

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!

Participate in a regional traffic survey

In summer 2012, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a penny sales tax to fund transportation projects in metro Atlanta. The *Transportation Investment Act of 2010* charged local leaders to work with residents to determine the transportation priorities that would be funded through this referendum.

Your input is valuable to help guide the [Atlanta Regional Roundtable](#) in developing the list of projects that would most benefit your community and the entire metro Atlanta region. Visit www.atlantatraficsurvey.com to answer a five-minute survey that is **available through May 15**. Please take the time to share your thoughts on the region's transportation future.

Burn ban in Gwinnett through September 30

The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services will observe a total burn ban on all outdoor burning from **May 1 - September 30, 2011**, in Gwinnett County. All types of outdoor or open burning are prohibited during this time period, including the burning of trees, limbs, or any other yard waste, and the use of air curtain destructors for land clearing. For unincorporated residents, please contact [your hauler](#) to ask about adding yard waste service.

For additional information concerning the burn ban, please contact the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Reduction Division at 678.518.4980 or visit www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com.

Annual State of the County

The [Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce](#) is hosting the annual State of the County address on May 18. For those of you who will not be there in person, the meeting will be aired on TVgwinnett, your local government access cable channel, starting on Friday, May 20 at 8:00pm and available on-demand at www.TVgwinnett.com.

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 or call 770.822.8840.

Police offers teen driving classes

The [Gwinnett Police Department's](#) crime prevention officers are offering the P.R.I.D.E. Program (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) safe driving classes to assist new drivers and their parents. The P.R.I.D.E. program is a **free, national award-winning**, two-hour course designed to educate teen drivers, ages 14 - 16. Officers do not conduct any behind the wheel training but help instruct parents and teens on what to expect during the 40 hours of supervised practice driving time

required by Georgia Law and throughout their driving experience.

The next class will be held on June 20 at 6:30pm at the West Precinct, located at 6160 Crescent Drive in Norcross. To register, please call 770.417.2376 ext. 5720. Please register early; spaces are limited.

Give Burns the Boot[®] 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 **21st Annual Give Burns The Boot[®] 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 two upcoming Saturdays: **May 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.

Be sure to look for Gwinnett firefighters to make a donation. For additional information about the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, visit www.gfbf.org.

Police report options have changed

Police reports may be obtained in person at Gwinnett County Police Department Headquarters. Reports are no longer available at police precincts; however, citizens have the convenience of obtaining reports online.

Copies of police reports are available in person at Police Headquarters located at 770 Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday - Friday. There is a charge of \$0.25 per page for incident reports and a flat \$5 charge for accident reports. Copies may also be requested by mail to: Gwinnett County Police Department, Attn: Records, P.O. Box 602 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (must include case number, name, \$3 for incident reports or \$5 for accident reports payable by cashier's check to Gwinnett County Police, and self-addressed stamped envelope).

In addition, the department has many options for citizens to file and obtain a police report online. Citizens can access and purchase copies of vehicle collision reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.buycrash.com, an online service provided by the Police Department, Open Portal Solutions, and Georgia DOT.

Citizens may also file certain incidents (Theft by Taking, Entering Auto, Identity Fraud, Criminal Trespass, Criminal Damage, and Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property) without having to wait for an officer's response using the online police reporting system. Citizens will be able to print a temporary copy of the report immediately after submitting the report. The report will then be reviewed by police personnel and once approved, the filing person will receive an e-mail with a free copy of the report attached. The report will transfer into the department's record management system and will be investigated the same as if the report had been filed by an officer.

The Gwinnett County Police Department is the only agency in Georgia using this online reporting system. To access the program, visit the [Police Department's](#) webpage and select [Citizens Online Police Reporting System](#).

Once the report has been filed, citizens can review and print a temporary report immediately. A permanent copy will be sent once police personnel have reviewed and approved the report. [Click here](#) for more information about the service.

Homeowner H₂O

Homeowner H₂O is a new program designed to teach Gwinnett residents how to be good water stewards in their communities. Representatives from the [Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources](#) are available to speak to your homeowners' association or other neighborhood group about water conservation and stormwater management.

The **water conservation** presentation focuses on leak detection and repair, installing water-efficient fixtures, and increasing water-saving behaviors inside and outside the home. In addition, participants will learn about Gwinnett's toilet rebate program and free low-flow retrofit kits for residents living in older homes.

The **stormwater** presentation describes actions taken by Gwinnett County's Stormwater Utility Program, including mapping, infrastructure maintenance, water quality monitoring, and watershed improvement projects. Property owners will also receive guidance on ways to earn stormwater credits that can reduce their utility fees.

If you would like to schedule a speaker for your next community meeting or event, please contact Heather Moody at 678.376.6722 or dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com. These programs are offered **free of charge** to Gwinnett County residents.

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