



News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcounty homeowners

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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:

- Budget planning is underway
- Officials celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
- Hurricane Irma downs trees, powerlines
- Gwinnett Shelter rescues Houston animals

4-H Farm Friends exhibit teaches about animals, farm life at Gwinnett Fair

The 4-H Farm Friends exhibit at the Gwinnett County Fair from **September 14 to 24** provides city folks a chance to watch baby chicks hatch, calves nurse from a bottle, and goats play in their pen.

The 4-H exhibit offers other hands-on opportunities to learn about various aspects of farm life, such as milking a wooden saw horse, feeling rabbit fur and wool, and watching workers care for animals we depend on for food and clothing.



Farm Friends is located at the big red barn at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. For a schedule and more information, [visit www.gwinnettcountyfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyfair.com).

Dogs, cats evacuated from Glynn County to Gwinnett can now be adopted

You can provide a safe home for some of the dogs and cats evacuated from Glynn County because of Hurricane Irma. The canines and felines from the coast are now up for adoption at the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center in Lawrenceville.



Gov. Nathan Deal issued a mandatory evacuation order for coastal counties last week and the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement unit agreed to take 42 dogs and 19 cats from a Glynn County animal shelter.

After being housed in a temporary facility in Lawrenceville, those canines and felines are steadily being transferred into Gwinnett County's shelter at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville as space allows.

You can adopt cats that have been vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed/neutered for \$10 or a dog for \$30. Visit the [available pets page](#) of the shelter's website to search for adoptable animals. And after you adopt your new best friend, take a picture and [email it](#) to us to post on our Facebook page!

Help clean the Yellow River by picking up trash

Help out Mother Nature and make the world a little cleaner by picking up trash at Yellow River Park on **September 16** from **9:00am to 12:30pm**.

The clean-up also includes adjoining tributaries and bridge crossings. Experienced kayakers and canoers are invited to clean up the water while others work on land. Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Minimum age is 14 or 18 if you're interested in being a part of the river crew. Pizza and T-shirts will be provided for volunteers afterward. Pre-register [online here](#).



Clean-up teams include delegations from the Yellow River Water Trail, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, Gwinnett County Clean & Beautiful, and Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources.

Bicentennial series to discuss slavery in Gwinnett County

Learn about slavery in Gwinnett during a Gwinnett Historical Society Speaker Series on **September 18** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville.

As part of the County's bicentennial program, Georgia Gwinnett College professor Dr. Michael Gagnon will share the results of his research from **7:00pm to 9:00pm**.

For more information about the presentation, visit <http://www.gwinnetths.org>. The presentation will follow a brief GHS business meeting.

Gwinnett police, firefighters stage Public Safety Fall Festival on September 23

Gwinnett's Police and Fire departments are partnering for a fun day with lots to see and do as part of the Public Safety Fall Festival on **September 23** at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville.

From **10:00am to 2:00pm**, they'll have a Touch-a-Truck emergency vehicle display - including a police helicopter, an ambulance and ladder truck that kids can sit in and pretend to drive. The police will show off their S.W.A.T. gear, while the fire specialty teams will perform various demonstrations. Animal Welfare and Enforcement will assist with pet adoptions and parents can have their kids' car seats checked. The police and firefighters will also engage in a spirited softball game.



For more information about the festival, please contact the Gwinnett Police Crime Prevention Unit at 770.513.5119 or Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction - Education Section at 678.518.4845.

Gwinnett Transit extends online survey deadline to September 25

You can still help us shape the future of Gwinnett County Transit by taking a short [online survey](#). GCT has extended the deadline for its survey to **September 25**.



The County is developing short- to long-term plans for its transit system. Now is the time to get involved while plans are still being formulated.

To gather more public input, the Transit planning team is also attending local events throughout the county to hear from you.

The final recommendations of the initiative, called *Connect Gwinnett: Transit Study*, will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in 2018.

So get involved! Take the [survey](#) and visit the [project's website](#) for upcoming events and to learn more about this important issue.

Pick a project for the Great Days of Service and help make Gwinnett great!

Help others individually or improve the community by joining the 18th Annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service on **October 20 and 21** by stocking food pantries, planting gardens, picking up trash, or any number of other projects.

The event engages the community through volunteering, sponsorships, and donations to support local service projects. It is one of the largest civic volunteer events in the nation and addresses critical needs of nonprofits and schools in Gwinnett County.



A Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services program, Great Days of Service last year involved 27 sponsors and 63,700 volunteers working on 403 projects benefitting 65 agencies.

People can volunteer as individuals or in a group. For more information, please contact Regina Miller at 770.995.3339 or email her at regina@gwinnettcoalition.org.

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