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FEATURE

Check out our new mobile website

You can now stay connected with Gwinnett County Government wherever you are with our new mobile website. The mobile website includes links to popular webpages such as Parks and Recreation, to help you locate County parks and pools near you, and Police, so you can find your nearest police precinct. The new site also gives you on-the-go access to online services such as water bill pay and permitting information and lets you check out a listing of events happening in your county.

The website also features the latest news about Gwinnett County Government. Check us out on your mobile device at www.gwinnettcounty.com.

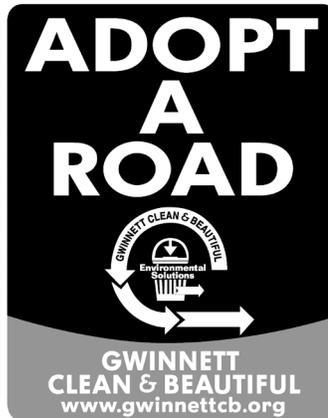


PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Adopt-a-Road: Sign up to clean streets, protect water quality

Wouldn't you like to see less trash and fewer illegal signs along our roadways? You can help! The **Adopt-A-Road** litter prevention program sponsored by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful and the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation aims to keep our roadsides clean and free of clutter and gives groups a great way to give back to the community. It also offers an important environmental benefit; removing trash from our roadways before it can wash into streams and lakes during rainstorms helps to protect wildlife and water quality.

Gwinnett's Adopt-A-Road program application process has been streamlined to make your participation a hassle-free and rewarding experience. Simply choose a road, read and sign the Adopt-a-Road agreement, conduct four cleanups per year, and report the results for each cleanup. Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful will provide trash bags, safety vests, and roadside safety signs for your group. Everything you need to adopt a road is available at www.gwinnettcb.org/volunteer/adopt-a-road or you can call Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful at 770.822.5187 for more information.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Tips for pedestrian safety

Safe Kids USA estimates that approximately 630 child pedestrian fatalities occur each year. As the new school year begins, remind your loved ones to be safe as drivers and pedestrians. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods and near schools.
- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- Be careful at intersections when making right turns.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk as close to the left side of the street as possible facing traffic.
- Cross at the cross walk. Cross only at intersections or street corners whenever possible. When available, cross between the white painted crosswalk lines.

For more tips on pedestrian safety, please visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com.

Department of Water Resources

Free Workshop!

Cooking to Protect Water Quality

September 11, 2014 • 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Learn how fats, oils, and grease from your kitchen can contribute to water pollution in nearby waterways at this free workshop. Attendees from unincorporated Gwinnett County, the city of Lilburn, or the city of Peachtree Corners can qualify for a maximum 5 percent credit toward their stormwater utility fee for the following year.

Please pre-register by emailing your name, address, and phone number to dwrswreg@gwinnettcounty.com or calling 678.376.7193 (press 5).

CHECK IT OUT

Finish out summer vacation with these short stories. These and other fun titles are available at the Gwinnett County Public Library, www.gwinnettpl.org.

This is Not an Accident: Stories and a Novella,
by April Wilder

High Crime Area: Tales of Darkness and Dread,
by Joyce Carol Oates

The Heaven of Animals: Stories,
by David James Poissant

Problems with People: Stories,
by David Guterson

SPLOST

Gwinnett contract will rehab bridges

Five bridges will undergo repairs to extend their useful life under a new contract that Gwinnett commissioners approved in July.

The bridges are on Steve Reynolds Boulevard, Ingram Road, Connemara Trace, Rockbridge Road, and Arnold Road. Sunbelt Structures Inc. was the lowest of five bidders at \$375,000.

The bridge work includes cleaning and painting steel beams, sealing bridge deck joints, encasing bridge pilings with concrete, and filling erosion voids at the abutments. The rehabilitation projects will begin in August with an expected completion date by the end of the year.

Gwinnett Transportation Director **Kim Conroy** said, "This is part of our ongoing capital improvement program to make sure that road structures in Gwinnett are safe and reliable. We're grateful for voter approval of the 2009 SPLOST program to help fund projects like these."



County offices closed: Labor Day

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of the county, will be closed September 1 for Labor Day. All offices will resume regular working hours on September 2. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Labor Day is not a trash holiday.

AROUND GWINNETT

Don't miss out on the \$100K challenge

The Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center has been chosen as a contender in the **ASPCA Rachael Ray™ \$100K challenge**. August 31 is the last day of the challenge, so don't miss out! The goal is for the shelter to save more dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens than the summer months of last year. Please visit www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com for details.



Board adopts 2014 millage rate

Gwinnett County's millage rate will not change in 2014, but property taxes will generate more revenue than last year due to a general increase in property values. The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners set the rate during its regular business session on Tuesday, July 15 after three public hearings were held on the matter. Actual taxes for most properties should be approximately the same as the estimate given on assessment notices mailed in April. For more information about the millage rate, including an interactive online tool that shows estimated property taxes for any Gwinnett property and what those taxes buy, please visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.

FOCUS ON: Gang Unit

FOCUS ON is a monthly feature that tells how your county government employees focus on providing high-quality services to you each and every day. This month will feature the Police Department's Gang Unit and their efforts to deter criminal gang activity in the community. To read more, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.



TAX COMMISSIONER

Property tax bills due October 1

The 2014 Gwinnett County property tax bills have been mailed and are due October 1. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is available to your mortgage company; however, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid. You can make multiple payments as long as the total balance is paid by October 1. For more information about ways to pay or to pay online, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

EVENTS

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents.

See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcountryevents.com.

AARP Smart Driver Course Taught in Chinese

September 13 • 9:00am to 3:30pm
Norcross Human Services Center
5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross
678.225.5400

5th Annual Honeybee Festival

September 13 • 11:00am to 3:00pm
Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford
770.904.3500

Frontier Fair at Fort Daniel Historic Site

September 20 • 10:00am to 5:00pm
Park at NorthView Church
2000 Gravel Springs Road, Buford
770.849.1742

Paws and Pages Reading Program

September 20 • 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Gwinnett Animal Shelter
684 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville
770.339.3200

Safe Home Canning Presentation

September 24 • 1:00pm to 2:30pm
Buford Human Services Center
2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford
678.377.4010

Retro-Themed Dance Party! For Adults ages 21+

September 26 • 7:00pm to 9:30pm
Centerville Community Center
3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville
770.985.4713

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