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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:

- Female Seminary still teaching kids
- Chamber honors first responders with annual Valor Award
- Most water restrictions lifted
- County builds play structures for kids with disabilities

Reduce your tax bill by applying for homestead exemptions

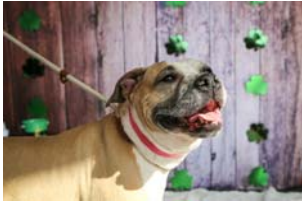
The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for homestead exemptions. The application deadline is **April 1**.

You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the tax year for which application is being made. No exemptions are granted automatically; however, once an exemption is granted, there is no need to apply each year.



Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com to apply online and upload supporting documentation, check your application status, or view exemption requirements. For questions about homestead exemptions, email tax@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770.822.8800.

Gwinnett Animal Shelter offering special of \$20 per pet in April



The Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement shelter is offering a National Adopt-a-Shelter Pet Month special of only \$20 for dogs or cats for the month of April.

Most dogs and cats have been examined by 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, and \$30 for a cat. The shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Thursday from 11:00am to 6:00pm, and on Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Elections Office hosts poll official hiring events April 10 and 12

Gwinnett citizens who want to serve the community and be engaged in the electoral process are encouraged to attend Gwinnett County's poll official hiring events on **April 10** in Duluth and **April 12** in Buford.

The Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but has an urgent need for bilingual poll workers, particularly Spanish speakers. It's a great opportunity to see what happens on Election Day, plus you can gain valuable work experience and earn \$75 to \$300 per day.

The hiring events are set for: Tuesday, **April 10** from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, and Thursday, **April 12** from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Interested citizens are encouraged to apply online at www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com prior to the event. In-person applications will be accepted. To fulfill federal I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification requirements, please bring documents to verify your identity and legal authorization to work in the U.S. To view the list of accepted documents, visit www.uscis.gov/i-9-central.

La Oficina de Elecciones organiza eventos de reclutamiento para trabajadores electorales el 10 Abril y 12 de Abril

Se anima a los ciudadanos de Gwinnett que deseen servir a la comunidad y participar en el proceso electoral a asistir a los eventos de reclutamiento de trabajadores electorales del Condado de Gwinnett el **10 de Abril** en Duluth y el **12 de Abril** en Buford.

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. Es una gran oportunidad para observar qué sucede en el Día de las Elecciones, además de que puede obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar desde \$75 a \$300 por día.

Los eventos de reclutamiento están programados para: Martes, **10 de Abril** desde las 4:00pm hasta las 7:00pm en Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, y el Jueves **12 de Abril** de 4:00pm a 7:00pm en OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Se recomienda a los ciudadanos interesados que apliquen en línea antes del evento en www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com. Las solicitudes en persona serán aceptadas. Para cumplir con los requisitos federales de verificación de elegibilidad de empleo I-9, traiga documentos para verificar su identidad y autorización legal para trabajar en los EE. UU. Para ver la lista de documentos aceptados, visite www.uscis.gov/i-9-central.

Mark April 14 to attend the Multicultural Festival and Gwinnett Government Open House

Circle Saturday, **April 14**, on your calendar for the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House.

The free event will feature live performances from across the globe, kids' activities, and other fun events. County agencies will have tables, booths, and staff to answer your questions. The police and fire departments will also have some of their specialized vehicles for you to check out.

The festival runs from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Shorty Howell Park, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, and is hosted by the Gwinnett County Police Department.



You're invited to a second round of public meetings to consider transit options



The County and its consulting team have gone through the first round of public visioning for a countywide transit system, and have put together some preliminary options for the future. They are asking the public to weigh in on those options in a series of public open house sessions at locations around the county from **April 14 to April 25**.

The consultants will modify the recommendations based on public input, conduct ridership models, and finalize their recommendations for the Board of Commissioners in the summer. The County is seeking a balance of modes of transit,

and frequency and coverage, taking into account the needs and wants of the community.

The plan will focus on short- to mid-range objectives (up to 10 years) which would expand transit within the county and tie in with transit with other jurisdictions. The long-term goal is to make it easier and more appealing for more people to use transit by increasing access and connectivity.

To view the schedule of public open house sessions, click [here](#).

Final Sugarloaf Livable Initiative Center open house set for April 19

The Sugarloaf Community Improvement District, a self-taxing district, and Gwinnett County have partnered on a Livable Initiative Center study to guide future growth in the Sugarloaf area and your input is needed.

Drop in for our final Sugarloaf LCI Community Meeting on **April 19** from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Meeting Room 6BC, Infinite Energy Center Forum, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. This meeting will be an open house format, so come by as your schedule allows. Team members will be on hand to share draft recommendations for your review and input.

Once the LCI study is approved by the ARC and Gwinnett County, various projects such as sidewalks, intersection improvements, and streetscaping will be eligible for federal transportation funds routed through the ARC. The study will also guide important planning and zoning decisions within the CID, and help prioritize and expedite construction of improvements within the CID.



For more information, visit our project website at <http://sugarloafcid.org/lci-study>.

County accepting applications for second Youth Commission class

Gwinnett County Government is recruiting high school students for the Gwinnett Youth Commission, a program to develop young leaders who can speak on behalf of youth in Gwinnett County and be engaged in the community.

The commission, launched last year, consists of an eight-week course on Gwinnett County Government, covering infrastructure, health and human services, public safety, courts, and recreation. Students will also receive leadership and personal development training.

To be eligible for the Youth Commission, students must be a resident of Gwinnett County, be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior at a Gwinnett high school, and submit a completed application and

typed essay by **April 30**.

For more information, contact Nicole Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8877, or visit the Gwinnett Youth Commission [webpage](#).

Take a short online survey and give us your feedback on the County's 2040 Unified Plan



Fill out a short online survey to share your feedback for the County's 2040 Unified Plan, a tool for how land use, transportation, housing, open space, county infrastructure, and economic development can work together for the betterment of all in the county.

With the [online survey](#), you can share your perception of Gwinnett County and how you think Gwinnett should grow and develop over the next two decades. The survey now will be available until **May 31**. Encourage your family and friends to take it also. Your opinion matters.

You can also help by conducting a [living room chat](#) with friends and neighbors through **May 31** to weigh in on what Gwinnett could look like by 2040.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Isaac Adair House

Isaac Adair settled in Lawrenceville after moving to Gwinnett County from South Carolina in 1824. Three years later, he built a house near Pike Street and Hurricane Shoals Road. The Isaac Adair House, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000, is now one of the oldest houses in Gwinnett County.



Adair was a farmer and a surveyor who lived in Gwinnett for 20 years before moving west, eventually landing in Texas during the Civil War. He died on his way back to Gwinnett in 1866.

The home, a combination of Federal- and Georgian-style architecture, considered an upscale house for the frontier period, represents a building style found in the southern states from 1780 to 1820. Some of the hallmarks of this style include a symmetrical layout of a two-story box with four rooms on each floor, two rooms on either side of a long hallway. It also featured a paneled front door with glass, windows, and a side gable roof, and small entry porch. Builders used hand-planed boards and mortise and tenon joints.

The house was disassembled and moved to Chandler Road in 1984. Gwinnett County bought the structure in 2006 and agreed to move and preserve it in 2008 when it was in the path of the Sugarloaf Parkway extension construction project. It now rests next to the Female Seminary in Lawrenceville.

For more historical information, visit the Gwinnett Historical Society page at www.gwinnettths.org. Visit www.gwinnett200.com for more on the events celebrating the county's bicentennial.

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