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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:

- Runoff election is July 22
- Public hearings on proposed millage rates
- Food boxes for struggling seniors
- Fire training academy expansion
- Pet adoption event on 7/26
- \$20K grant helps Strong4Life

Board schedules public hearings on millage rate adoption

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held two public hearings to receive comments on the proposed 2014 millage rates earlier this month. The third and final hearing will be on July 14 at 6:30pm in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.

The millage rate adoption is scheduled to take place on July 15 at 2:00pm. Commissioners are considering adopting the same millage rate as last year, which will result in more property tax revenue than last year due to an increase in property values.



The Gwinnett County Tax Assessor calculates the total value of all property in the county, called the tax digest, by conducting annual property updates of residential and commercial property and issues

assessment notices to the owners, in accordance with state law. Reassessments reflect changes in the real estate market, including traditional sales as well as foreclosures. After five years of decline in the overall tax digest, many properties in Gwinnett County have increased in value. Higher sales prices and a marked decrease in the number of foreclosures provide evidence of the overall improvement in the real estate market.

To learn more about the proposed millage rates or to provide your comments about the 2014 millage rate adoption, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.

July is National Park and Recreation Month



The Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Division invites you to celebrate National Park and Recreation Month by participating in some exciting month-long activities.

Email your photo of Flat Ray, Flat Rosie, and Flat Roscoe exploring county parks to parks@gwinnettcountry.com. Photos will be featured at www.gwinnettparks.com. The deadline for photo submissions is July 31, 2014. Click [here](#) to read more information and to download Flat Ray, Flat Rosie, and Flat Roscoe images.

Another fun activity is the Kids' Art Show. Use your creativity to make a drawing, painting, or sketch depicting a Gwinnett County park and recreation scene or location. You can also create artwork depicting our special National Park and Recreation Month activities. Submit completed work during regular business hours to a community recreation center for display in the Kids' Art Show gallery. Deadline for submission is July 31, 2014. Artwork will not be returned unless arrangements are made with onsite staff. Click [here](#) for more information and to download coloring pages.

For details on many other events during the month of July, visit www.gwinnettparks.com.

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 through 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.

Do you have leftover fireworks from your Independence Day celebrations?

Store leftover fireworks in a cool, dry place that is out of reach for small children and pets and away from open flames. When discarding used or unwanted fireworks, remember to soak them in a bucket of water for several hours before discarding them in the trash.

For additional fire safety tips, visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com.



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