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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.

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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:

- Commissioners host town hall meetings
- Jimmy Carter Boulevard DDI work continues
- Gwinnett unemployment stays steady
- Tips for safe web purchases

Lawn care workshop helps homeowners treat for pests

The Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources is hosting a workshop on lawn care with integrated pest management March 12 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium. Learn and identify plant problems and pesticide solutions, and learn how your lawn reacts to beneficial and harmful insects. The workshop is presented by Robert Brannen of the Gwinnett County Extension Service.

Attendees from unincorporated Gwinnett, city of Lilburn, or 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 sending an email to dwrswreg@gwinnettcounty.com with your name, address, and phone number or call 678.376.7193. The Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center is located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

Commission hosts town hall meetings

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you! Join them this spring for four town hall meetings that will be held in



locations throughout the county. Beginning at 6:15pm, representatives from County departments will hold an open house to answer your questions and talk about the different services they provide. At 7:00pm, the commissioners invite you to share your thoughts and ideas about County government services. [Click here](#) for meeting dates and locations.

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. Visit www.gwinnettextension.com or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

Atlanta Regional Commission seeks public input

The Atlanta Regional Commission recently announced Phase II of its online survey. This survey is an influential step in the development of the region's plan. The survey focuses on new technologies and innovations that may impact where and how residents travel and live over the next quarter century. The input gathered through this survey will help the ARC develop and update the Region's Plan, which is a long-range comprehensive plan for transportation, land use, community development, water quality, workforce training, arts and culture, as well as aging and health resources.



The survey is available until March 31 and takes five minutes to complete. It gives you a chance to tell the ARC how to respond to upcoming trends in technology and remain economically competitive. [Click here](#) to submit your answers.

Reduce your tax bill: apply for homestead exemptions



The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for homestead exemptions. The application deadline is April 1. For all exemptions, you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the year for which application is being made. Applications for 2015 exemptions will not be processed after April 1.

You may apply online or contact the Tax Commissioner's Property Tax Department for an application. If you mail the completed application, please use certified mail; the signed certified signature card along with a postmark on or before the deadline will serve as proof of timely application. Once granted, the homestead exemption is automatically renewed each year.

To find out more about the 14 tax exemptions available and the eligibility requirements, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or contact the Tax Commissioner's Office at tax@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8800.

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