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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 pays respects to fallen first-responders at 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
- ARC says Gwinnett is Georgia's second-fastest growing county
- Computer classes for seniors available
- Residents in Gwinnett can receive 65-gallon recycling carts
- Property taxes due October 15
- Lots of events with plenty to do coming up
- October 9 is the deadline for voter registration

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

Gwinnett County Transit is launching a pilot program on September 17 that will provide six months of free door-to-door bus service in Snellville. The program will roll out over the next 20 years to seven different areas of the county.



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.

Elections Office seeking poll officials for upcoming elections

The County's Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for poll officials to staff elections in 2018. As a poll official, you get a front row seat to 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.

Animal Shelter offers September special for hard-to-adopt dogs and cats



While many doggies and kitties are quickly adopted from the Gwinnett Animal Shelter, some get passed over time and time again just because they're a little older, not so easy on the eyes, or need a little more care. To help them get homes of their own, the shelter is hosting Adopt a Less-Adoptable-Pet Month and cutting adoption fees to \$20 all through September.

Animals, including forlorn pets yearning for a home, have been vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are ready to meet their new family. Dogs typically cost \$45 to adopt, and cats typically cost \$30.

The shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm, Thursdays from 11:00am to 8:00pm, and on Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Ice cream socials will be held on the last Thursday of each month through October. The shelter is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

Seniors can take classes and learn to use computers and other devices

Seniors ages 50 and older can master Facebook, iPhones, email, and other computer mysteries by enrolling in computer classes offered by the Gwinnett Senior Learning Center.

Classes range from a single day to one day a week for several weeks. The GSRLC focuses on applications compatible with the Windows operating systems and teach topics such as email, Internet, Facebook, genealogy, and word processing. Classes for using iPhones and iPads are also available. Register online at www.gsrlc.org. Fees vary.

People can also register in person **September 18** from 10:00am to 11:00am at Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Snellville, or **September 20** from 10:00am to 11:00am at George Pierce Park Community Center, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

Public Safety Fall Festival offers demonstrations, equipment, and fun



Gwinnett's Police and Fire and Emergency Services departments are partnering for a fun day with lots to see at the Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, October 6 at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. From 10:00am to 2:00pm, the first responders will show off their emergency vehicles, including a helicopter, ambulance, SWAT personnel carrier, and ladder truck. For more information, call 770.513.5119.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Football in Gwinnett

Gwinnett's first football team was a sandlot team in Buford in the 1930s, made up of high school students as well as some graduates. From those humble beginnings, Gwinnett County has become a football powerhouse with Gwinnett County Public Schools winning 10 state championships since 2000 and Buford City Schools winning another nine state championships since 2000.

In 1945, organized football in Gwinnett began in Buford with pickup players from the community. The Rev. George Washington Sheffer, a Presbyterian minister, coached the team to an undefeated season.

The second football team was founded in 1952 at Lawrenceville High School, now known as Central Gwinnett. The community pushed for a football program because they wanted more than year-

round basketball and thought football would help keep boys enrolled in school. Lions and the Kiwanis clubs pledged \$3,000 to equip the team, and raised between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The Panthers were coached by Jack Britt, a recent graduate from the University of Georgia who had also coached at Tucker High. Only one player had ever played with equipment and he had to show the other players how to put their gear on.

In 1957, Lawrenceville High School became the consolidated Central Gwinnett High School. They were led by Coach Bartow Jenkins, who served as mayor of Lawrenceville. A player on that first team, Bill Fortune, also became mayor of Lawrenceville. They would run a mile from the school to Rhodes Jordan Park to practice.

George Rogers, a Duluth High School standout, later went to South Carolina where he received the Heisman Trophy in 1980. After graduation, he played for the New Orleans Saints and Washington Redskins. In 1997, he was elected to the NFL and College halls of fame.

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



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