

## FEATURE

### Recycle your old trash cart

If you still have your 95-gallon trash cart from your previous hauler, you can put it to good use! Hopefully, you are able to recycle so many additional items that it's hard to fit everything into the recycling bin provided by your hauler. That's no problem and no extra charge. **You can use additional bins, including your old 95-gallon trash cart, for recycling. Just make sure your bins are clearly marked "recyclables."**

If you have recyclables that are too large to fit in your recycling bins, such as collapsed cardboard boxes, just **make sure they are clearly marked "recyclables"** as well. If they are not, haulers will assume they are trash and will not be able to take them without a bulky items pickup request.

### Celebrate America Recycles Day

Come celebrate America Recycles Day with the Gwinnett County Solid Waste Division on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. There will be recycling events, free kids' activities, and more! For more information about this event, visit [www.sustainablegwinnett.com](http://www.sustainablegwinnett.com).



## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

### Secret Agent H<sub>2</sub>O fighting FOG in the community

Each year thousands of dollars are spent responding to and repairing property damage that results from the improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG). FOG also costs millions of dollars a year in damage to the collection system. The County spends a great deal of time and resources fighting FOG because it is the leading cause of sewer overflows. When these overflows occur, raw sewage spills out of the constricted pipes onto roads, yards, and eventually into creeks and ponds.

This is where Secret Agent H<sub>2</sub>O comes in. He visits schools, camps, clubs, and troop meetings, as well as business and homeowners' associations to educate the public on FOG-fighting techniques.

Here are a few suggestions to fight FOG in your home:

- Install mesh drain screens in your sink
- Prior to washing cooking equipment, pour liquid FOG waste into a container and throw the container away when it's full
- Scrape and dry wipe cooking equipment with a paper towel to remove solid waste before washing
- Install approved low-flow faucet fixtures

By aiding Secret Agent H<sub>2</sub>O in his fight against FOG, you are helping the County reduce sewer back-ups and spills. In reducing these spills and back-ups, we are also helping to maintain a cleaner, healthier environment for the residents of Gwinnett County.

For more information, contact Secret Agent H<sub>2</sub>O at [www.unclogthefog.com](http://www.unclogthefog.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Pedestrian safety

Now that school is back in session and the weather is getting cooler, there are a lot more people walking outside. As drivers and pedestrians, it is our responsibility to know the laws pertaining to pedestrian safety.

#### Drivers:

- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk
- Be careful at intersections when making right turns and right turns on red – pedestrians may have the signal to walk at the same time
- Drive slowly when pedestrians are present: 90 percent of pedestrians die if hit by a car at 40mph, compared to only five percent at 20mph
- Watch for the elderly, who are slow walkers, and children, who have poor judgment about crossing

#### Pedestrians:

- In the absence of pedestrian signals, cross with the green light
- In the presence of pedestrian signals, start crossing with the WALK light after looking both ways – the driver may also have a green light
- If there is no sidewalk, walk along the shoulder, facing the traffic

Don't forget that Halloween is Sunday, October 31, so please observe these tips while trick-or-treating and driving through your neighborhoods.

## CHECK IT OUT

Check out these new e-books and read from the your home, office, or anywhere on your e-book device! Visit <http://digitalbooks.gwinnettpl.org/> to browse this exciting collection! These selections and others are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

*Through a Dog's Eyes*, by Jennifer Arnold

*War*, by Sebastian Junger

*Broken: A Novel*, by Karin Slaughter

*Medium Raw: A Bloody Valentine to the World of Food*, by Anthony Bourdain

### Fall Into the Arts

Fall into the Arts is a celebration of the literary, performing, and visual arts. It is presented by the Gwinnett County Public Library. For more information, visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), where you'll also find a calendar of events.

## Detention Pond Maintenance Workshop

November 3, 2010 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium  
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Attendees can apply for a Stormwater Utility Fee Credit

Presented by: Department of Water Resources  
Stormwater Management Division

Please pre-register by sending an e-mail to [dwrswwreg@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:dwrswwreg@gwinnettcounty.com) (include your name, address, and telephone number) or calling 678.376.7126

## SPLOST

### Three fire stations in service this fall

Gwinnett officials will open the doors to three new fire stations in November. **Fire Station 18** is moving from its previous location on Braselton Highway into a larger, three-bay station located at the corner of Mineral Springs Road and Hog Mountain Road in the Hamilton Mill area. The station includes living quarters for firefighters, a commercial-grade kitchen, office space, and a community classroom.

