

# 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 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!

## Spring recycling event

Join us for a Spring Recycling Event on April 30 from 8:00am to noon. Bring your **household batteries and compact florescent light bulbs** to the Lowe's located at 3260 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road in Suwanee to be recycled.

For more information, visit [www.sustainablegwinnett.com](http://www.sustainablegwinnett.com).



## Cooperative Extension to host annual plant sale

The Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Service will host its Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7 at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. The sale will begin at 9:30am in the stadium's parking lot.

Many items available for purchase include perennials, annuals, and yard art as well as vegetable, blueberry, raspberry, and blackberry plants.

For more information, visit the Master Gardener website at [www.gwinnettmg.com](http://www.gwinnettmg.com) or contact Gwinnett Cooperative Extension at 678.377.4010.



## Sign up for Adventure Camps!

Sign up for exciting, themed summer camps with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation for preschool through age 14. Camps run from June 6 through July 29, weekly rates and tuition assistance available. To register, visit [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com) or call 770.822.8840.

## Celebrate National Tourism Week in Gwinnett County

The Gwinnett Convention and Visitor's Bureau is celebrating **National Tourism Week** in Gwinnett **May 7 - 15, 2011**. Did you know that Gwinnett County's tourism and hospitality industry is responsible for visitor expenditures of over \$960 million a year?

Be sure to celebrate National Tourism Week in Gwinnett by supporting Gwinnett's restaurants, hotels, attractions, and events, including **Barefoot in the Park May 6 - 8** on the Duluth Town Green. For more information on events in Gwinnett and the Gwinnett Convention and Visitor's Bureau, visit [www.gcvb.com](http://www.gcvb.com).

## Give Burns the Boot<sup>®</sup> Boot Drive

The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services proudly joins more than 100 other fire departments across the state of Georgia in the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Give Burns The Boot<sup>®</sup> Boot Drive**, benefiting the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. Firefighters will be collecting donations and distributing fire safety education materials at area businesses and shopping centers around Gwinnett on three upcoming Saturdays: **May 7, 14, and 21.**



Funds collected from the drive will benefit citizens and firefighters throughout Georgia who experience the tragedy and pain of a severe burn injury.

In recognition of Gwinnett's participation in the Boot Drive, the Burn Foundation returns 10 percent of the overall funds collected back to the department in the form of smoke alarms and other educational materials. The materials are used to help support continuous fire and life safety programs in our community. Last year, Gwinnett resident donated close to \$35,000.

Be sure to look for Gwinnett firefighters to make a donation. For additional information about the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, visit [www.gfbf.org](http://www.gfbf.org).

## Missed the special called meeting?

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to hear comments on the Commercialization/Privatization of the Gwinnett County Airport - Briscoe Field on Thursday, April 28. The purpose of the meeting was to only receive public comments; no vote took place.

On May 3 the board will consider a resolution proposed by Commissioner Heard that calls for at least two public forums before issuing a Request for Proposals; requiring all proposals to exclude commercial operations; staff to research feasibility of including noise and access studies/guidelines in any future RFP; and RFP respondents to have a five-year profitable history and specific plan for Briscoe Field. The meeting will be held at 2:00pm in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

The meeting will be available for viewing on [TVgwinnett](http://TVgwinnett) and on-demand starting at 8:00pm on Friday, April 29.

For more information about the Gwinnett County Airport - Briscoe Field, [click here](#). To view a fact sheet about the FAA's airport privatization process, [click here](#).

## Don't forget these pedestrian safety tips

As the weather gets warmer, many of us are going outside to enjoy it! The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services encourages you to remember the following safety tips as pedestrians and drivers:

- **Walk on the sidewalk:** If there are no sidewalks, walk as close to the left side of the street as possible, facing traffic
- **Cross at the crosswalk:** Cross the street only at intersections or street corners, and if it's available, cross between the white painted crosswalk lines
- **Stop before crossing the street:** Never dart or dash out into the street, especially from between parked cars along the roadway
- **Obey all traffic signals:** Be sure to look at all traffic signals before stepping into the street to cross
- **Wear bright clothing:** At night, wear light-colored clothes and reflective strips to make sure you are seen by drivers
- **Watch for turning traffic:** Try to make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you, and look out for right turns on red
- **Watch for vehicles backing out of driveways:** When drivers are backing up, they have limited visibility. Look for indications that a car may be backing in the roadway, from a parking space, or from a driveway and steer clear

- **Do not play in the street:** Teach children to never play in the street or cul-de-sac
- **Hold a child's hand when crossing the street:** If your child is under age 10, make sure he/she is holding hands with an adult when crossing the street. Children should be supervised whenever they are near traffic

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