk in the entrance foyer at the North Gwinnett tag office is available 24/7. The kiosk in Lawrenceville is available from 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday, and from 8:00am to 7:00pm on Saturdays.

Residents can also use kiosks in Kroger stores in neighboring counties, including DeKalb, Walton, Hall, Clayton, and Fulton. For more information, visit [www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com](http://www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com).

### Enroll in Gwinnett 101 to learn how government really works

How does the County put together a \$1.7 billion budget? Why do fire trucks respond to medical emergencies? How do they decide where to put traffic signals? The answer to these questions can be found at Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy.

Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy is a free, 12-week program that gives participants a behind-the-scenes look at County government. The Citizens Academy is accepting applications for the spring session. 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 resident and/or business owner in Gwinnett or attend a Gwinnett college or university. Class size is limited to 30 participants chosen by a selection committee

To apply, visit [www.Gwinnett101.com](http://www.Gwinnett101.com) by **March 9**. To learn more, visit the Gwinnett 101 website or contact Nicole Love Hendrickson at [nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com).

### Lanier Community Garden has plots available for spring

The Lanier Community Garden, located on the Gwinnett County property of the Lanier Water Filter Plant, is accepting applications for plots in time for the spring growing season.

The garden is an all-volunteer organization that provides residents a place to grow fruit, herbs, vegetables and flowers for their families, local food banks, and other charitable organizations. It offers 79 garden plots including organic and traditional plots of two sizes. Larger plots cost \$45 annually and smaller plots cost \$22.50. Visit [www.laniercommunitygarden.org](http://www.laniercommunitygarden.org) for more information.

### Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Fort Daniel

Fort Daniel was built in 1813 on Hog Mountain near the Creek and Cherokee Indian territories. The fort, which garrisoned the 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Georgia Militia, protected early settlers during the War of 1812. Named for Maj. Gen. Allen Daniel, the fort was later the staging point for the original Peachtree Road between Fort Daniel and another frontier fort in Buckhead.



Archeologists from the Fort Daniel Foundation recently found the identified the entrance to the fort, plus the remains of two blockhouses and wall trenches along with artifacts from the early 1800s. The County began preserving the land on Braselton Road near Buford in 2012 and now leases it to the foundation, which provides educational programs and the annual Fort Daniel Fair at the site.

For more historical information, visit the Gwinnett Historical Society page at [www.gwinnettgs.org](http://www.gwinnettgs.org). Visit [www.gwinnett200.com](http://www.gwinnett200.com) for more on the events celebrating the county's bicentennial.

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