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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.

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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:

- Yellow River Park expanding
- No Kid Hungry campaign kicks off
- Collins Hill Bridge opens on June 20
- Public safety employees win Rotary Awards
- Active shooter training
- Police warn against phone scams

Fire and Emergency Services holds promotional ceremony

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services held a promotional ceremony and badge pinning on June 18 to honor 43 individuals who have taken on leadership positions.

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash, County Administrator Glenn Stephens, and Fire Chief Casey Snyder praised the employees for their hard work and the families for providing support and encouragement as their loved ones studied and prepared for the promotional process.



District 2 Commissioner Lynette Howard and Deputy County Administrator Phil Hoskins were also in attendance to offer their appreciation.

"We are excited for the future of our department and the caliber of leadership that's in place within the organization," said Chief Snyder.

Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge winners



The 2014 Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge was a great success. During the three-month event, local environmental stewards took the pledge and collected more than 6 million pounds of recyclables, cleaned and beautified 178 miles of Gwinnett roadway, removed 21,855 pounds of litter, collected 1,439 books to donate to local charities, removed more than a ton of litter from Bromolow Creek in Duluth, and built a new community playground.

Contest winners were selected based on the transformation or impact they made to the community. Each honoree was recognized with a \$500 cash prize in five categories. The winners were: The Gwinnett Daily Post, the Peachtree Corners and United Peachtree Corners Civic Association, the Gwinnett Community Alliance in partnership with the City of Norcross and Gwinnett Village CID, the Lanier High School Environmental Club, and Primerica.

Even though the Gwinnett Challenge event has passed, you can still become an environmental steward and continue the ongoing effort to keep Gwinnett clean and beautiful. Visit www.GwinnettCB.org to see how you can help.

Independence Day holiday

Please note that all offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of Gwinnett County, will be closed Friday, July 4, 2014, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Monday, July 7, 2014.



Independence Day is not a trash and recycling holiday for solid waste providers in unincorporated Gwinnett County, so trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recycling Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Residents can visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com to find their hauler's contact information. Residents who live in a city should contact their trash and recycling provider to find out if collections will be delayed due to the holiday.

Fireworks safety



Over the past few years, Georgia's laws have changed to allow certain types of fireworks including certain wire or wood sparklers, noise makers, and party poppers.

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

You should use extreme caution to avoid serious injury during this year's Independence Day celebrations. Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services encourages you to attend a professional show instead of using fireworks yourself. [Click here](#) to see a list of local Independence Day events.

For more information on fireworks safety, visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com.

Beat the heat this summer

Summer in Georgia is a time for camping trips, cookouts, and afternoons by the pool. However, it's also a time to be aware of the dangers soaring temperatures can bring. Extreme heat is the number one weather-related killer in the U.S, claiming more

than 650 lives across the nation each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Follow these tips from Gwinnett County Emergency Management and Georgia Emergency Management Agency's Ready Georgia to beat the heat this summer:



- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Fluids are lost through perspiration, so it's important to stay well hydrated. Drink plenty of water, even when you're not thirsty.
- Stay indoors in air-conditioned spaces as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.

For more tips on how to safe in the summer heat, visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com or www.ready.ga.gov.

General Primary Runoff Election: July 22



The runoff for the 2014 General Primary will take place Tuesday, July 22 at your regular voting precinct from 7:00am to 7:00pm. To find your voting precinct or view a sample ballot, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#).

Voters must vote within the same party chosen for the General Primary Election. If the voter did not vote in the primary election or voted nonpartisan and wishes to vote in the runoff, the voter may choose any party in the runoff.

Registered voters may [request an absentee ballot](#) by mail or cast their ballot in person from June 30 to July 18, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the Gwinnett County Elections Office, located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville.

The runoff election results will be available on the Gwinnett County homepage throughout the election night.

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