Also in northeast Gwinnett, the County's 29<sup>th</sup> fire station is located on five acres at 2800 Thompson Mill Road just east of Sardis Church Road. **Fire Station 29** is a two-bay drive-through facility and includes a commercial-grade kitchen, exercise/fitness room, offices, and living quarters for firefighters. Construction for both fire stations was completed by C.P. Richards Construction. The official ribbon cutting ceremonies for stations 18 and 29 will be held on November 2.

Over in Loganville, **Fire Station 30** will open with a ceremony on November 16 and is also a three-bay station with a community classroom that holds 49 people. The station is located at 1052 Ozora Road and was constructed by CRS Building Corporation.

Funding for the three fire stations construction was provided by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program (SPLOST). Commission Chairman **Charles Bannister** said, "As these areas continue to grow, we're realigning our fire stations to provide the best possible response times. We thank the citizens for their continued support of the SPLOST program, which has funded new and improved fire stations all across the county."



### County offices closed for Veterans Day

Please note that all offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2010, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Friday, November 12, 2010.

The public is invited to a **Veterans Day Ceremony** at 11:00am at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville, to celebrate and remember the men and women who have served and protected us throughout our nation's history.

## EVENTS

Sign up for these and other great activities at [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com).

### Senior Fashion Show

November 4 • 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Bethesda Park Senior Center  
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville

### Kids' Night Out

November 5 • 5:30pm – 9:00pm  
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center  
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

### Historic Bus Tour

November 6 • 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Lawrenceville Female Seminary  
455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

### Thanks 4 BINGO

November 9 • 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center  
4651 Britt Road, Norcross

### 5K Road Race

November 13 • 8:00am  
Tribble Mill Park  
2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville

### Free! Hometown Christmas Craft Fair and Potter's Gift Shop

November 13 • 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center  
4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross

### Senior Crochet/Knitting Club Social

November 15 • noon – 2:00pm  
Prime Timers Pointe at George Pierce Park  
55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

### Free! Winter Art Festival

November 20 • 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Bogan Park Community Recreation Center  
2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

### Free! 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lighting of the Tree

November 25 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse  
185 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville

## AROUND GWINNETT

### HOT lanes coming to Gwinnett County

The Georgia Department of Transportation received \$11.7 million for the conversion of 16 miles of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in Gwinnett and DeKalb counties.

The HOV to HOT project will install tolling technology and equipment, new guardrail signs, and sign structures along I-85 between Shallowford Road and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and along State Route 316 between its intersection with I-85 and Riverside Parkway. The HOT lanes will span from Chamblee Tucker Road to Old Peachtree Road on I-85 and along SR 316 between its intersection with I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-September 2010 and be completed by the end of July 2011. For more information on the project, visit [www.dot.ga.gov/I85Expresslanes](http://www.dot.ga.gov/I85Expresslanes).

### November 2 election early voting schedule

Early/absentee voting for the 2010 General Election began on **September 17** and will continue until **October 29** from 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Elections Office, 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville. Early voting will also take place on October 25 – 29 from 9:00am to 7:00pm at **four satellite locations**: Centerville Community Center; 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville; Dacula Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Road in Dacula; George Pierce Community Center; 55 Buford Highway in Suwanee; and Lucky Shoals Community Center; 4651 Britt Road in Norcross.

Voters can also request an absentee ballot for the general election. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Military and overseas voters can now access an absentee ballot online. Visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ga.gov/Elections/Uocava/](http://www.sos.ga.gov/Elections/Uocava/) for more information.

For information about early/absentee voting, voter registration, or to locate your polling place, please call 678.226.7210 or visit [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com). The November 2 election results will be available on TVgwinnett and [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com) on election night.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Reminder: 2010 property tax final installment due

The final 2010 property tax installment due date is **November 15**. After this date, a five percent penalty will be added to the unpaid installment amount. Also, one percent interest per calendar month (12 percent annually) will begin to accrue on the total unpaid amount on November 16, 2010.

Visit [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) for more information.

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