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Dear Joe,

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.

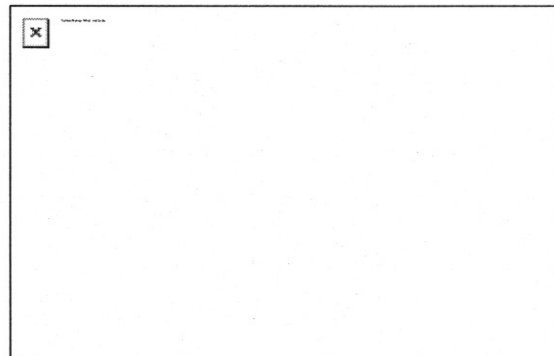


County offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday: November 22 and 23

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 26. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

Thursday, November 22 is a trash and recycling holiday. Pickups scheduled on that day will be rescheduled for Friday, November 23 and Friday pickups will be rescheduled for Saturday, November 24. Only Thursday and Friday pickups will be affected. See the complete holiday schedule at www.sustainablegwinnett.com.

Keep flames off the holiday menu



The holiday season is a time when family and friends gather to share a meal. As preparations for the busy holidays get underway, firefighters want to encourage safe cooking practices. Fire and Emergency Services and the National Fire Protection Association are calling on all cooks to include the following fire safety tips in their recipes:

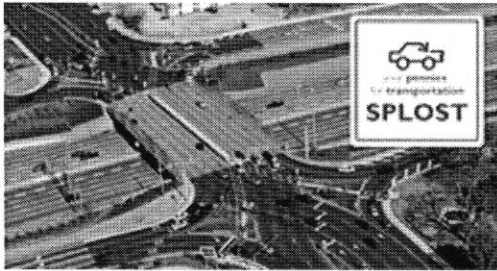
Turkey Frying: What not to do

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, remember to check it regularly; use a timer to remind yourself that something is on the stove or in the oven.
- Keep anything that could catch fire, such as oven mitts, wood utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains away from your stovetop, oven, or any other heat producing appliance in the kitchen.
- Don't wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking; remember to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire and cool a burn injury with water until the pain goes away.
- Never attempt to cook if you are extremely tired or if you have consumed alcoholic beverages.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance away from the oven or stove when cooking.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Deep frying danger

If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday bird, please remember to follow proper fire safety precautions. Be sure to read the instructions for your fryer and completely thaw your turkey or chicken before frying it. Watch this video to see what can happen if you don't follow cooking instructions closely.

Pleasant Hill Road bridge remains open for holiday shopping



Travelers and shoppers should enjoy a smooth drive through the Gwinnett Place Mall area during this busy holiday season. The Gwinnett County Department of Transportation will halt all lane closure activity on the Pleasant Hill Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project in anticipation of higher traffic volumes in the area. **All construction-related lane closures will stop from Monday, November 19 through Wednesday, January 2.**

While all lane closure activity will be stopped, workers may be on site actively working on items outside the normal lanes of travel. Motorists are reminded to drive safely and obey the posted speeds, especially in work zones.

For more information on the Pleasant Hill DDI project, visit www.gwinnettDDI.com.

The tradition continues with the 25th Lighting of the Tree

Continue the tradition this holiday season with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation and the Lawrenceville Tourism and Trade Association as they host the 25th Annual Lighting of the Tree on **Thanksgiving Day, November 22 at 5:00pm** at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, located at 185 Crogan Street in downtown Lawrenceville.

The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 6:00pm, illuminating 30,000 lights on the 30-foot Norway spruce. The evening's festivities also will include visits and photos with Santa Claus, Class Act Band leading carols, choreographed dance routines by Clogging Connection, music by Catherine Kimbro, face painting, and crafts. If you didn't get enough turkey and stuffing, food vendors will offer sweet treats and warm beverages. Visit www.gwinnettparks.com or call 770.822.5450 for more holiday events.



Volunteer this holiday season