



News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcounty homeowners

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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:

- Parks and Recreation offers a Bicentennial Bus Tour for east Gwinnett
- Black History Month ends with a salute to Frederick Douglass at GJAC
- The Police Department seeks to hire 115 officers this year

Enroll in Gwinnett 101 to learn how government really works

Enroll in Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy and learn the answer to such burning questions as 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?

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 by **March 9**. To learn more, visit the Gwinnett 101 website or contact Nicole Love Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcounty.com.

Talk with police, ask questions at two Coffee with a Cop events



Relax with some of Gwinnett's finest over a cup of joe on **March 16** for Coffee with a Cop.

The meet-up starts at 9:00am at Beans and Butter Coffeehouse at 851 Oak Road, Suite 1 in Lawrenceville. It's a great way to meet some Gwinnett Police officers in a casual setting, share concerns, ask questions, and even swap stories.

If you miss that one, another Coffee with a Cop is set for **March 21** at 9:00am at the third floor of the Chamber of Commerce at 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway.

Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center offers computer classes for older adults

Seniors can master the mysteries of computers through the Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center's computer classes this spring.

Online [registration](#) runs through **March 17**. Onsite registration will be on **March 20** from 10:00am to 11:00am at Bethesda Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, and on **March 22** from 10:00am to 11:00am at George Pierce Senior Center, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee. Classes immediately follow.

The Gwinnett SenioR Learning Center is a nonprofit organization of experienced instructors and coaches aged 50 and older who help their peers with technology.

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

Don't make plans for Saturday, **April 14**, because you're going to want to go to the Gwinnett 200 Multicultural Festival and Gwinnett 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.

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



There's still time to offer your feedback for the County's 2040 Unified Plan, which will be 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.

Please take a short [online survey](#) and share your perception of Gwinnett County and how you think Gwinnett should grow and develop over the next two decades. The survey will be available until **May 11**. 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 11** to weigh in on what Gwinnett could look like by 2040.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Agriculture in Gwinnett

Until recently, agriculture has played a big role in Gwinnett County's economy.

Early pioneers created small subsistence farms on lands that had been in Creek and Cherokee Indian territories until 1818. In 1851, residents built a cotton mill to process locally grown cotton, but Union troops burned it just a few years later. With the construction of a railroad line in 1871, Gwinnett farmers could ship their produce to mid-Atlantic and Eastern U.S. cities.

There were a few large plantations, but most farmsteads were small family farms. Sharecroppers made staples like flour, salt, sugar, meat, cotton, and cloth mostly for their own use. With the population boom of the past 40 years, most family farms have disappeared.

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

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