



November 16, 2016

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Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcouyevents.com.

This Week

Fall Night Trek at the EHC

November 18 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Fall in love with Georgia's autumn colors and learn how to interpret the world in the black and white hues of the evening. Venture down our trails under the guidance of an EHC naturalist to look for signs of wildlife and learn how organisms adapt to the shorter days and colder climates of fall. Cost: \$8; free for Environmental and Heritage Center members. Register online or visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more information. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

America Recycles Day | FREE

November 19 from 9:00am to noon. Join the Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division in celebration of America Recycles Day. The event will take place at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves in Lawrenceville. This event offers paper shredding as well as electronics, tire, toner/printer cartridge, and paint recycling. In addition, bring your old sneakers and gently used clothing to be donated to those in need or to be recycled into new products. Come for free kids' activities, touch-a-truck, and meet your haulers. For more information about the event and how to volunteer, visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

Hay Ride & Hot Dogs | FREE

November 19 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. An evening out designed for individuals with disabilities and their families. Enjoy a fun family night in a welcoming environment. Have dinner and take a hay ride around Shorty Howell Park. Cost: \$7/person, pre-register [here](#) (use code SHP43401) by November 17 or call 678.277.0906.

Next Week

Green Your Holiday Festival

November 21 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Join the Environmental and Heritage Center for its annual Green Your Holiday Festival as it gets ready for the yuletide season. Guests can make a wildlife-inspired ornament, create upcycled-recycled holiday crafts, conduct Holly Jolly Science with lab experiments, and much more. A special Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held in the gift shop and feature jewelry, organic bath products, and more made by local artists. Cost: \$8; free for Environmental and Heritage Center members. Visit www.gwinnettEHC.org for more information. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

County offices closed 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 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 28. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Thursday, November 24 is a trash and recycling holiday for residents living in unincorporated Gwinnett County, so Thursday and Friday collections will be delayed by one day. If you live within city limits, please contact your city hall for your trash and recycling schedule.

Annual Lighting of the Tree | FREE

November 24 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. After your Thanksgiving feast join Parks and Recreation for the annual lighting of the Great Tree. Enjoy live music in the gazebo, kids' activities, and local food vendors in anticipation of the main event and arrival of Santa Claus. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse

lawn, 185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. For more information, visit www.gwinnettparks.com or call 770.822.5450.

Breakfast with Santa

November 26 from 8:30am to 10:00am. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with Santa Claus in the beautifully decorated Superior Court Ballroom. Kids will enjoy a sing-a-long, crafts, and a keepsake photo! All ages welcome. Cost: \$13/person. Register now; this event sells out quickly. Pre-register online [here](#) (use code GHC11501) by November 23. For more information, call 770.822.5450. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Future Events

Senior Holiday Luncheon

December 2 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Enjoy great entertainment and a delicious catered lunch to start off your holiday season. Cost: \$10 per person. Pre-register [here](#) (use code BEP42907) by November 17 or call 678.277.0179. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville.

Pet Pictures with Santa

December 3 from noon to 2:00pm. Bring your friendly pets for visits and photos with Santa. Parents are welcome to join their pets in the picture. Cost: \$6/pet; register online [here](#) (use code LSP31489) or call 678.277.0860. Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road in Norcross.

Holiday Train Display | FREE

December 3 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Get your holiday season on the right track. Kids of all ages will enjoy the O-scale model train chugging through a winter setting. Light refreshments will be served. George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center, 55 Buford Highway in Suwanee.

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