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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, cities team up on SPLOST projects
- Gwinnett Transit to install wifi on buses
- Lawrenceville library open longer hours
- Elisha Winn House features tours, open house

Learn how to avoid sewage backups in your home and the environment

The Department of Water Resources is hosting a workshop **November 9** to teach people how to protect their home and the environment from nasty backups resulting from sewer lines clogged with fats, oils, and grease.

Small amounts of fats, oils, and grease, also called FOG, can accumulate and block publicly and privately owned pipes, which can lead to spills inside the home or in the environment.

The workshop is set for **7:00pm to 8:30pm** at Conference Room C at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

Gwinnett's annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 honors those who served

Gwinnett County invites the public to recognize the men and women who served in the armed forces at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony **November 11** at **11:00am** at the Gwinnett Fallen

Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, in Lawrenceville.

The ceremony will kick off with a Veterans March at the memorial. All veterans who served honorably are encouraged to participate and be recognized for their service and sacrifice. Retired Col. Fred Van Horn, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient, will be the keynote speaker at this year's ceremony.



The Veterans Day Ceremony will be televised beginning at 8:00pm on November 11 on TVgwinnett, the county's local government access cable channel at www.tvgwinnett.com. Visit www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com for more information about the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial.

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed **November 10** for the Veterans Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on **November 13**.

Trash and recycling collection in unincorporated Gwinnett County is scheduled as normal for **Friday, November 10**. 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.

Destination2040: Gwinnett's Comprehensive Transportation Plan is nearing completion



The County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan has been drafted, but we need your feedback 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.

To weigh in on the draft plan, visit www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com/PublicComment by **November 26**. Email 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.

Forum on combatting domestic trafficking of minors set for November 14

Experts on Georgia's growing problem of trafficking of minors will conduct a public forum **November 14 at 7:00pm** at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Norcross.

Learn how to recognize potential victims, what to do when you suspect human trafficking, and about national and local programs to assist human trafficking victims. Sponsored by the Gwinnett Human Relations Commission, speakers include Tujan McCarty, a former victim and founder of the Wellhouse, Michelle Anderson of the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, and Sgt. Austin Godfrey of Gwinnett Police.

For more information, email muriam.nafees@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770.822.7955.

Celebrate America Recycles Day at Coolray Field on November 18

Clear out your study, your garage, or any cluttered room that's driving you nuts and take it to the America Recycles Day event **Saturday, November 18** from **9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field, 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.

The free event offers paper shredding - up to five copier paper boxes - plus recycling of electronics, up to eight tires, ink/toner cartridges, and eight gallons of paint.

Dropping off a TV or monitor costs \$10, and a printer costs \$5. You can also bring old sneakers and gently used clothing for people in need or to be recycled. Free kids' activities include touch-a-truck. And you can meet your solid waste haulers.



The recycling opportunity is sponsored by the County's Solid Waste Management Division and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful. Call 770.822.7141 for more information.

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 or call 770.339.3200 for more information.

Lighting of the Tree at the Historic Courthouse starts the holiday season on November 23

Kick off the Yuletide festivities with the 30th Annual Lighting of the Tree at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on **November 23 at 5:30pm.**

In anticipation of the County's yearlong bicentennial celebration, the 35-foot Norway spruce will be festooned with tens of thousands of white lights reminiscent of candlelit trees of yore. The party includes live music and carols, food vendors, arts and crafts, and, best of all, Santa, who will light the tree and receive visitors in his living room inside the courthouse.



The courthouse is located at 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. Call 770.822.5450 for more information.

Tax Assessors Office to conduct onsite property field visits

The Gwinnett County Tax Assessor's Office will be conducting onsite property field visits throughout the county in the coming months.

Field visits, a routine part of the County's property assessment process, will be performed by a county appraiser or a contracted appraiser from the companies of LMC or CLT. Gwinnett County vehicles will be clearly marked with emblems, and personnel will have picture IDs and business cards.

During field visits, appraisers verify existing or new construction data, obtain exterior measurements, and take photos of the property. Residential property field visits are exterior only inspections, which do not require entry into buildings or assistance by the resident.

If you are not at home, the review will be conducted and an informational door hanger will be left for you. In some instances, inspections of commercial property may require some assistance, depending on the nature of the business. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 770.822.7200 or by email at taxpayer.services@gwinnettcountry.com.

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