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Dear Homeowner.

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community.

<u>Gwinnett County Government</u> 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:

- Ronald Reagan Parkway to be resurfaced
- Water restrictions remain as drought continues
- Recycle paper at Earth Day at Coolray Field
- Gwinnett secures top Triple AAA-bond rating
- Technology helping clear sewer pipes
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Homestead exemption application deadline: April 1

Reduce your property tax bill by applying by **April 1** for a homestead exemption, which automatically renews annually. You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1.

Apply online or contact the Tax Commissioner's Property Tax Department for an application. For a mailed application, please use certified mail. The signed certified signature card along with a postmark on or before the deadline will prove you were on time.

To find out more about the 12 tax exemptions available, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or contact the Tax Commissioner's Office at tax@gwinnettcounty.com or 770.822.8800.

Animal Welfare Unit moves to Community Services Department

The Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Unit will be under the management of the Gwinnett County

Department of Community Services effective April 1.



The Gwinnett County Police Department has run the animal shelter and enforcement program since 1993. The new organizational structure has been planned for several months and is expected to leverage Community Services' extensive volunteer resource infrastructure while allowing the police department to sharpen the focus on its nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement services.

"The Gwinnett County Police Department has done a remarkable job of improving the shelter over the past several years," said County Administrator Glenn

Stephens. "Animal saves are up and euthanasia rates are at historic lows. I'm confident that our Department of Community Services will continue to build on that success."

The Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville, and the kennel is open from 11:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday and 11:00am to 4:00pm Friday and Saturday. Information about animals available for adoption can be found on the Gwinnett Animal Shelter Facebook page and www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com.

County wants your input on Comprehensive Transportation Plan

There is still time to help influence the future of transportation in Gwinnett! To provide your feedback, fill out the survey at destination2040.metroquest.com by **April 10**.

The results of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan survey will help guide County officials' decisions on what roads, trails, and other transportation projects to take on through 2040. Get involved and help shape your future by taking the survey today!

More information about the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, called Destination 2040, can be found at www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com. Follow Destination2040 developments on Facebook.



County hosts workshop for potential vendors at Supplier Symposium on April 11



If you ever wanted Gwinnett County as a customer, come to the 11th Annual Supplier Symposium hosted by the County Purchasing Division on **April 11** from **8:30am** to **11:30am** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The event is free.

Prospective vendors can meet and talk with more than 100 buyers and contracting officers from the Purchasing Division, representatives of County departments, and cities, neighboring counties, and other agencies. They also can learn about upcoming projects and how to register as a vendor.

Attendees can <u>register online</u> for this event or view current open projects and businesses opportunities along with a how-to-manual for doing business with Gwinnett County on the <u>Purchasing Division webpage</u>.

Art on the Chattahoochee offers art, crafts, food, and fun on April 15 at Pinckneyville Park

Come out to the Art on the Chattahoochee Art Market on **April 15** at Pinckneyville Park in Norcross to enjoy artwork, kids' activities, food, and entertainment.

The art market includes paintings, jewelry, woodworking, spa products, clothing, accessories, and artist demonstrations. The main stage will feature the music of Cherry Cherry, A Common Ground, and Connor Byers. Medieval Times knights will entertain while kids enjoy trampolines, inflatables, games, crafts, and a chalk art contest. Vendors will be selling food and drinks.

Art on the Chattahoochee will run from **10:00am** to **5:00pm** in the Pinckneyville Park Medlock Corporate Pavilion, located at 4758 South Old Peachtree Road in Norcross. For more information,

call 678.277.0920 or email pccenter@gwinnettcounty.com.

Earth Day Celebration returns to Coolray Field on April 22



Protect your identity and Mother Earth by destroying your personal documents at a free paper-shredding event hosted by the Solid Waste Management Division and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful on Saturday, **April 22** from **9:00am** to **noon** at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves.

The event, in celebration of National Earth Day, will allow each vehicle to shred up to five copier boxes of documents from 9:00am to noon. The Federal Trade Commission and other law enforcement agencies recommend people shred sensitive personal documents to ensure their privacy is protected.

To volunteer for this event, please visit <u>www.volunteergwinnett.net</u> to sign up or Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at 678.518.6112 between **8:00am** and **5:00pm**, **Monday** through **Friday**.

Multicultural festival set for April 29

Gwinnett Police, County staff from multiple departments, and friends from across the globe will gather at the fourth annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival Saturday, **April 29** from **10:00am** to **2:00pm** in the Gwinnett Place Mall parking lot.

Families can see exhibits and demonstrations, and meet officers. They also can enjoy cultural performances, food vendors, and kids' activities such as a rock wall and inflatables. For more information, call 770.513.5119.

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