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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:
- Water conservation workshop on tap
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**Three people exposed to rabies in Norcross; use caution around animals acting oddly**

The Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Division and the Gwinnett County Health Department are advising residents to use caution and avoid animals behaving in unusual ways after three people in Norcross were attacked by a rabid cat early last week.

Several adults and pets were attacked by the cat on the 500 block of Sunset Drive in Norcross. The cat was quickly caught and subsequently tested positive for rabies. In March, a rabid raccoon was caught near Lawrenceville.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, principal carriers of rabies are bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes. In 2016, seven rabies cases were confirmed in animals in Gwinnett County, four in 2015, and 12 in 2014.

All pet owners should ensure that their pets are current on the rabies vaccination. The CDC warns that unvaccinated animals or animals not current on their rabies vaccination that have been exposed to rabies should be euthanized immediately or strictly quarantined for six months and vaccinated a month before being released.

**Annual Memorial Day Ceremony honors Gwinnett fallen military, public safety personnel**

The public is invited to a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville on **May 29** to remember those who gave what Abraham Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion" in service to their country and community. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm.



The ceremony will pay tribute to Braselton Patrol Officer Todd Helcher who died in a car crash in 2005. Members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and honor guard units from the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Lawrenceville Police Department will participate in this event.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Visit [www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com](http://www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com) for more information about the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial or watch a taped version of the ceremony at [www.tvgwinnett.com](http://www.tvgwinnett.com).

### Aquatic centers and pools across Gwinnett open May 27



Summer is here, and it's time to celebrate with a trip to one of Gwinnett's award-winning Parks and Recreation aquatic centers and pools. All aquatic centers will open **May 27** for the summer season.

Our local centers offer beach entry, water play structures, giant water slides, picnic areas, and more. Parks and Recreation also offers a variety of amenities such as private, semi-private, and group swim lessons and private rental opportunities.

All pools are accessible for people with disabilities and are safe, supervised, and open to

patrons of all ages. Please click [here](#) for aquatic center locations, rules, and hours.

### Gwinnett honored for afterschool health and wellness programs

A national organization that promotes afterschool programs has recognized Gwinnett County, Live Healthy Gwinnett, and Gwinnett Community Services Director Tina Fleming for addressing health and wellness issues for youth outside of school hours.

The National AfterSchool Association bestowed its 2017 Most Influential in Health & Wellness awards on Fleming, Gwinnett County, and Live Healthy Gwinnett. Each year, the NAA commends individuals and organizations whose service, action and leadership align with the NAA Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Standards and affect large numbers of youth, families, or afterschool professionals.



Fleming is a founding partner of Live Healthy Gwinnett, part of a network to implement year-round programs, events and initiatives for youth and adults.

### County opens larger, better-equipped Medical Examiner's office and morgue building

County officials held a ribbon cutting recently to mark the opening of a 15,000-square-foot Medical Examiner's Office and Morgue with more space, improved technology, and more efficient administrative capability. The new

building is located in Lawrenceville.



The \$5.7 million facility, paid for with SPLOST revenue, replaces two separate locations - a small morgue located within a County facility and a rented administrative office located a half-mile away. The new building was designed to achieve LEED Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The new morgue space has three state-of-the-art autopsy stations, including a separate station for cases requiring isolation. It has enhanced medical and laboratory equipment,

and space for evidence processing and storage. The former morgue had only one autopsy station with limited medical and laboratory equipment. The new morgue can accommodate 50 bodies; the former morgue had room for just four.

The new facility provides the 10-person Medical Examiner's Office with the capability to handle the caseload that comes with a county of nearly 1 million people.

### Most outdoor burning prohibited through September 30

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has imposed an Outdoor Open Burning Ban through September 30.

The EPD has imposed the ban to comply with federal clean air regulations. During the summer months in Georgia, outdoor open burning is a significant contributor to unhealthy levels of the ozone in the air we breathe.



According to the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the following types of outdoor open burning are banned:

- Burning of yard and land clearing debris
- The use of air curtain destructors, also called FireBoxes, for land clearing

However, certain types of outdoor open burning are still allowed, provided the proper permits are obtained, including:

- Fires for agricultural practices zoned RA-200/residential agricultural or a Forestry Service-prescribed burn
- All bonfires for activities sponsored by educational, civic, religious, or other groups for celebrations, but they must be permitted
- Fires for training firefighting personnel

Residential grilling for outdoor cooking is allowed and does not require a permit. For more information, visit [www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com), [www.georgiaair.org](http://www.georgiaair.org), or call 678.518.4980+3.

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