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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:**

- Gwinnett buys 100 acres from OFS Brightwave
- County and Snellville building a new library
- Volunteers clean up Bromolow Creek
- Fire Academy graduates 22 recruits
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**Amended solid waste agreement yields savings for residents**

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recently approved an amended agreement with residential solid waste haulers lowering fees for residents of unincorporated Gwinnett effective **July 1**. Haulers and collection schedules will remain unchanged.

The monthly fee for solid waste collection will be reduced from \$19.16 to \$17.91. The senior discount for those 62 and older will increase from 15 percent to 25 percent, reducing senior fees to \$13.75 per month. Haulers will also provide covered 65-gallon recycling carts on wheels.

Glass will no longer be accepted with recycling and should be disposed of with household trash or taken to a recycling facility. Residents electing optional yard waste collection on a 12-month basis will receive a 25 percent discount.

For more information, visit [www.gcsolidwaste.com](http://www.gcsolidwaste.com) or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141 weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

**Juneteenth celebration set for June 23 at historic Yellow River Post Office**

Gwinnett Community Outreach and the United Ebony Society of Gwinnett County Inc. are sponsoring a Juneteenth celebration on **June 23** as part of Gwinnett County's bicentennial.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Today, it is a time to celebrate African-American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

The free event will feature performances, historical presentations, artwork and quilt displays, vendors, food trucks, and games. The celebration will take place at the historic Yellow River Post Office Park, which has slave cabins dating to the Civil War.

The celebration runs from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Yellow River Post Office Park is located at 3519 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lilburn.



### Burn ban in Gwinnett in effect through September 30



The state Environmental Protection Division has imposed a burn ban for metro-Atlanta that includes Gwinnett County through September 30. In the summer, outdoor burning causes ozone in the air to reach unhealthy levels.

All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited, including burning trees, limbs, and yard waste. The use of air curtain destructors for land clearing is also prohibited. For more information about the burn ban,

contact the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4980 or you can visit [www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com).

### Notary classes offered on June 20 at GJAC

Gwinnett Clerk of Superior Courts Office is offering two Notary Public training classes for the public on **June 20**.

Training will be held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium. The classes will be held from 10:00am to 11:30am and from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

The workshops, held in conjunction with the Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Cooperative Authority, are free, but participants should register at [www.gwinnettcourts.com](http://www.gwinnettcourts.com). The Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center is located at 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

### Pet adoptions fees cut to \$20 in June; free on Fridays and every day for all education staff

To celebrate the end of another year of school, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement folks are cutting adoption fees for dogs and cats to \$20 during the month of June.

As a bonus, for \$20, you can adopt two kittens.

This month, all pets are free on Fridays. Our hard-working teachers and other education staff can adopt pets at no charge every day except Sundays this month. Any animal who has been in the shelter for more than 30 days is also yours for free.



Dogs and cats up for adoption at the shelter have been examined by Animal Welfare staff veterinarians, vaccinated, and neutered or spayed, so they are ready to go home on the day of adoption. Shelter fees are typically \$90 for a dog. Cat adoptions are \$30.

### Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Wynne-Russell House

The Wynne-Russell, built in 1826, is one of the oldest houses in Gwinnett County. It sits in its original location, and features typical plantation plain architecture. When it was built, it had one room on the ground floor with chimneys at each end, and two rooms upstairs.

The interior floors, walls, and fireplaces are original to the home. The kitchen was detached from the house, a safeguard against fire. In the later 1800s, the kitchen was connected to the house.

Thomas Wynne, a veteran of the War of 1812, and his wife, Mary, moved from Greenville, South Carolina, to the McDaniel settlement in what would become Lilburn. The Thomases, their 14



children, and several slaves ran a 500-acre plantation where they primarily raised corn and sweet potatoes. The house stayed in the family until Mary Russell died in 1971. The city of Lilburn bought it in 1975 and soon began restoration efforts. The city had it placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

In 1985, the original family cemetery, located on the other side of Lawrenceville Highway was relocated near the home, and includes the remains of Thomas Wynne and two sons who fought in the Civil War.

The Wynne-Russell house, located at 4684 Wynne-Russell Drive, Lilburn, is available for tours and rentals for small gatherings. For more information, please visit [www.lilburnevents.com](http://www.lilburnevents.com). For more historical information about Gwinnett County, visit the Gwinnett Historical Society page at [www.gwinnetths.org](http://www.gwinnetths.org). Visit [www.gwinnett200.com](http://www.gwinnett200.com) for more on the many events celebrating the county's bicentennial.

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