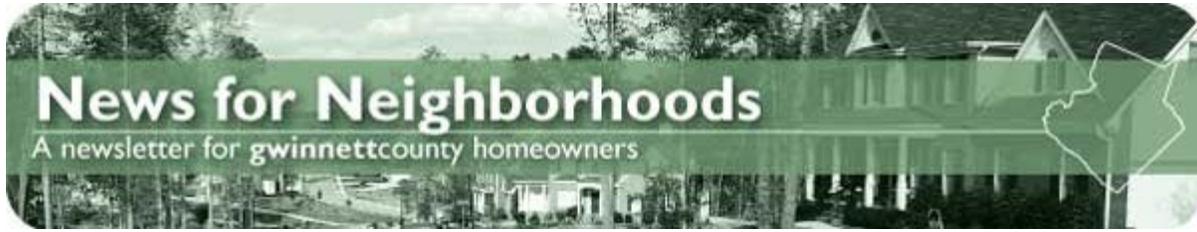


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Dear Homeowner,

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 emails and by talking to your friends and family.

 Forward to a Friend

What's new on TVgwinnett?



Gwinnett County brings you the latest news and happenings about your community through Eye on Gwinnett, our bi-weekly news program.

What you'll see in this episode:

- New veterans court formed
- Community outreach coordinator named
- MLK Day celebration
- Traffic management system expands
- Police major is FBI graduate

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a radioactive gas that is invisible, tasteless, and odorless. It occurs naturally throughout the world as a result of the normal decay of traces of uranium existing within the earth's crust. It migrates to the earth's surface through rock, soil, and water. Radon further decomposes and releases low-dose radiation once it moves into the atmosphere. The particles may attach to dust and be inhaled if the gas enters your home.

While radon is present throughout the U.S., exposure varies widely. It could be present in dangerous levels in your home. The only way to know if your home contains radon is to conduct a radon detection test. Inexpensive do-it-yourself test kits are available through many home improvement stores. Test kits are available from the Gwinnett Extension.



Breathing the radioactive particles produced by radon is a major cause of lung cancer, second only to smoking. However, exposure to radon is preventable. If high levels are confirmed in your home,

corrections can be made with simple, cost-effective remediation methods.

Test your home and protect your health during National Radon Action Month. For more information, contact Ines Beltran, the Gwinnett Extension radon specialist, at 678.377.4010 or by email at Ines.Beltran@gwinnettcountry.com.

Citizens Police Academy begins March 3



The Gwinnett County Police Department Citizens Police Academy is accepting applications for its next session, which will begin on March 3, 2015. Residents will receive training on topics including animal welfare and enforcement, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, firearms, SWAT, traffic enforcement, vehicle pullovers, and more. If you are interested in participating, visit www.gwinnettcpa.com to get an application. Applications must be received by Friday, February 13.

Graduates from this program gain a wealth of knowledge to share with others in their homes and communities. Many graduates go on to volunteer in the department or become active in the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, which also serves the department and the community in a variety of ways. Notably, the alumni association assists with searches for missing or endangered persons. For more information about the academy, email CitizenPoliceAcademy@gwinnettcountry.com.

Extension hosts annual plant sale

The Gwinnett Extension is offering varieties of blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, native azaleas, and other landscape plants as part of its annual sale. Orders will be taken now through March 11, 2015. Visit www.gwinnettextension.com or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

Constitutional officers announce statewide scholarship

The Constitutional Officers of Gwinnett County, Sheriff Butch Conway, Clerk of Courts Richard Alexander, Probate Judge Christopher Ballar and Tax Commissioner Richard Steele, in partnership with the Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia, are pleased to announce a scholarship contest for Georgia high school seniors and current college undergraduates.

This year, the association will offer three scholarships, one each in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500. To be eligible for this year's scholarship, students must be residents of Georgia, graduate from high school by the spring of 2015, or be enrolled in an accredited Georgia college or university. Students must also seek a degree in a field related to government/law enforcement, political science, accounting, finance, business, or pre-law.

To apply, applicants must submit a typed, 1,000-word essay that answers the question "How can the local governing authority and the four local constitutional officers in your county partner together to provide a more efficient and cost-effective government?" and provide a letter of acceptance or enrollment from an institution of higher education, a copy of a college application or transcript to provide verification of degree field, and the COAG scholarship application.

All completed applications, documentation, and completed essays should be mailed flat in a 9"x12" envelope to Suzanne Cross, COAG, P.O. Box 1644, Decatur, GA., 30031, by April 1, 2015. For more information, visit <http://www.coag.info>, call 404.377.1364 or email coagoffice@bellsouth.net.

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