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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:

- County celebrates bicentennial anniversary with family-friendly party, nighttime gala
- Chairman Nash working on 2019 budget
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- State DOT opens 10 miles of express lanes on Interstate 85 in Gwinnett
- County honors military personnel in Veterans Day ceremony
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Gwinnett County Government offices closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 26. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Thursday, November 22 is a trash and recycling holiday for residents living in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Collection scheduled on that day will be rescheduled to Friday, November 23 and Friday collection will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 24. Only Thursday and Friday collections will be affected. Residents can visit www.gcsolidwaste.com to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live within city limits should contact their trash and recycling provider to find out if collection will be delayed due to the holiday.

Gwinnett animal shelter offers senior pets for free in November

Come to the Gwinnett animal shelter and take home a grateful senior pet for free as part of Adopt a Senior Dog Month.

In the month of November, dogs and cats 7 years old or older are free all month. Adoption fees for senior canines are usually \$20.

Senior dogs can be more social, calm, and easier to integrate into the family. They're already trained, aren't going through a chewing phase, and love unconditionally. They don't ask for much: just a warm place to sleep, good meals, and plenty of love. The animal shelter has large, small, mixed-breed, and purebred dogs that are older, homeless, and waiting for their new family.



All pets are free on Fridays. All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare are vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped before they go to their new home. The shelter is located at 844 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville. Visit www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com for updates on available pets and activities.

Gwinnett bicentennial celebration closes with day of family friendly events, evening gala



December 15, 2018, marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of Gwinnett County, and the County will close out its yearlong bicentennial celebration with a family-friendly party and an evening gala, all at the Infinite Energy Center.

The December 15 festivities will feature kids' activities highlighting the county's diversity from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Hudgens Center for Art & Learning and the Performing Arts Center. The free event is a cultural birthday celebration with different rooms representing different continents. In each themed room, youngsters can do crafts from the continent and get their bicentennial passport stamped. Guests will see cultural performances from across the globe.

There also will be a kids' group art project that will be put on exhibit. Other activities include storytelling and meet-and-greets with historical characters from Gwinnett's past.

Visitors can also learn about the history of Gwinnett by viewing documentaries shown throughout the day and by exploring the Gwinnett history exhibit. They can also take in an art exhibit featuring Gwinnett artists.

Outdoors, visitors will find food trucks representing a variety of cultures, make s'mores over fire pits, and watch an artist make an ice carving of the bicentennial logo.

Then, the public can celebrate the county's rich history and pay tribute to its vibrant community and diverse cultures at a gala in the Infinite Energy Center ballroom. The cocktail party begins at 6:00pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm. Tickets cost \$125 per person. Cocktail attire is appropriate.

Visit www.gwinnett200birthday.com/events to buy tickets for the evening gala and to learn more about the free daytime event. To find out more about Gwinnett's bicentennial celebration, visit www.Gwinnett200.com.

Protect yourself from flood damage

Did you know your homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage?

Only federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property. For information regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, please call 1.800.427.4661 or visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Gwinnett County Water Towers

For decades, drivers on I-85 could get a taste of local pride, Gwinnett style.

On the north side of the interstate near Jimmy Carter Boulevard, standing about 140 feet tall, were two landmark water towers, one proclaiming "Gwinnett is Great" and the other announcing "Success Lives Here."

The first one was built in 1968, the second in 1972. The first message was a relatively modest "Growing Gwinnett." Two water department employees later thought up the more ambitious and well-known motto of "Gwinnett is Great." In 2001, "Success Lives Here" was added.



It cost \$40,000 annually to maintain them and painting them cost about \$183,000. The tanks were variously blue, green, and then beige.

In 2009, the County disconnected the water towers, which held a combined 2 million gallons. They were dismantled in 2010.

To learn more about Gwinnett history, visit www.gwinnett200.com.

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