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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:

- Preservation Hall of Fame recipients recognized
- Swiftwater rescue training held at Six Flags
- Shoal Creek Festival draws crowds
- GC Transit offers free Wi-Fi on buses
- Outdoor burn ban now in effect

Gwinnett County pools open Memorial Day weekend

Dig out your swimsuit and grab a towel because all Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation aquatic facilities will open for summer starting **May 26** for Memorial Day weekend.

Most of the aquatic centers and leisure play pools offer fun features such as aquatic playgrounds, giant water slides, beach entry into the pool, picnic areas, and more.

The Splish Splash Interactive Fountain is a new feature at E.E. Robinson Park in Sugar Hill. The free, interactive fountain will be open daily from 10:00am to 8:00pm, except for Wednesdays when it's open from noon to 8:00pm.

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is also seeking lifeguards for all locations, and will offer training to obtain lifeguard certification. Contact lifeguard@gwinnettcounty.com or 770.237.5647 for more information. Visit www.gwinnettparks.com about pool events and operations.



Annual Memorial Day ceremony honors Gwinnett's military, law enforcement heroes



Gwinnett County officials will honor Spc. Etienne Jules Murphy of Snellville during the 15th annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, **May 28** at 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. Murphy was killed May 26, 2017, in a vehicle rollover in Syria as part of Operation Inherent Resolve fighting ISIS.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony to remember Murphy and other fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives to protect our nation and our communities.

The keynote address will be given by Navy Capt. Baron V. Reinhold, commanding officer and professor of Navy Science for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Morehouse College and Georgia Tech. The Memorial Day ceremony will be televised beginning at 8:00pm on May 28 on TVgwinnett, the County's local government access cable channel at www.tvgwinnett.com.

May 31 marks the end of online surveys for two major plans shaping Gwinnett's future

There is still time to weigh in on two important parallel planning documents that together will help mold the future of Gwinnett County.

Online surveys are up through **May 31** for Connect Gwinnett, and the 2040 Unified Plan. View options for the Gwinnett County Transit's short- and long-term needs and give us your opinion at www.ConnectGwinnettTransit.com.



The County and its Unified Plan consultants also have an online survey that people can take. Visit www.Gwinnett2040UnifiedPlan.com to view relevant material and to take the survey. We want to hear from you!

Military, first responders, emergency personnel can adopt dogs, cats for free



As part of *Make May Magnificent Month*, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement shelter is offering free dogs or cats to veterans, active-duty military personnel, first responders, and nurses and doctors. The general public pays only \$20.

Dogs and cats up for adoption at the shelter have been examined by Animal Welfare staff veterinarians and have been vaccinated, and neutered or spayed, so they are ready to go home on the day of adoption.

The shelter recently added a twist: this Friday, May 25, all dogs and cats are free. Shelter fees are typically \$90 for a dog. Cat adoptions are \$30. The shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Thursday from 11:00am to 6:00pm and on Friday and Saturday between 11:00am and 4:00pm.

Don't miss out on Coffee and Conversation with Gwinnett County Government

Gwinnett County wants to hear from you, whether you're a big business looking to expand or an entrepreneur starting out. We want know what we can do to help foster a vibrant business community.

To better open lines of communication, the Office of Economic Development is hosting its inaugural Coffee and Conversation, an initiative that puts businesses in touch with decision-makers from various county departments. It's a great way to share a suggestion, solve a problem, gain insight, and for all of us to be vibrantly connected.

The event takes place Thursday, **June 7** from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Registration is free, but space is limited, so [register online](#) today. For more information about the event, please contact Shantell Wilson at 678.518.6212 or email shantell.wilson@gwinnettcountry.com.

Test yourself at the Sheriff's Jail Break Challenge Obstacle Run

Try your mettle against some of Gwinnett's finest and toughest at the Gwinnett Sheriff's Office Jail Break Challenge 5K Obstacle Run on **June 2**.

The run consists of three miles of mixed terrain and 19 obstacles. It features three divisions designed to suit everyone: individual competition, team competition, and open segment (non-competitive fun run).

The proceeds from the Jail Break Challenge benefit the Sheriff's Office youth mentoring programs. To register or for more information, please visit www.jailbreakchallenge.org.



Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - McDaniel Farm



McDaniel Farm Park is a 134-acre tract of farmland that reflects 1930s agrarian life in Gwinnett. It offers historic farm buildings as well as a patchwork of forest, pasture, and cultivated fields.

The farm buildings include a late 19th century farmhouse, an early 20th century barn, a sharecropper's cabin, a carriage house, and several other outbuildings. The land is relatively unchanged since the 1820 land lottery. In 1859, Eli McDaniel bought it for \$450.

The farm was handed through generations, and was part of the early-1900s cotton boom until the boll weevil decimated the industry just before the 1920s. The McDaniels worked with tenant families until World War II. While new technology eliminated tenant farming, McDaniel Farm remained a working farm through 1999, even as urban and suburban development sprang up on all sides.

The County acquired the land, located near Duluth, for a park in 2000. The property now has a farm-themed playground, a dog park, a pavilion, trails, and other facilities. Tours are available, and it is the location for several events.

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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