

News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcounty homeowners

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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 e-mails and by talking to your friends and family. Click on *forward this e-mail to a friend* below to share this newsletter!

Gwinnett County Special Election: November 8

Gwinnett County will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 8 at your County voting precinct. This election is separate from the general city elections that will also take place on November 8.

For the County election: Voters may request an absentee ballot for the County Special Election beginning Monday, October 17. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued.

Voters may also cast a ballot in person at the Gwinnett County Voter Registration and Elections office on October 17 - November 4 from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Sample ballots are available at www.sos.ga.gov and at the Voter Registration and Elections Office, located at 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200 in Lawrenceville.

For more information about the Gwinnett County special election, please contact the Voter Registration and Elections Division at 678.226.7210 or visit the division's webpage.

For the City election: Voters may request an absentee ballot from the city or municipality for the city election beginning Monday, October 17. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Voters may also cast a ballot in person beginning October 17.

For more information about city elections, please call the city hall or visit their website; visit the [city information webpage](#). Sample ballots may be available online or through the city hall.



Flood information open house

The Gwinnett County [Department of Water Resources](#), in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division and FEMA has updated maps of flood-prone areas in a portion of northern unincorporated Gwinnett County.



The new maps and a report on flooding potential and insurance risks will be presented at an open house on Wednesday, October 26 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. Officials from Water Resources, the state's Department of

Natural Resources, and FEMA will be available to answer questions. A [map of the study area](#) is available for viewing.

Property owners and individuals living in this part of unincorporated Gwinnett County in on near the 100-year floodplain, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are encouraged to attend this informative open house. For more information, please contact Toni Faulk at 678.376.7126 or toni.faulk@gwinnettcountry.com.

Gwinnett County Public Library hosts Evening at the Suwanee Music Barn

Gwinnett County Public Library presents *Fall Into The Arts* Evening at the Suwanee Music Barn. The Suwanee Music Barn, located at 4055 Stonecypher Road in Suwanee, has been a fixture on the Bluegrass scene for over 40 years. At this free library-sponsored event, informal performances begin when the doors open at 7:00pm, and the Everett Family Band will perform at 8:00pm.

Fall Into The Arts is an annual celebration of the literary, performing, and visual arts. Its mission is to foster a sense of community in Gwinnett County through jointly sponsored arts programs and to encourage a lifelong love of the arts.

For more information, please visit www.gwinnettfallintothearts.org or call 770.978.5154.

Gwinnett Great Days of Service a success!

The annual [Great Days of Service](#) was another big success this year with 75,000 volunteers who spent their time meeting various needs in the community.

Those helping hearts and caring hands worked on 126 school projects and assisted 78 nonprofit agencies to complete 315 projects!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event!



Family Caregivers Conference

The annual Family Caregiver's Conference will take place on November 5 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville, 395 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. The conference will include two breakout sessions, *Caregivers of Adults* and *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*, and other community resources. The cost for this event is \$10 per person.

For more information, contact Julie Lucas at 678.377. 6721. To be a vendor, contact Harriet Wharton at harriet.wharton@gwinnettcountry.com.

2011 property tax process update

Gwinnett County taxpayers should have received their [2011 property tax bills](#); payment is due on November 15. As you may recall, the Board of Commissioners actually lowered the millage rate slightly this year, so many property tax owners will see a lower tax bill.

If you receive a property tax bill and have an open appeal on the value of the property, there will be a note mailed with your bill stating that you have been billed for 85 percent of your original property tax assessment. Be sure to pay this by November 15, and once the appeal is complete, you will either be billed or receive a check for the difference.

If you have not received any communication concerning your properly filed 2011 appeal, please e-mail assessor@gwinnettcountry.com for an estimated schedule for completion of the process.

Where do your property taxes go?

Did you know that the average Gwinnett household pays less than 15 cents a day to provide roads, road maintenance, transit, and public works?



You can see where all your tax dollars go by using the new [Where your property taxes go](#) tool on the [County's website](#). Just enter your address or the fair market value of a home to get a complete breakdown of how much per day - or per year - goes to various local government services.

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