



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!

Presidential Preference Primary and Nonpartisan elections: March 6

The Presidential Preference Primary and Nonpartisan Election will take place on Tuesday, March 6. In addition to the Presidential Preference Primary, the Sunday alcohol sales question will be on the ballot, and residents of the new City of Peachtree Corners will select the members of their city council.



A separate runoff election will be on March 6 for the Georgia House of Representatives District 107. The runoff election will only be in certain voting precincts in Gwinnett County. For more information, visit the [Elections](#) webpage.

Please note that no voting will take place on Monday, March 5. If you do not vote early or absentee, you must cast your ballot on Election Day at your voting precinct. If you requested an absentee ballot but have not yet received it, contact the Gwinnett County Elections office at 678.226.7210 for instructions for voting on Election Day.

The special election results will be available on www.gwinnettcounty.com and TVgwinnett, your local government access cable channel, on election night.

Calling all brides-to-be!

Congratulations on your engagement; now it's time to start planning your special day! Join [Parks and Recreation](#) for brunch and a fashion show on March 10 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, located at 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. Learn about and hear from wedding industry leaders as they tell all about the latest trends and how to make the most of your wedding planning experience.



Schedule an appointment for a one-on-one consultation with select vendors and have the chance to win door prizes. Cost is \$12 per person, and advanced reservations are required. Call 770.822.5450 or visit www.gwinnettparks.com to [register](#).

Join the Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge

Do your part to help clean up Gwinnett County this spring. From March 1 to May 31, Gwinnett

Clean and Beautiful will sponsor the Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge as part of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

All interested local businesses and community groups can select a Gwinnett Challenge activity and be eligible to receive a cash prize! Projects must be completed between March 1 and May 31 and prizes will be awarded based on the most impact made on the community.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit www.gwinnettcb.org.

Do you have a green thumb?

Join Gwinnett's gardeners as they get free tips on how to build a rain garden from Robert Brannen of the [Cooperative Extension Service](#). The class is scheduled for March 8 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.



If you live in unincorporated Gwinnett County or the city of Lilburn, you will qualify for a 5 percent stormwater utility fee credit in the following year. Register by e-mailing your name, address, and phone number to dwrswreg@gwinnettcountry.com or by calling 678.376.7193 and pressing 5.

Get your *Tax & Tag News*

The [Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner's Office](#) distributes a quarterly newsletter so residents can get the latest property tax and vehicle tag information. The [newest edition](#) includes information on applying for homestead exemptions, emissions exemptions, and disabled persons' license plates. Be sure to check it out at www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com.

Attack of the ladybugs

It's still winter, but many of us are seeing large numbers of ladybugs around and even inside our homes. The good news is that, even though they are a nuisance, they aren't going to hurt anything.

These creatures are usually killed by the cold, but this year's mild winter has left them crawling about looking for a warm place to live. They are attracted to the warm, sunny sides of our homes and will enter any cracks where they feel warm air leaking from inside. Once inside, they cannot survive in the dry air and usually die within 24 hours.



To keep these critters out, add caulking and weather stripping to your home. No pesticides are needed - after all, they are ladybugs.

Provide your thoughts about Gwinnett's Animal Welfare Center

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners appointed an [Animal Task Force](#) to identify short- and long-term strategies to improve the services offered by the County's Animal Welfare and Enforcement Unit and the Animal Welfare Center.

To assist with this effort, the Animal Task Force wants your feedback on the operation of the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare Center. Select the following link to complete a brief survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SQRQKC. Be sure to complete the survey by Friday, March 9. Please note, only one survey can be completed per computer.

Plant sale order forms due March 16

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](#).



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