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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.



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:

- Town hall meetings underway
- Green Communities Gold Certification
- Faith leaders meet with law enforcement
- Underwater Egg Hunt March 28
- Fire Academy graduation

Town hall meeting series continues March 26 at Dacula Park Activity Building

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners wants to hear from you. The second of four town hall meetings will be held Thursday, March 26 at the Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue in Dacula.

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 additional meeting dates and locations.



Homestead exemption application deadline: April 1

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.

Tax Assessor's Office to issue Real Estate Property Annual Notice of Assessments for 2015

Most residential and commercial Annual Notices of Assessment will be mailed on April 3, 2015. An Annual Notice of Assessment is **not** a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate property as of January 1, 2015. If you do not agree with the notice value, you may appeal your value during the 45-day appeal period, which begins from the date on your notice and ends 45 days later (May 18, 2015, for those dated April 3). Visit www.gwinnettcountry-assessor.com to appeal your 2015 value electronically or submit a completed PT311A state appeal form to the Tax Assessor's Office before the end of the 45 day appeal period.

Join the Great American Cleanup 2015

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual community improvement program. For three months during the spring, more than 4 million volunteers and concerned citizens across the nation work together to beautify neighborhoods, reduce waste, initiate recycling programs, and plant trees.



The [Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge](#) is hosted locally by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful. It is open to businesses, local governments, school and church groups, civic groups, athletic teams, and individuals. Visit Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's [website](#) to learn more about taking the pledge to be an environmental steward.

Walk Georgia spring session



Walk across the state of Georgia - virtually - by signing up for the University of Georgia/Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Walk Georgia program. Walk Georgia is a 12-week program that helps you increase your physical activity and develop the get-moving habit.

Sign up now and log on March 4 through May 14 to report everything that gets you moving. Anything from a walk around the block to gardening or playing a game of pick-up basketball counts. Logging all of your activities adds up the miles, allowing you to "unlock" Georgia counties and take an online tour through our great state.

The program is free and you may register as an individual or team. Either way, you'll have fun as you get fit! Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants who submit the most miles: \$150 gift card for running shoes for first place, and salad mixers, lip balms, and sports bags for second and third place.

Visit www.walkgeorgia.org to register today. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678.377.4010 or inesb@uga.edu.

Atlanta Regional Commission seeks public input through March 31

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.

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