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Dear Emily,

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.



Meet Honey

Honey is a black Pit Bull and is as sweet as her name. She got sick at the animal shelter, so a veterinarian took her home and has nursed her back to health. Honey is doing great and is now ready for her forever home.

Honey has already been spayed, combo tested, and microchipped and has received her first round of vaccinations. She is part of the new Homeless Pet Clubs program and can go to a loving home for only the \$30 adoption fee.

If you are looking for a companionable addition to your household like Honey, visit the [Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center](#) at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville or call 770.339.3200.



Center gets new manager

After two nationwide searches for a new center manager, the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will welcome Sgt. Moore as the new manager tomorrow. In 2012, Sgt. Moore became the interim manager, and his leadership directly led to an increase in pet adoptions and a decrease in euthanasia rates, saving a record-breaking 4,543 animals in 2012.

Annual Notice of Assessment issued in April

The Tax Assessor's office will begin issuing Annual Notices of Assessment to commercial and residential property owners on Friday, April 5.

**Notice distribution schedule:****April 6 - 8:** Commercial and residential real property**May 18:** Tangible business personal property**June 8:** Marine and aircraft personal property

Taxpayers who previously registered to receive electronic notices will receive an email with a link to a PDF of their notice. A copy of the notice will be posted on the Tax Assessor's webpage within a few days of issuance. If you'd like to receive your notice electronically, visit [Filing Made Easy](#) to register online; a confirmation message will be sent to your email address. You can also change your email address and unregister if you no longer wish to get the assessment notice electronically.

The estimate of your ad valorem tax bill for the current year is based on the previous year's net millage rate and the fair market value contained in the notice that will be sent out beginning in April. The actual tax bill you receive will be based on the location of the property and which service districts apply. As a result, your actual tax bill may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions.

For more information on which local government is providing services and the corresponding service districts, including a brief video explanation, please visit www.gwinnettservicedistricts.com.

Commission hosts Town Hall Meetings around Gwinnett

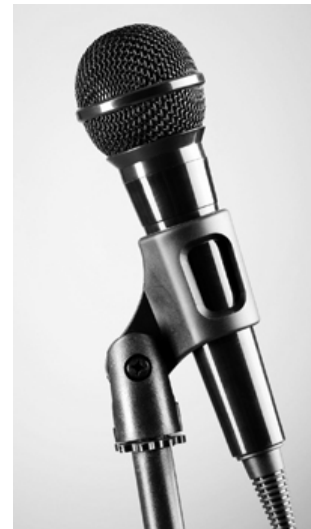
The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is hosting a series of Town Hall Meetings in April and May. The evening begins with an open house at 6:15pm followed by questions and comments at 7:00pm. Representatives from County departments will be at the open house to answer your questions and talk about the different services they provide. Beginning at 7:00pm, the commissioners invite you to share your thoughts and ideas about County government services.

Tuesday, April 2 from 6:15pm - 8:30pm
Gwinnett Historic Courthouse
185 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville

Tuesday, April 30 from 6:15pm - 8:30pm
George Pierce Park Community Center
55 Buford Highway in Suwanee

Wednesday, May 1 from 6:15pm - 8:30pm
Grayson High School
50 Hope Hollow Road in Loganville

Thursday, May 9 from 6:15pm - 8:30pm
Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center
4651 Britt Road in Norcross

**Celebrate Earth Day in Gwinnett County | April 13**

Come celebrate Earth Day with the Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division on **Saturday, April 13** from 9:00am to 11:00am at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This free event will feature paper shredding, and electronics, tires, and paint collection (limit 5, one-gallon cans per vehicle; dried-up paint is acceptable). The event will also include kids' activities and the opportunity for residents to meet their haulers and learn about Gwinnett County's solid waste and recycling program.



Calling all volunteers!

Looking for some volunteer service hours? Come help out during the Earth Day event. Volunteers will be assigned to serve from 8:00am to noon. Visit www.volunteergwinnett.net to

sign up.

Avoiding ticks

As the weather gets warmer, ticks become more prevalent, and their bite can potentially spread diseases to people. The best way to avoid ticks is to stay in areas where the vegetation is open and below ankle height.

If you are in tick-infested areas, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Be sure to keep your shirt tail tucked in and wear a hat to keep them off your head. For additional protection, use an insect repellent containing the chemical DEET according to label directions. For more spring weather tips, visit www.gwinnettextension.com.

County, cities partner to improve intersections

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved agreements with the cities of Lilburn and Suwanee that allow improvements at two intersections to move forward. Using SPLOST funds that were re-allocated in January to address current needs, the County will provide half of the cost to upgrade traffic signals and improve pedestrian access in the two cities.



Gwinnett County's agreement with the city of Lilburn calls for the governments to each pay 50 percent of the estimated \$130,000 cost to improve the intersection of Arcado Road and Camp Creek Road/Cole Drive. Work is expected to begin later this spring.

A similar agreement with the city of Suwanee provides for a 50/50 split of the approximate \$150,000 cost for intersection improvements at McGinnis Ferry Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Construction at this intersection is expected to get underway this summer.

[Gwinnett County Transportation](#) will manage the construction of both projects.

Greater Gwinnett Championship PGA Golf Tournament

The Gwinnett Sports Commission invites you to attend the Greater Gwinnett Championship PGA Golf Tournament, April 15 to 21 at TPC Sugarloaf. Purchase your tickets or sign up as a volunteer for this event at www.greatergwinnettchampionship.com.

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