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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.



June is National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

Each spring during what animal shelters and rescue groups refer to as kitten season, thousands of newborn kittens join the millions of cats already in shelters across the country, so the American Humane Association has designated June as National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month.

Due to the influx of cats and kittens, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center is running an Adopt Two Special on any kitten or adult cat throughout the month. Stop by the center and adopt a cat for \$30 or two for only \$40. The fee includes spay/neuter, first round of vaccinations, and a microchip.



For more information on the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center and pets available for adoption, visit www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com or call 770.339.3200.

Understanding Your County Government Property Taxes



The County government portion of your property tax bill will look different this year. To learn more about the County's new service districts and the associated millage rates, please join us for an informational session/public hearing where the Board of Commissioners invites you to provide comments.

A session will be held in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville on three different dates.

Pick the one that fits your schedule:

- Tuesday, June 25 - 6:00pm**
- Tuesday, July 2 - 3:30pm**
- Tuesday, July 9 - 6:30pm**

Commissioners also welcome online public comments about the proposed 2013 millage rates. Visit www.gwinnettcountry.com to share your thoughts beginning Saturday, June 22. For more information about the service districts, including a brief video, and the 2013 proposed property tax rates, visit the [County's website](#). The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will consider the property tax rates on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 2:00pm.

Police Department Hosts Job Fair: June 22

The Gwinnett County Police Department will host a job fair on **Saturday, June 22 from 8:00am to 2:00pm** for



Police Officer and E-911 Communications Officer positions. The job fair will take place at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center, located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

The Gwinnett County Police Department is a nationally accredited, full-service department with specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, DUI Task Force, and more. The department offers a competitive compensation/benefits package along with on-the-job training. **Interested applicants are encouraged to apply before attending at www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com.**

County offices closed for Independence Day; recreation hours, trash service normal

Please note that all offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Friday, July 5.

All Gwinnett County pools and parks will be open during normal hours on the Independence Day holiday.

Solid waste haulers in unincorporated Gwinnett County will follow the normal trash pickup schedule on Independence Day. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recycling Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com to find your hauler's contact information. Residents who live in a city should contact their city to find out if trash and recycling will be delayed due to the holiday.

Celebrate Independence Day



Many exciting, family-friendly Independence Day celebrations are going on in and around Gwinnett this year.

For a full listing of events, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.

Firefighters give advice for safe firework usage

Georgia law

Over the last few years, Georgia's laws regarding fireworks have changed to allow certain types of fireworks including:

- Wire or wood sparklers using 100 grams or fewer of explosive chemicals
- Sparkling items, which are non-explosive and non-aerial and contain 75 grams or less of explosive material or a total of 200 grams or less for multiple items
- Snake and glow worms
- Trick noise makers, which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops consisting of 0.25 grams or less of explosive mixture



Please note that the sale and use of most types of fireworks, including firecrackers, skyrocketers, and cherry bombs, are illegal in Georgia and punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$1,000 and up to one year in jail.

Fireworks safety

Even though some types of fireworks are legal in Georgia, you should use extreme caution to avoid serious injury during this year's Independence Day celebrations.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that approximately 200 injuries are reported daily in July related to fireworks, and more fires are reported on Independence Day than on any other day. Bringing these statistics closer to home, July was the busiest month for Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services in 2012. Let's work together to keep Gwinnett healthy and safe this Independence Day.

Gwinnett County's firefighters encourage you to attend a professional show instead of using fireworks yourself this year. If you are going to use fireworks, follow these tips for a safe celebration:

- Never allow children to handle or light fireworks
- Always read and follow instructions printed on labels

- Only use fireworks outdoors in a clear, safe location away from homes and cars
- Light one firework at a time, and quickly move back after lighting
- Have a bucket of water and fire extinguisher nearby
- Submerge the spent fireworks in water for at least an hour before disposing them
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Never attempt to make your own fireworks
- Never handle fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Call 911 in case of emergency

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