

News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcounty homeowners

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Dear Homeowner:

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 e-mails and by talking to your friends and family. Click on *forward this e-mail to a friend* below to share this newsletter!

Gwinnett Transit fares increase

Effective January 30, Gwinnett County Transit will implement the first transit fare increase since August 2008. The cost to operate, maintain and fuel buses has risen over the years, according to Gwinnett Transit Director Phil Boyd, and some of that expense must be passed along to transit customers.

The fare increase accomplishes Gwinnett's goal that riders pay about a third of the entire cost to provide bus service with federal and state subsidies funding the remainder. By increasing fares, Gwinnett County Transit can avoid making cuts to transit service that would burden customers. Gwinnett County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and make minor service adjustments as necessary to maintain cost-effective operations. Visit www.gctransit.com for details about the new fares.



Gwinnett County Public Library hosts survivor and Civil Rights activist

The Gwinnett County Public Library's **Meet the Author Series** is proud to host Carolyn McKinstry, survivor of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing on September 15, 1963, and author of *While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age During the Civil Rights Movement*. Carolyn will speak about her book at the Suwanee Library Branch on January 26 at 6:00pm. For more information, visit www.gwinnettpl.org.

Most crime drops in Gwinnett

Gwinnett's crime rate in nine major categories dropped in 2011 compared to the previous year, according to figures released by the [Gwinnett County Police Department](#). The average response time to emergencies in the first six months of 2011 also dropped from almost seven minutes to less than five and a half.

Highlights include 4 percent fewer arson incidents, 20 percent fewer vehicle thefts, 17 percent fewer rapes, and 20 percent fewer



cases of theft from a motor vehicle. There were also decreases in robberies, residential burglaries, and aggravated battery. Aggravated assaults fell almost 9 percent while business burglaries were down about 4 percent. The total number of gang-related incidents fell almost 5 percent. More information is available at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

Please remember, if you ever need a Gwinnett County Police officer to arrive at your house, an accident, or even a non-emergency incident, be sure to always call 911. This is the quickest way that an officer can be dispatched to assist you during any time of the day.

I-85 Transit Study public information meeting

Gwinnett County Department of Transportation will seek public input on the [I-85 Alternative Analysis Study](#) during two public information meetings that will be held next month.

February 6 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Gwinnett Village CID office
5855 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Suite 122
Norcross, GA 30071

February 9 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Gwinnett Place Marriott
1775 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA 30096



Black History Month exhibit

In celebration of Black History Month, the Gwinnett United Ebony Society is displaying a *Black Women in American Culture and History* exhibit. The exhibit has a focus on African American Women of Valor in Gwinnett County and will be on display during the month of February at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Come check out the exhibit Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Car seat check locations in Gwinnett County

According to [Safe Kids Gwinnett](#), car crashes remain the number one killer of children ages 3 - 14 in the U.S., and Georgia law requires children under age eight to be properly secured in an approved car seat or booster seat while riding in passenger automobiles, vans, and pickup trucks. It also requires that car seats and/or booster seats be in the rear seat, be appropriate for the child's weight and height, meet all federal standards, and be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Car seat checks must be done by a certified child passenger safety technician, and Gwinnett families can get their car seat checked and/or installed for free at the following locations:



- Gwinnett County Police: E-mail pdcarseatchecks@gwinnettcountry.com to schedule an appointment
- Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters in Lawrenceville: E-mail fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com to schedule an appointment
- Hayes Chrysler in Lawrenceville: Call 770.963.5251 for an appointment
- Lilburn Police/Lilburn City Hall: Drop in on Thursdays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm or call 770.921.2211 for an appointment
- Snellville Police Department: Call 770.985.3555 for an appointment
- Suwanee Police Department: City of Suwanee residents call 770.945.8995 for an appointment

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