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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:

- Rock Springs Park Phase II officially opens
- Public Safety Fall Festival draws hundreds
- Gwinnett Transit offers new service to Atlanta
- Police Academy graduates 11 new officers

Gwinnett County offers residents storm cleanup assistance for downed trees

To assist residents with disposal of yard debris caused by Tropical Storm Irma, Gwinnett County will provide free storm debris removal along county and state roads, but not on city streets. This cleanup effort only applies to tree limbs, branches, and other vegetative debris.

To provide efficient service, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- Tree limbs and branches brought down during the storm may be cut and stacked neatly at the curb of your residence in the right of way, but not in the street or next to fire hydrants, utility boxes or utility poles.
- In addition, tree limbs and branches MUST NOT be mixed with other debris, such as roofing tiles, fencing, or other items damaged during the storm.
- Branches and limbs must be trimmed and cut to a maximum of four feet, and each piece must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Debris cannot be collected in plastic bags, but lawn and paper bags are permitted.



Please contact the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation at 770.822.7400 (**Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm**) or dotservicerequest@gwinnettcountry.com to provide the address for pickup.

Support parks at Tribble Mill Park on National Public Lands Day on September 30

Join more than 200,000 volunteers nationwide to show your support for public lands by helping improve Tribble Mill Park in Lawrenceville on **Saturday, September 30** from **9:00am to 1:00pm**.

Public Lands Day offers volunteer opportunities perfect for Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects, corporate groups, and civic organizations. These include helping with tree plantings, trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, and pollinator habitat development.

A ceremony dedicating the Lloyd N. Harris Loop trail is set for **10:00am**. Exhibitors and guided hikes will be available. Call 678.277.0900 to volunteer or 770.822.8840 for more information.

Gwinnett Transit extends online survey deadline to October 2

You can still help us shape the future of Gwinnett County Transit by taking a short [online survey](#). Gwinnett County Transit has extended the deadline for the survey to **October 2**.

The County is developing short- to long-term plans for its transit system to find the right balance of transit modes, frequency of trips, ensure coverage to different areas of the county, and identify potential funding sources. If you want to see bus service in a particular part of the county or you want to see a bus route implemented, then get involved and take [the survey](#).

Visit the [project's website](#) to learn more.



October is Adopt a Shelter Pet Month so take home a canine buddy



You've been talking about getting a dog or a cat for a while now, and since October is national Adopt a Shelter Pet Month, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center is reducing adoption fees to just \$20 for dogs and cats throughout the month.

Some of these sweet animals were displaced from Glynn County by Hurricane Irma and are looking for a forever home.

The adoption fees include vaccinations, microchip, and spay/neuter. You can see these adorably cute, unconditionally loving, and non-judging furry friends on the Animal Welfare Center's [available pets webpage](#) or on the Animal Welfare Center's [Facebook page](#), where you can also learn details on upcoming events, and discover helpful tips on how to care for your shelter pet.

Elisha Winn Fair commemorates Gwinnett's founding 199 years ago

Gwinnett County turns 199 this year, and residents are invited to a birthday celebration at the historic Elisha Winn House -- the birthplace of Gwinnett County -- on **October 7 and 8** from **10:00am to 5:00pm**.

The 39th annual Elisha Winn Fair will feature tours of the house near Dacula with period furnishings, a one-room school, a working blacksmith shop, an old log jail and barn, live demonstrations, and a live cotton patch. Other entertainment includes arts and crafts, antique vendors, re-enactors, live bluegrass music, a handmade quilt raffle, and food vendors.



The house, located at 908 Dacula Road in Dacula, was built in 1812 and served as the County's first county seat, and was the site of its first elections.

The fair is sponsored by the Gwinnett Historical Society, and costs \$3 for those 12 and older.

October features Hispanic Heritage Month/Tacos and Talk



October is Hispanic Heritage Month and in recognition of their contributions, a Hispanic countries exhibit is on display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center through **October 15**.

The display features facts, history, and artifacts from 21 countries and is open from **8:00am** to **5:00pm**. The exhibit is organized by the Gwinnett Multicultural Advisory Committee and is made possible through contributions from partners and volunteers.

On **September 29** from **6:00pm** to **8:00pm**, Gwinnett County Government and St. Patrick's Catholic Church are jointly hosting a Tacos and Talk Town Hall with members of the Hispanic community.

This event, held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 2140 Beaver Ruin Road in Norcross, will feature a panel of guest speakers, including Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash, Father Refugio, and representatives from the Police Department, Fire and Emergency Services, and the local community.

There will also be activities, exhibits, and cultural dances. Food will be provided by Sabor-a-Chispa. A certified interpreter will be present. Click [here](#) to register.

Deadline for property tax bills is October 15

Property tax bills are due to the Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner by **October 15**.

The 2017 Gwinnett County property tax bills were mailed in August with a single due date of October 15. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company; however, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid.

Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com to learn more about payment options.

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