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#### Greetings!

As a resident of Gwinnett County, you know there is always a lot going on in the community. Read this newsletter to stay up-to-date on the latest news from your County government.

<u>Gwinnett County Government</u> appreciates 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 TV Gwinnett?

Gwinnett County brings you the latest news and happenings about your community through Eye on Gwinnett, our weekly news program.



What you'll see in this episode:

- Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections
  hosting poll official hiring events
- Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is hiring lifeguards
- Gwinnett County accepting Gwinnett 101 Spring 2024 cohorts applications
- Beware of rental assistance scams

Check out more videos on TV Gwinnett<u>Video on</u> Demand.

#### **Celebrate Black History Month with Gwinnett**

Gwinnett County invites you to celebrate Black History Month at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center! This year's theme is Black Arts and Culture in Gwinnett. During the month of February, we will commemorate the achievements, contributions, and history of Gwinnett's Black residents, and how the use of music, dance, literature, poetry, and more compose a beautiful and awe-inspiring story about the Black experience in Gwinnett and the greater United States.

Explore our Black History Month Exhibit, which will be open to the public for the entire month of February during



normal business hours in the GJAC Atrium. Then, join us for an evening of music, food, and dance at our Black History Month Celebration on **Tuesday, February 20 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** Reserve your spot for this year's celebration at <u>GwinnettCounty.com/BHMCelebration</u>.

#### Register to vote in the upcoming elections

As the election season kicks in, it's important to register to vote now. To be eligible, Georgia residents need to be U.S. citizens, legal residents of their voting county, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the March 12 Presidential Preference Primary is **Monday, February 12**. Check



your registration status, download a voter registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling location at <u>MVP.SOS.GA.gov</u>.

## Inscríbete a votar para las próximas elecciones

A medida que comienza la temporada electoral, es importante inscribirse para votar ahora. Para ser elegible, los residentes de Georgia deben ser ciudadanos estadounidenses, residentes legales de su

condado electoral y tener al menos 18 años de edad antes del día de las elecciones. La fecha límite para inscribirse para votar en las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial del 12 de Marzo es el **Lunes 12 de Febrero**. Verifica el estado de tu inscripción electoral, descarga una aplicación de inscripción de votantes, revisa boletas de muestra y ubica tu lugar de votación en MVP.SOS.GA.gov.

#### Dog adoptions suspended at the animal shelter

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center has suspended dog adoptions and dog intakes through Friday, February 9 as a proactive measure against a canine viral infection. Pet owners will still be able to reclaim any lost pets — including dogs — during business hours. Cat adoptions are still available, and the center will still intake cats and injured dogs. Visit <u>GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com</u> for more information.



### Attend a poll official hiring event



Become a poll official at an <u>upcoming hiring event</u> to gain valuable work experience and earn up to \$440 per election. During the event, attendees must complete an I-9 form and bring the required original identification documents for verification. If you are unable to attend a hiring event, you can <u>learn more about becoming a poll</u> <u>official in Gwinnett</u>.

# Asiste a un evento de contratación para trabajadores electorales

Conviértete en un trabajador electoral en un<u>próximo</u> evento de contratación para adquirir una valiosa

experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$440 por elección. Durante el evento, los asistentes deberán completar un formulario I-9 y traer los documentos de identificación originales requeridos para su verificación. Si no puedes asistir a un evento de contratación, puedes <u>obtener más información sobre cómo convertirte en</u> trabajador electoral en Gwinnett.

#### Share your voice at the Gwinnett Clean Community Forum

Ready to make an impact in your community? Join Gwinnett Code Enforcement, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, Gwinnett Solid Waste Management, and Gwinnett Transportation on **Thursday, February 8** at <u>Lucky Shoals Park</u> in Norcross. From **5:30pm to 8:30pm**, residents can share feedback about your neighborhood and learn how to keep Gwinnett a safe, livable, and healthy community! For more information, email <u>Stephanie.Marguardt@GwinnettCounty.com</u>.



Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1

The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply



for a homestead exemption. Owners who occupied their home as their primary residence as of January 1 may qualify for an exemption this year. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply. For more information and to apply, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply.

### Get affordable internet access for your home

You may qualify for a \$30 monthly discount on your home or mobile internet service through the Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Program. Gwinnett is encouraging eligible residents to claim this new benefit and start saving on internet service. Visit <u>AffordableConnectivity.gov</u> or call 877.384.2575 to learn about eligibility and apply. Then, contact a participating broadband provider to start receiving your monthly discount.



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To stay updated with the latest news from the County, visit our website, <u>GwinnettCounty.com</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @GwinnettGov.



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