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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:

- Public hearing on 2018 budget set
- County, school officials unveil fire training tower
- Volunteers tidy DeShong Park
- County Water Department, Parkview team up to clean up Garner Creek

**Offices closed and trash service delayed for Thanksgiving holiday**

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **Thursday, November 23** and **Friday, November 24** for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on **Monday, November 27**. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Trash and recycling will not be picked up **Thursday, November 23** for residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County. Collection will be rescheduled to **Friday, November 24**, and Friday collection will be moved to **Saturday, November 25**. Only Thursday and Friday collections will be affected.

Residents can click [here](#) and search their address 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.

**Don't let your Thanksgiving go up in smoke, follow these safety tips**

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with nearly four times as many cooking fires flaring up as on a regular day. Firefighters offer these tips to keep your Thanksgiving from turning tragic.



- When cooking, use a timer to remind you to check food regularly, and never leave the house.
- When leaving the kitchen for any length of time, turn the stove burners off.
- Be mindful to keep flammable items, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains away from the stove or oven.
- Never wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. If your clothes catch fire, remember to Stop, Drop and Roll. Cool a burn with water until the pain goes away.
- Keep children a safe distance away from the oven or stove by creating a "kids-free zone" around cooking appliances.
- To avoid a spillover of the hot oil on a turkey fryer, DO NOT overfill the fryer.
- A fresh bird is preferred when cooking in a turkey fryer. A frozen bird should be allowed to thaw at least 24 hours in the refrigerator before cooking. Placing a frozen turkey into a fryer could cause a violent reaction.

Once the meal is over, be sure to head over to the 30th Annual Lighting of the Tree at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on **Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at 5:30pm.**

#### Comment on draft Destination2040: Gwinnett's Comprehensive Transportation Plan by November 26

The public has until **Sunday, November 26** to weigh in on the County's draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan before it goes to the Board of Commissioners for approval.



The CTP, called Destination2040, serves as a roadmap for how transportation will develop in Gwinnett County. The plan examined the many changes that have occurred in the County's population, employment, land use, and development since the last plan update in 2008. It also considered all modes of transportation including major roadways; all transit in the County; an overview of how people walk and ride bicycles; truck routes; and the Gwinnett County Airport.

The plan will establish the County's transportation vision, goals, objectives, and ultimately help shape which projects get funded through 2040.

Visit [www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com/PublicComment](http://www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com/PublicComment) to give us your feedback on the draft plan. Email [Destination2040@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:Destination2040@gwinnettcountry.com) to leave comments or questions for the planning team.

Additional information on the Destination2040 planning process is available on the project website at [www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com](http://www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com).

#### Gwinnett Police Department hiring event set for December 2-3



This could be the opportunity for you to start a lifelong career in law enforcement. The Gwinnett County Police Department on **December 2 and 3** is hoping to fill 50 vacant police officer positions and 20 vacant communications officer (911 and dispatch) positions.

To speed up the process, we recommend applicants visit [www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com](http://www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com) to preregister and begin required paperwork, but walk-ups are welcome. The event begins at **8:00am** each day and ends at **6:00pm**.

Applicants at the event will complete a large portion of the hiring process on the same day and should plan on spending a few hours at the Training Center. Police applicants will participate in an orientation session, physical fitness assessment, and panel interview. Communications applicants will participate in a data entry exam and panel interview.

## Elections Office seeking bilingual poll workers for upcoming election season

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for bilingual poll workers to staff elections in 2018. As a poll official, you get a front row seat to the democratic process, earn valuable work experience, and best of all, you get paid! Residents who can read and write English and Spanish are encouraged to complete a poll worker application at the Elections Division website at [www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com).

## La Oficina de Elecciones busca trabajadores electorales bilingües para las próximas elecciones

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado está buscando trabajadores electorales bilingües para proveer personal en las elecciones en 2018. Como trabajador electoral, usted participa directamente en el proceso democrático, obtiene una valiosa experiencia laboral, y lo mejor de todo es que te pagan! Se les anima a los residentes que pueden leer y escribir en inglés y español a completar una aplicación de trabajador electoral en [www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com).

## Take a survey and help shape development in the Sugarloaf CID

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

The Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative is a grant program that encourages local jurisdictions to re-envision their communities as vibrant, walkable places that offer more mobility options, encourage healthy lifestyles and provide better access to jobs and services. The LCI studies try to spark economic development and quality of life choices.

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.



Your input is needed to form the Sugarloaf vision! Click [here](#) to take our community survey. The survey will close on **December 11**.

## Take home an older dog or cat for Adopt a Senior Pet Month for only \$20 in November



When people are interested in adopting a pet, mature dogs and cats are often overlooked, consigning them to long periods of time waiting for someone to give them a new home.

As part of Adopt a Senior Pet Month this November, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement shelter is offering a \$20 adoption special for all dogs and cats, including seniors. Pets will be vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed/neutered. Pet adoption at the shelter usually costs \$90.

Older pets (6 years or older) often stay at the shelter weeks longer than younger animals. But they offer advantages. For example, they are often house trained, are less inclined to chew or scratch things, and have established personalities.

So remember, older pets yearn for homes, too, and they offer plenty of reasons - and love - to adopt them as part of your family. The shelter is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. Visit [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or call 770.339.3200 for more information.

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