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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:

- SPLOST funds Bethesda pool renovations
- September is National Preparedness Month
- Adopt-a-Road needs volunteers
- Sheriff warns about phone scams

Four residents serving on 2015 budget review team

Four Gwinnett residents have volunteered to help Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash on the budget review team setting priorities and making recommendations for the 2015 budget. The citizen members are Mark Brock, Burt Manning, Roger Willis, and Latabia Woodward. Brock, a returning review team veteran, is building maintenance director for Gwinnett County Public Schools. Manning is a retired real estate appraiser and assessment administrator who has worked in six Georgia counties, Willis is a retired district manager from Jackson EMC, and Woodward works as a strategic planning principal for Georgia Power and serves as president of the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.



County departments and agencies present their business plans and financial resource requests to the review team in September each year. The videotaped presentations are made available to the public on the TVgwinnett government-access cable television channel and on demand at

Citizens Police Academy begins September 16

The Gwinnett County Police Department Citizens Police Academy is accepting applications for its next session, beginning on September 16. Residents will receive training on topics including animal welfare and enforcement, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, firearms, SWAT, traffic enforcement, vehicle pullovers, and more.



Citizens Police Academy graduates gain a wealth of knowledge to share with others in their homes and communities. In addition, many graduates volunteer in the department or become active in the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, which also serves the department and the community in a variety of ways. Notably, the alumni association assists with searches for missing or endangered persons. If you are interested in participating, please email citizenpoliceacademy@gwinnettcounty.com.

Celebrate the wonders of honey at the Honeybee Festival



Celebrate Honey Month at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center's fifth annual Honeybee Festival on Saturday, September 13 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford. Come learn about this crucial part of Georgia's agriculture and economy and enjoy bee games, crafts, honey samples, and our annual bee costume contest. Local bee enthusiasts and vendors will be on hand to expand your knowledge and use of the

honeybee's bounty.

For more information about this event, please visit www.gwinnetteh.org.

Final Human Trafficking Forum held September 23

The Gwinnett Human Relations Commission is presenting a series of forums to raise awareness of human trafficking in the community. Attendees will learn what human trafficking is, how to identify it, what its underlying causes are, how to report it, and how other agencies intervene and rescue victims.

The commission's final forum will be held Tuesday, September 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Buford Community Center, located at 2200 Buford Highway. For more information about this event or to register, please send an email to hrc@gwinnettcounty.com and include Human Trafficking Forums as the email subject.

Save the date for the annual Public Safety Fall Festival: September 27

The Gwinnett County Police Department and the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services will host the fifth annual Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This event will feature fire truck, police motorcycle and helicopter displays, safety training demonstrations, kids' activities, pet adoptions, and a softball face-off between Gwinnett County police officers and firefighters. Be sure to bring canned food donations to help fill Gwinnett's food bank shelves for the holidays. Everyone is invited to attend this free event, so bring the whole family. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

For more information, please contact the Gwinnett Police Crime Prevention Unit at 770.513.5119 or Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction - Education Section at 678.518.4845.

