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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:

- Berlin Wall section comes to Lawrenceville
- State Court Judge Bratton sworn in
- Budget planning underway
- Videos available on demand
- September is National Preparedness Month

Local business owners loan piece of history for public display

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation on September 16 to Friends American Grill owners Ray Stanjevich and Suzanne Cartwright in appreciation of the couple loaning a section of the Berlin Wall they own for display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.

The couple bought the wall section at an auction last year to keep the artifact in the community and remind local residents to appreciate the freedoms that Americans sometimes take for granted. Stanjevich was born in Montenegro during the Cold War to anti-communist parents who moved to the United States in 1971. Ms. Cartwright is a first-generation American whose mother was born in Germany.



The four-ton chunk of the 100-mile long wall that once isolated West Berlin within East Germany for

nearly three decades during the Cold War is decorated with graffiti featuring an American flag, buildings, and people.

Property tax bills due October 1



Gwinnett County property tax bills for 2014 have a single-installment due date of October 1. Taxpayers may choose to make partial payments as long as the total due is paid in full by the due date. For property owners with an escrow account, tax information is available to the mortgage company; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure taxes are paid. If there are questions about who must pay the taxes, homeowners should contact their mortgage company directly, especially if the company has recently changed. To view your property tax

information online, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com, and if you have questions, contact the office at Tax@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8800.

Celebrate the Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation joins many other organizations including Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the National Park Foundation in celebrating Nickelodeon's 11th annual Worldwide Day of Play on Saturday, September 20 at various parks throughout the county. Every year, Nickelodeon goes completely dark and shuts down its websites for three hours on the Worldwide Day of Play to reinforce the message: Get up, get out, and go play.



Events include the Skate Day of Play at Bay Creek Park from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, with a skate demo, skate contest, best trick contest, prizes, hot dogs, and more. At Bogan Park, kids can join the fun at the Shop and Play Fun Day with free games, inflatables, and other fun kids' activities from 10:00am to 2:00pm while parents shop the indoor craft and yard sale. The Fall Fling and Yard Sale will be held at George Pierce Park from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Kids will enjoy face painting, inflatables, and other outdoor activities while parents can look for treasures at the yard sale. Visit www.gwinnettparks.com for more information on these and other events.

Reminder: Final Human Trafficking Forum held September 23

Registration is still available for the Human Trafficking Forum that will be held Tuesday, September 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Buford Community Center, located at 2200 Buford Highway. The commission has already hosted three forums in different communities in Gwinnett County with the purpose of raising awareness of domestic minor sex trafficking.

For more information or to register, please send an email to hrc@gwinnettcountry.com and include Human Trafficking Forums as the email subject.

Public Safety Fall Festival coming soon: September 27



Don't forget to bring your family to the 5th annual Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This free event is hosted by the Gwinnett County Police and Fire and Emergency Services departments. Residents will enjoy 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.

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.

Register to vote before October 6 deadline

Monday, October 6 is the deadline to register and be eligible to cast a ballot in the November 4 general election, the December 5 state runoff election, and the January 6, 2015, federal runoff election. To register to vote in Georgia, you must be a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day. You may not register to vote if you are currently serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony or judicially determined to be mentally incompetent.



Visit the [Register to Vote webpage](#) to download a voter registration application. You can also contact your local public library, public assistance office, recruitment office, schools, and other government offices for a mail-in registration form. Voters can now register to vote online and from their smartphone. For more information, visit the [Register to Vote webpage](#).

Poll officials needed for November election

The Voter Registrations and Elections Division needs dedicated citizens to serve as paid poll officials for the upcoming elections. Successful poll officials demonstrate patience, enjoy working with people, take direction well, and are detail oriented. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Gwinnett County, at least 16 years old, and able to read, write, and speak English. Those who were convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or judicially determined to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to serve as a poll official.

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