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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:

- Advance voting for Presidential Preference Primary begins February 19
- Celebrating Black History Month
- County successfully awards financial assistance to small businesses
- Learn more about the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

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

# Advance voting for Presidential Preference Primary begins February 19

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the March 12 Presidential Preference Primary. Registered voters can vote advance in person every day, including weekends, from February 19 through March 8 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and nine advance voting locations around the county.

Voting by mail is another option available for voters. You can request an absentee by mail ballot for the March 12 election now through Friday, March 1. Please complete the absentee ballot application form online or call the



Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an application.

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the <u>Secretary of State's My Voter Page</u>.

#### Votación adelantada empieza el 19 de Febrero

Los votantes no están limitados al día de las elecciones para emitir su voto para las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial del **12 de Marzo**. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, a partir del **19 de Febrero hasta el 8 de Marzo de 7:00am a 7:00pm** en la <u>Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en nueve lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado.</u>

La votación por correo es otra opción disponible para los votantes. Puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las elecciones del 12 de Marzo desde ahora hasta el Viernes 1 de Marzo.

Complete el formulario de solicitud de boleta de voto ausente en línea la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett al 678.226.7210 para solicitar una aplicación. Para verificar el estado de su incripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación, visita Mi página de Votante de la Secretaría de Estado.

### **Attend the Black History Month Celebration**



Gwinnett County invites you to celebrate Black History Month at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center! 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 at GwinnettCounty.com/BHMCelebration.

You can also 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. This year's theme is Black Arts and Culture in Gwinnett.

## Participate in the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study

Interested in a more vibrant and walkable community in Southwest Gwinnett? Drop in to share your thoughts on the Mountain Park Revitalization Plan at a design workshop on **Tuesday, February 27 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at Mountain Park First Baptist Church, Building C, located at 5485 Five Forks Trickum Road in Stone Mountain.

The Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study is funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative program and aims to enhance safety and connectivity for those who walk, bike, and ride transit in



the study area. The study will identify opportunities to revive two areas of development, Rockbridge Road at Five Forks Trickum Road and Killian Hill Road at Five Forks Trickum Road. To learn more about the study, visit GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessStudy.

## **Apply for the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy**



Get the inside scoop on how and why Gwinnett County Government operates by enrolling in the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy! During this 12-week program, participants get a behind-the-scenes look at County operations, meet local leaders, and tour County facilities. The academy, held twice a year, aims to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett. To be considered for the spring term, apply at <a href="Gwinnett101.com">Gwinnett101.com</a> by Friday, March 1.

#### Become a lifeguard

Looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning park system. Not only will you learn lifesaving skills and boost your fitness level, but you can also enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities.

Pay starts at \$17.32 per hour, plus the training is free! Part-time and seasonal positions are available at our five year-round aquatic centers and four seasonal pools. Learn more at GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard.





The Gwinnett Police Department has always offered its parking lots as a location to engage in e-commerce transactions. Now, there are dedicated parking spots at Gwinnett Police headquarters and each precinct for those who wish to buy, sell, and trade goods. Each parking spot is marked with a sign and is monitored with video surveillance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Buyers and sellers should exercise best safety practices when engaging in e-commerce transactions.

## Get financial assistance on your mortgage

If you are a homeowner who has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for mortgage assistance. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs launched the Georgia Mortgage Assistance Program to provide financial aid to those in need. It could reduce delinquent payments or payments currently in forbearance, lower your mortgage balance after income loss, or cover housing-related expenses. To check whether you are eligible to receive assistance, please visit GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.GA.gov.



## Handling household hazardous waste properly



Household hazardous waste is a category of products considered to be corrosive, reactive, ignitable, or toxic. Many common household items such as lightbulbs, pesticides, paint, and batteries are considered HHW. When handling, never dump HHW into a storm drain, only buy as much as you need, and look for drop-off locations in your community like Gwinnett's HHW collection events.

By disposing of HHW properly, we can all work to protect our water resources. To learn more about protecting our waterways, visit Gwinnetth2o.com/GetEducated.

# Visit our website, social media for latest news

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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