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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:

- Black History Month features events
- The State of the County Address set for February 14
- Soccer comes to Coolray Field
- A bicentennial art exhibit visits county parks, library

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

There's still time to give 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. Please join us at one of our upcoming community open houses to learn more about the purpose of the Unified Plan, review initial findings, and provide input that will be used to develop an overall vision for the County.



The next three open houses will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on **February 1** at the Lilburn Activity Center in Lilburn, **February 12** at the Centerville library branch in Snellville, and **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 an 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.

### Adopt a pet for \$18.18 in February



In celebration of Gwinnett's founding on December 15, 1818, the animal shelter is offering an \$18.18 adoption special throughout the month of February.

The adoption fees include vaccinations, microchip, and spay/neuter.

The animal shelter is in Lawrenceville at 884 Winder Highway. It is open for adoptions from 11:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday and 11:00am to 4:00pm on Friday and Saturday. Photos of some animals available for

adoption are posted online at [www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com) and on the Gwinnett Animal Shelter Facebook page.

### Elections Office seeking bilingual poll officials for upcoming election season

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is still looking for bilingual poll officials to staff elections in 2018. As a poll official, you get a front row seat to the democratic process, earn valuable work experience, and you get paid! Residents who can read and write English and Spanish are encouraged to complete a poll official application at [www.gwinnettcountyjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyjobs.com).

### La Oficina de Elecciones busca trabajadores oficiales bilingües para las próximas elecciones

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado está buscando trabajadores electorales bilingües para proveer personal en las elecciones en 2018. Como trabajador electoral, usted participa directamente en el proceso democrático, obtiene una valiosa experiencia laboral, y lo mejor de todo es que te pagan! Se les anima a los residentes que pueden leer y escribir en inglés y español a completar una aplicación de oficial electoral en [www.gwinnettcountyjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyjobs.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@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcounty.com).

### Extension Office annual plant sale features fruits, landscaping



Gardeners and fresh-fruit lovers can order berry bushes and fruit trees as part of the UGA Extension Gwinnett office's annual plant sale through **March 21**. The plant experts are offering blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, Goji berries, azaleas, pecan trees, and other landscape plants for sale. Pick up your prepaid 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](http://www.ugaextension.org/gwinnett), or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

### Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Elisha Winn House

The Elisha Winn House is the oldest existing structure in Gwinnett County, and possibly in metro-Atlanta. Built in 1812, six years before Gwinnett became a county, the Elisha Winn House was where Winn and other Gwinnett founding fathers did much of the planning for the new county.



From 1819 to 1822, sessions of the Superior Court for Gwinnett and other counties were conducted in Winn's barn. The Inferior Court was convened in the Elisha Winn House parlor, where the first elections were held. The first jail was built near the house. In 1821, the county seat was moved to Lawrenceville where a wooden courthouse had been built.

Made of heart of pine with two chimneys, the four-room Elisha Winn House was built in the Plantation Plain architectural style common to the Piedmont South. A separate kitchen structure was removed in the 1860s when the house was expanded. The home underwent several renovations, but was restored to its original appearance after the Gwinnett Historical Society acquired the structure in 1978. The County then acquired the Elisha Winn House in 1979 and leased it back to the Historical Society.

For more information, visit the Gwinnett Historical Society page at [www.gwinnetths.org](http://www.gwinnetths.org). Visit [www.gwinnett200.com](http://www.gwinnett200.com) to keep up with all the events and happenings to celebrate the county's bicentennial.

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