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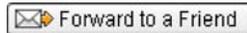
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Dear Homeowner,

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:

- Give to the community on the MLK Day of Service on January 21
- Infinite Energy Center contract approved
- Join in the homeless count on January 28
- Trailblazer Awards honor Gwinnett's past leaders
- Commissioners set to adopt 2040 Unified Plan after state review
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Gwinnett government offices closed for MLK holiday on January 21

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of the county, will be closed Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 22. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday and trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal.

The Gwinnett United Ebony Society will host its 17th annual parade starting on Langley Drive in Lawrenceville at 10:00am and ending at Moore Middle School, located at the intersection of Lawrenceville Highway and Johnson Road. The parade theme is "Leadership: You are the Difference." To learn details on parking and lineup information, visit the Gwinnett United Ebony Society [webpage](#).

Get the facts about Gwinnett's transit plan, contract with MARTA before the March 19 referendum

Gwinnett County residents will go to the polls March 19 to vote on a [contract](#) with MARTA for the provision of expanded transit services.

If the referendum passes, Gwinnett's transit system and services will expand based on Gwinnett's plan and its contract with MARTA. The expansion will be funded through a one-cent sales tax for transit.

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.

Starting next week, the County will engage in a series of open house education sessions where residents can drop in and learn about the referendum. The first five sessions will be:

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center Community Room
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

Wednesday, January 23, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center Community Room
4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake

Thursday, January 24, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Mountain Park Activity Building
1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain

Monday, January 28, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Grayson City Hall Senior Center
475 Grayson Parkway, Grayson

Wednesday, January 30, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center Community Room
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

To learn about the contract, visit the Gwinnett County [Department of Transportation page](#). For more information about the transit plan, visit www.ConnectGwinnettTransit.com.

Bring One for the Chipper set for January 26



Don't leave your tree at the curb where it will sit forever. Drop off your undecorated Christmas tree at a select fire station to be taken to the annual Bring One for the Chipper event to be turned into mulch.

You can drop off natural Christmas trees through January 20 to one of [28 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.gwinnettcba.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.

January is National Radon Action Month

Your home could have radon, a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring gas that is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in America.

According to UGA Extension, 22 to 28 percent of all homes in Gwinnett have significant levels of radon, which typically enters a building from the soil below. The only way to tell if your house has radon is to use a testing kit.

UGA Extension provides radon test kits for \$10. The kit includes test instructions and ways to measure results.

The UGA Extension Gwinnett office is located at 750 South Perry Street in Lawrenceville. To learn more, call 678.377.4010 or visit the UGA Extension Gwinnett [radon awareness webpage](#).



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, couples may call 770.822.8081.

The Isaac Adair House, built in the 1820s, features a bridal room, an elevated porch, and a Grand Garden with a pergola and arbor. However, the bridal room will not be available at this event.

UGA Extension plant sale continues through March 6

The UGA Extension Gwinnett office'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



How does the County's F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Facility treat so much wastewater? Why do police officers touch the back of your car during a traffic stop? What services are available for seniors in Gwinnett?

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.

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

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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