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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:

- History of the Board of Commissioners
- Advance voting begins October 15
- Stroll through the past with historic walking tours in downtown Lawrenceville
- County launching roads and sidewalk projects
- Charlotte Nash named to Atlanta region transit board
- Great Days of Service volunteers to work on 500 community projects October 19, 20

Start a new career by attending the Gwinnett Department of Corrections Job Fair

The Gwinnett Department of Corrections is conducting a job fair on **October 13** at the Corrections Complex at 750 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville.

Corrections is looking to fill several openings for Correctional Officer I and Correctional Officer II positions. Correctional Officer I pay starts at \$32,623, and Correctional Officer II pay starts at \$35,232.

The event, which runs from 8:00am to 4:00pm, will include human resources screenings, a tour of the facilities, Behavioral Personal Assessment Devices (job-related scenarios designed to test skills,

judgment, and responses), plus interview boards, and, for some, a conditional job offer pending a successful background check.

The department offers benefits, paid training, education incentives, tuition reimbursement, and career advancement. Applicants are encouraged to go to www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com and complete the application ahead of time. To qualify for a Correctional Officer position, applicants must have no felony convictions, no misdemeanors within the past three years, and may not be on probation.



Property tax bills are due October 15

Property owners have until October 15 to pay property taxes. Taxpayers may view and pay their bills online at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com under "View/Pay Your Taxes."



Online payments may be scheduled in advance with a single payment or partial payments as long as the total is paid by the due date.

- Paying online via check is simple, secure, and incurs no added convenience fee
- Paying via debit card incurs a \$3.95 fee and credit cards incur a 2.29 percent fee
- Payments may be mailed to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30046
- Payments by check may be placed in drop boxes 24/7 at any tag office
- Payments in person via cash, check, money order, debit card (\$3.95), or credit card (2.29 percent) may be made during stated business hours at any Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner's Office

For property owners with escrow accounts, tax information will be made available to mortgage companies; however, property owners are responsible for ensuring taxes are paid by the due date. Escrow account holders unsure about who is paying their property tax should contact their mortgage company directly.

Property owners who have questions or need assistance may contact the Tax Commissioner's Office at Tax@GwinnettCounty.com or by calling 770.822.8800.

Poll officials needed for upcoming elections

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is still looking for poll officials to staff elections in 2018. As a poll official, you play an active role in the democratic process, earn valuable work experience, and you get paid! Residents who can read and write English and Spanish are especially encouraged to complete a poll official application at www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com.

La Oficina de Elecciones busca trabajadores oficiales para las próximas elecciones

La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones del Condado está buscando trabajadores electorales 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 oficial electoral en www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com.

Gwinnett County Transit kicks off pilot for door-to-door bus service in Snellville

Gwinnett County Transit is providing door-to-door bus service in Snellville for the next six months as part of a trial program to test microtransit.



The on-demand service will use seven 12-passenger buses operating Monday through Saturday. Riders can request service by using an app that will also show the bus's location and estimated arrival time. The service is accessible to everyone and can be used for appointments, shopping, visits, and connecting with GRTA buses going to downtown Atlanta. For more information, visit www.gctransit.com.

After the trial period is over, Gwinnett County Transit officials will review the operations of the microtransit test and finetune it before rolling it out incrementally to other areas of the county over time.

Adoption fees waived for pets through October 20 for Adopt-a-Dog month



What's better than Free Fridays? Free adoptions every day! Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement is making it easier to find your new best friend and companion by waiving all fees on adoptions through October 20 in celebration of Adopt-a-Dog Month.

The animal shelter has an abundance of dogs: large, small, mixed breeds, and even purebreds. All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare have been vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped and are ready to go to their new home.

The free adoption special applies to cats and kittens, too.

In addition, Animal Welfare staff will be offering trick-or-treat refreshments for visitors and Halloween candy for children October 25 through Halloween. Animal Welfare and Enforcement professionals will be onsite with helpful hints and information about pet care and the importance of spaying or neutering your cat or dog.

Gwinnett Animal Welfare is located at 844 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville. For updates on available pets and activities, visit www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com.

Fort Daniel Frontier Faire celebrates Gwinnett's past on October 20

History buffs can literally dig into Gwinnett's past at the 10th Annual Fort Daniel Frontier Faire, which features archaeological opportunities as well as period food, reenactors, and kids' games from the 1700s.



Fort Daniel was constructed around 1814 to protect early settlers. Gwinnett County was founded in 1818. The location of the fort near Dacula is now an active archaeology site.

The faire allows visitors to help with the dig, visit a museum tent to see artifacts, and learn about the fort and daily life more than 200 years ago. They can churn butter, watch corn made into hominy, examine weapons and tools from the era, and try writing with a quill.

The faire runs from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Fort Daniel Historic Site, 2505 Braselton Highway, Dacula. Tickets cost \$2 per individual and \$5 for a family.

Visit www.thefortdanielfoundation.org for more information.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Courthouses in Gwinnett

The first official courthouse was built in 1824 in Lawrenceville, six years after the county was founded. The early structure cost \$4,000. It served as the center of government until 1871 when it caught fire, destroying all the County records inside.

In 1883, a new courthouse was built but it was deemed inadequate and torn down within two years. In 1885, the present historic courthouse was built at a cost of about \$23,000. In 1908, the county added a clock tower for \$4,000.

By the mid-1960s, county functions had outgrown the building. Court and administrative departments were relocated to various buildings around Lawrenceville as the County bought or leased available space where it could, including a former theater, a one-time furniture store, and a closed supermarket.

In 1985, the County took advantage of a newly established Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and asked voters to approve a SPLOST for the courthouse. Voters approved it overwhelmingly. In 1988, the new 508,000-square-foot courthouse, called the Gwinnett Justice and Administration



Center was opened. Altogether, the facility cost \$72 million to build and furnish.

In February, Gwinnett County officials and judges broke ground for the first phase of construction on a \$75-million parking deck and courthouse addition behind the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.

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

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