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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:

- Early voting locations open
- County leaders break ground for Water Innovation Center
- Gwinnett firefighter recruits graduate from academy
- County officials cut ribbon to officially open new, relocated Fire Station 15 in Lawrenceville
- America Recycles Day set for November 17
- Be safe this Halloween, watch for little Trick-or-Treaters

Gwinnett grieves for Officer Antwan Toney, killed in the line of duty October 20

Gwinnett County mourns the death of Officer Antwan DeArvis Toney, who was killed in the line of duty Saturday, October 20. Officer Toney was six days away from celebrating his third anniversary with the Gwinnett County Police Department.

On October 20, police officers were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle call at Crumps Landing Road and White Road near Shiloh Middle School this afternoon. While working his shift on patrol in the Uniform Division, Officer Toney responded to the scene with other officers. As they approached the suspicious vehicle, shots were fired from inside the vehicle. One of those shots struck Officer Toney.

Other responding officers returned fire and pulled him to cover. Officer Toney was transported by ambulance to Gwinnett Medical Center where, despite heroic efforts by his fellow officers, paramedics and hospital staff, he died as a result of his injuries.

Officer Toney's death is the first felonious assault death in the department since 1964 and the first line of duty death since 1993. Governor Nathan Deal ordered flags lowered to half-staff at the State Capitol building and in Gwinnett County Wednesday.



Officer Toney was born in Inglewood, CA, and just recently celebrated his 30th birthday. In his younger years, he served as a Boy Scout and a Police Cadet, and he participated in the Orange County Police Explorers Program. He graduated from the Police Department's 94th Academy on April 21, 2016. During his spare time, Officer Toney loved volunteering with local youth in Georgia. You would often find him playing basketball and mentoring whenever and however he could.

Officer Toney is survived by his mother, Antoinette Page; father, Anthony Toney; stepfather, Carl Johnson; grandfather, Frank Toney; three siblings, Sherharazzar Johnson, Carla Johnson, and Dartangan (Whitney) Johnson; three nieces, Marshe' Huang, Nola Johnson, and Maui Cobb; godson, Kaleb Law; and a host of extended relatives, coworkers, and friends.

Gwinnett animal shelter could re-open early next week



Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement officials are hoping to reopen part of the animal shelter in Lawrenceville early next week after closing the entire shelter October 19 due to illness.

Officials discovered some dogs had contracted Strep Zoo, a sometimes fatal disease for dogs, and closed the shelter while they cleaned the facility and treated dogs with antibiotics. The disease does not affect cats.

Check the County [website](#) or the [animal shelter facebook](#) page for the latest information.

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

Watch elections video for early voting locations, times, and absentee balloting

Gwinnett County has produced a video to help educate Gwinnett voters about the many ways they can cast their ballots early before the November 6 General Election.

The video, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), covers satellite voting locations, schedules, and an online feature that gives the latest wait times at each satellite location. Entitled "Vote" or "Vota," the video also explains how to apply for an absentee ballot, fill it out, and turn it in.

For more information, including [advance voting wait times](#), visit www.gwinnettelelections.com.

Mire el video de las elecciones para conocer los lugares de votación adelantada, horarios, y votaciones de voto ausente

El Condado de Gwinnett ha producido un video para ayudar a educar a los votantes de Gwinnett acerca de las muchas maneras en que pueden emitir sus votos por adelantado antes del 6 de Noviembre.

El video es disponible en [Ingles](#) y [Español](#) e incluye las ubicaciones satélite para votaciones, horarios y una función en línea que brinda los últimos tiempos de espera en cada ubicación satélite.

El video titulado "Vote" o "Vota" también explica cómo solicitar una boleta de voto ausente, llenarla y entregarla.

Para obtener más información, visite www.gwinnettelections.com.

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 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 to honor military personnel at Veterans Day ceremony

Gwinnett County will pay respects to our soldiers, sailors, and airmen at its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 1:30pm on November 11 at the Fallen Heroes Memorial located at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.



With granite slabs bearing the names of the honored dead as a backdrop, the ceremony will include an honor guard, speakers, including Col. Rick White, co-director and chairman of the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame, a 21-gun salute, and bugler playing Taps.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located at 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

Get rid of hard-to-dispose-of stuff at America Recycles Day on November 17



Gwinnett residents can responsibly dispose of old electronics and other clutter at Coolray Field on November 17 from 9:00am to noon at the County's annual America Recycles Day celebration. In addition to electronics, you can recycle tires, paint, ink cartridges, sneakers, clothing, and more.

The event features free activities, including touch-a-truck for kids, a chance to meet your haulers, and refreshments and giveaways while supplies last. Paper shredding is available for up to five copier paper boxes. Paint is limited to 10 gallons and tires to eight per vehicle - dealer tires are not accepted. Electronics recycling is free except for TVs and monitors, which cost \$10, and printers, which cost \$5. For more information, call Solid Waste Management at 770.822.7141. If you're interested in volunteering at this event, visit volunteergwinnett.net to register.

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

Gwinnett County Transit is testing a new program in Snellville that provides door-to-door bus service for the next six months.

Called microtransit, the on-demand service uses seven 12-passenger buses operating Monday through Saturday. Riders can use an app to request service and see the bus's location and estimated arrival time. The service is accessible to all 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 fine-tune it before rolling it out incrementally to other areas of the county.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Gwinnett cities and their names



Gwinnett County was named after Button Gwinnett, one of the three Georgians who signed the Declaration of Independence. The names of some of Gwinnett's cities and towns have their own special history.

Here's a rundown on some of the County's 16 cities and how they got their names, courtesy of Elliott E. Brack's "Gwinnett County: a Little Above Atlanta."

Auburn got its name in 1893 for the area's red clay, which reportedly has special dying properties.

Berkeley Lake, originally a summer retreat for Atlanta citizens, was named for the Berkeley Blue Granite Quarries in Elberton, owned by same person who owned the land around Berkeley Lake.

Braselton was named after John O. Braselton. When it was established as a municipality, every city council member was named Braselton.

Buford was named for Algernon Sidney Buford, president of the first railroad to come through Gwinnett.

Dacula derived its name from a scrambling of the letters in Atlanta and Decatur by an early postmaster. It was originally called Hoke.

Duluth's name comes from Duluth, Minnesota. It was first called Howell's Landing after a crossing on the Chattahoochee River.

Grayson was called Trip, then Berkely, which was too close to Berkeley Lake, and then Graymont, which was taken. Then the town mayor got a letter from his wife in Grayson County, Texas, so they settled on that.

Lawrenceville, the county seat and the oldest city in metro Atlanta, was named in 1821 after James Lawrence, captain of the U.S.S. Chesapeake. Lawrence, mortally wounded in a battle with the HMS Shannon in 1813, famously uttered, "Don't give up the ship, lads. Fight her as long as she swims."

The remainder of the cities and the provenance of their names will follow in the next News for Neighborhoods in two weeks.

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

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