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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!

Are you prepared for severe weather?

Governor Nathan Deal declared the week of February 6 -10 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia. Throughout the week, be sure to educate yourself and your family on how to prepare for and practice emergency response procedures for all types of severe weather. Planned activities for the observance include a statewide tornado drill that the National Weather Service will issue on Wednesday, February 8. Other days will feature safety topics such as the importance of weather radios as well as thunderstorm, lightning, and flood safety.



To learn more about preparing for severe weather, visit www.ready.ga.gov, and for daily tips throughout Severe Weather Awareness Week, visit www.gwinnettcounty.com.

Changes in business license process

Effective January 1, business applicants must comply with [new state requirements](#) in order to renew occupation tax certificates. The requirements resulted from the *Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act* passed by the Georgia General Assembly last year and will ensure that local businesses observe federal and state immigration laws.

In addition to occupation tax renewal forms, businesses also will receive newly required E-verify affidavits and/or SAVE affidavits along with instructions on how to file these documents. Due to the new requirements, the County's ability to receive renewal applications by mail is limited; therefore, applications can be turned in personally at the License and Revenue Office, 446 West Crogan Street, or submitted online through License and Revenue's new electronic renewal system, found at www.gwinnettlicrev.com.

House 107 special election

On February 7, a special election will be held to fill the vacant Georgia House of Representatives District 107 seat, which represents portions of Walton and Gwinnett counties. The election will only take place in [15 Gwinnett precincts](#), so voters should visit the [Georgia Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#) or call the elections office at 678.226.7210 to find out if they are in House District 107.

Special election results will be available election night at www.gwinnettcounty.com.



Peachtree Corners voters get new ID cards

If you are a registered voter in Peachtree Corners, you should have received a new precinct ID card that indicates your polling location and all political districts for your residential address. The new cards are in compliance with Georgia law, which requires that registered voters receive new cards when their political districts change. For more elections information, visit www.gwinnettelections.com.

Wedding bells ring on Valentine's Day

[Gwinnett Magistrate Court](#) judges will perform wedding ceremonies or special vow renewals at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on Valentine's Day from 10:00am to 4:00pm free of charge.

A valid marriage license must be obtained before February 14 for couples getting married. However, couples renewing their wedding vows do not need a copy of their marriage license. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, contact Chief Magistrate George Hutchinson at george.hutchinson@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8081.



Task force reviews animal policies

A new [Animal Task Force](#) is reviewing animal-related ordinances and services as well as developing strategies to increase adoptions and improve animal welfare. Commissioners appointed representatives of animal rescue groups and animal-related businesses to the 17-member group. All of their meetings are open to the public; feel free to attend the next meeting:

February 7 - 7:00pm
Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center
884 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Service hosts annual plant sale

During the winter months, walk your landscape and decide where you could use some new plants. Blueberries, raspberries, figs, crape myrtles, and much more are available through the [Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Service's](#) annual plant sale. All of the plants are locally grown, strong, and healthy.

Pre-paid orders are being accepted from now through March 16, 2012. The pickup date is March 29, 2012, from 10:00am to 6:30pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. All orders should be pre-paid with cash or check only.

For a list of what plants are for sale and basic information about each plant, click [here](#). To place an order, please fill out the [plant sale](#)

[order form.](#)



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 this 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



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