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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.



**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 July 22
- Board adopts 2014 millage rate
- Pet adoption event on July 26
- Swimming safety event at Dacula Park Pool
- Little Mulberry Phase 3 ribbon cutting
- Police Chief's Association Light Up Event

**General Primary Runoff Election results**

The runoff for the 2014 General Primary took place Tuesday, July 22 at all precincts in Gwinnett County. To view the results of the July 22 Runoff Election, [click here](#).

**Back-to-school supplies needed**

Gwinnett County agencies need your help! A new school year is just around the corner, and the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services is requesting donations for the following school supplies to help students get off to a great start this year:

Notebook tab dividers	Notebook paper
Spiral notebooks	Composition notebooks
Construction paper	Drawing pads

Graph paper	Protractors and compass
Calculators	Scissors and rulers
Pencils and sharpeners	Pens and crayons
Colored pencils	Markers and dry erase markers
USB flash drives	Backpacks

Please contact any of the following agencies to donate any school supplies you can offer:

The Salvation Army/Debbie Wengrow 770.724.1674	Gwinnett DFCS/Kim Crawford 678.575.3864
Path Project/Melinda Hollandsworth <a href="mailto:melinda@path-project.org">melinda@path-project.org</a>	Rainbow Village/Lynette Ward 770.497.1888 ext. 14
Travelers Aid-Gwinnett/Paulette Haase 404.817.7070 ext. 117	Lawrenceville Housing Authority/Liz Buckle 770.963.4900 ext. 202
The IMPACT! Group/Sandy Burns 678.808.4472	Divine Heritage Academy/Letondrea Moore 404.291.0849

### Board adopts 2014 millage rate

Gwinnett County's millage rate will not change in 2014. The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners set the rate during its regular business session on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, after three public hearings on the matter. Actual taxes for most properties should be approximately the same as the estimate given on [assessment notices](#) mailed in April.

The millage rate for County operations stays the same at 7.40 mills. Rates also remained the same for the recreation and bond funds as well as the service districts established in 2013 that support police, fire and emergency services, development and enforcement, and Loganville emergency medical services.

The total millage rate for properties in unincorporated Gwinnett remains the same at 13.75 mills. This rate only covers County government operations; the Gwinnett County Board of Education sets its own millage rate to fund schools. For more information about school taxes, visit [www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us](http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

The decision to keep rates the same means that property taxes will generate more revenue than last year due to a general increase in property values. By law, the Tax Assessor must assess the value of residential and commercial property every year based on recent sales of comparable parcels.



### Reminder: Third annual Pet Adoption Explosion



The third annual Pet Adoption Explosion will be held July 26 from 9:00am to 6:00pm. This event continues the All-American Summer series of the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge.

The event kicks off with the second annual Bone to Ride Motorcycle Ride at the American Legion Post 233, located at 4635 Highway 78 in Loganville. Registration begins at 8:00am and kickstands are up at 9:00am. The celebration continues with the free Cars for Critters Mega Hot Rod and Car Show from

11:00am to 6:00pm at the shelter.

Visitors will also enjoy food trucks, a live dog show, and vendor displays. And don't forget, pets will be available for adoption at a reduced fee throughout the event! For more information or to register your car for the car show, visit [www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com) or call 770.339.3200. The Gwinnett

Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center is located on 684 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

### Parents of preteens: Make a date to vaccinate

The Georgia Department of Public Health has issued a new rule that affects preteens. Beginning in 2014, all students born on or after January 1, 2002, who are entering or transferring into seventh grade, and any new entrant into grades 8 through 12 need proof of an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster vaccination and an adolescent meningococcal vaccination.



This new rule affects public, private, community, charter, juvenile court, and other alternative schools. Home school students are excluded. For more information about teen and preteen vaccinations, [click here](#).

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