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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 information below 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!

### County offices closed for Presidents 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 February 21 for the Presidents Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on February 22. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

**Presidents Day is not a trash and recycling holiday;** haulers will follow the normal trash and recycling schedule the week of February 21.

### Stormwater credits application deadline extended to March 1

Stormwater credits are available to Gwinnett County property owners who take actions to limit the amount of stormwater that leaves their properties or clean pollutants from the stormwater runoff. There are four credit categories available: Watershed Stewardship, Water Quality, Channel Protection, and Peak Flow. The total maximum credit for any property is 40 percent. Please view the [Stormwater Credits Introduction](#) for an explanation of these credits.

The deadline to submit applications to receive the following Watershed Stewardship credits during the 2011 billing cycle has been **extended to March 1**:

- Public Participation
- Watershed Improvement Project
- Low-Impact Parcels
- Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA)
- Conservation Easements
- Farmland Deep Tillage
- Fencing Livestock Out of Stream
- Stream Restoration/Streambank Stabilization
- Stream Buffers that Exceed 75-foot Standards
- Rain Barrels
- Residential Rain Garden/Bioretention Facility
- Automatic Sprinkler Sensor Installation
- Direct Discharges to Another County
- Septic Tank Maintenance
- Connection to Sanitary Sewers



Applications for County-Approved Training Programs, Non-Residential School Education, Water Quality, Channel Protection, and Peak Flow credits must be submitted by December 31, 2011, in order to receive credit for the 2012 billing cycle. For more information about stormwater credits and how to apply, please [click here](#).

### Transportation project Public Information Open House

You're invited to attend a Public Information Open House to learn about turning two of Gwinnett's major intersections into diverging diamond interchanges. This new, innovative project concept is the first of its kind in the South!

On **Thursday, February 24** from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**, representatives from the Georgia DOT, Gwinnett County DOT, and the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District will discuss the plans for the **Pleasant Hill Road at I-85** diverging diamond interchange at the Gwinnett Place Marriott located at 1774 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.



Proposed project design

On **Tuesday, March 1** from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**, representatives from the Georgia DOT, Gwinnett County DOT, and the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District will discuss the plans for the **I-85 and Jimmy Carter Boulevard** interchange at the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District Office located at 5855 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Suite 122 in Norcross.

Representatives will present designs and displays, answer questions, and discuss the SPLOST and CID funded projects.

### A Citizens' Forum with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you! Please come out to the last in a series of **Citizens' Forums with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm**. The forum will take place at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse located at 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Come meet your district commissioners and share your thoughts on how to meet the needs of Gwinnett County's residents and businesses. A brief presentation about the County's financial outlook will be made and the floor will be open for your thoughts and ideas. Your commissioners want to hear your input.

### Filling the \$18 Million Gap in 2011

Gwinnett County's adopted [2011 budget](#) includes an \$18 million deficit. While this represents less than 1% of the total budget, using fund balance to fill the deficit is unsustainable. Instead, we are working hard to find revenue enhancements, efficiency improvements, and service reductions to fill the gap.

It is our goal to share the results of these efforts with the public. [Click here](#) to view our progress!

### March 15 special election

The special election to fill the unexpired term of chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will take place on **Tuesday, March 15 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at your voting precinct**. [Click here](#) to view the qualified candidates in the special election. To view a [sample ballot](#) for the special election, [click here](#).



Voters can also request an absentee ballot for the special election. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Please call the Voter Registration and Elections division at 678.226.7210 to request an application or [complete the form online](#).

For more information, [click here](#) or call 678.226.7210.

The special election results will be available on [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com) and TVgwinnett, your government access cable channel on election night.

### The Property Tax Almanac

The Gwinnett County Tax Assessor's Office announces the release of the *Property Tax Almanac*, a planned series of explanatory e-mails scheduled to be issued throughout the 2011 property tax process.

Topics include: electronic filing of real property tax returns, issuance of Notices of Current Assessment, how to appeal, where to get e-forms and additional information, and tax billing and collection dates.

To receive information on real property tax returns, update your e-mail newsletter profile at [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com) or by clicking on *Update Profile/E-mail Address* below.

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