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Dear Tonya,

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:**

- Nutrient recovery facility launches
- Fire Academy expansion opens
- Veterans Day Ceremony coming up
- Simpsonwood needs your input
- Water Science with Wade videos debut

**Don't miss out on your opportunity to give input on future park plans**

Join Parks and Recreation for the last public meeting on the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan and take the opportunity to provide your ideas and personal recreational desires for the provision and maintenance of new park facilities. This meeting will be held **Thursday, October 29 at 7:30pm at George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center**, located at **55 Buford Highway in Suwanee**.



In addition, Parks and Recreation will begin the master planning process for the new Simpsonwood Park in Peachtree Corners and wants your input. A public meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, November 12 at 7:00pm** in the **Norcross High School Theater**, located at **5300 Spalding Drive in Norcross**. Residents who attend the meeting can apply to serve on the Citizen Steering Committee, which will work collaboratively to help formulate a master plan for the park.

The 2013 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Plan highlighted a need for a large open space park in western Gwinnett. Funded by SPLOST, Simpsonwood Park provides an opportunity to preserve greenspace and provide recreational opportunities for Gwinnett residents.

For more information about these meetings, please visit [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com) or call 770.822.8855.

### **Be safe this Halloween**

Halloween is coming up, and the **Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Safe Kids Gwinnett**, and the **Gwinnett County Police Department** want to remind you to be safe. Here are a few tips to use on Halloween night:

For your home:

- Only use decorations that are tested by an independent laboratory
- Never overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects
- Keep paper and dry decorations such as leaves, cornstalks, and hay bales away from open flames or any other heat source
- Use flashlights in jack-o-lanterns instead of candles to prevent a fire
- Avoid using decorative candles at Halloween festivities and parties, especially around pets and small children
- Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch or walkway to the front door; light the path for a safe entry and exit for children

Costumes:

- Costumes should fit properly; baggy sleeves or billowing capes pose a tripping hazard as well as a fire hazard
- Use soft or flexible props for costumes and avoid those that have sharp points or jagged edges
- If kids are carrying toy weapons as part of their costumes, make sure they do not look authentic; use only soft or plastic toy replicas to prevent injury
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick as part of the costume
- Consider adding reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for better visibility
- Choose costumes that are bright-colored and made of flame-resistant materials; look for a fire-retardant label on any store-bought costume

Trick-or-Treating:

- Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods
- Walk! Don't run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available
- Never enter a house when trick-or-treating
- Never accept a ride or go with a stranger
- Stay in groups
- Report any suspicious activity to the police immediately

Candy:

- Check all candy wrappers for signs of tampering
- Discard any candy that is open or unwrapped
- Avoid giving hard candy to small children

Motorists:

- Drive slowly and remain cautious, especially in residential areas
- Watch for children walking in the street or standing in the median
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations
- Avoid the use of drugs and alcohol

**Last day to advance vote is October 30; General Election takes place November 3**



Registered voters have until **Friday, October 30** to vote advance or request an absentee ballot for the upcoming special election, which will be held on **Tuesday, November 3** at all voting precincts in Gwinnett County.

Voters may cast their ballots in advance of Election Day through **October 30** from **8:00am to 5:00pm** at the **Gwinnett County Elections Office**, located at **455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200** in **Lawrenceville** (in the Town Center shopping center).

Voters may also request an absentee ballot for the special election. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Please call the Voter Registration and Elections division at 678.226.7210 to request an application or [complete the form online](#).

Please note that no voting will take place on **Monday, November 2**. If you do not vote early or absentee, you must cast your ballot on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3** at your voting precinct. For more information, [visit the Elections webpage](#) or call 678.226.7210.

### City Elections

Municipalities in Gwinnett County have separate elections scheduled in 2015. To find out if your city is having an election, please [contact your city hall](#) or [visit the city's website](#).

### Veterans Day Ceremony celebrates Gwinnett's military heroes

Make plans to attend Gwinnett County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony, which will be held **Wednesday, November 11** at **11:00am** at the **Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial**. This event is held each year to celebrate our county's military veterans and public service personnel. The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. For more information about the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, visit [www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com](http://www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com)



### Celebrate America Recycles Day on November 21



Celebrate America Recycles Day with the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division on **Saturday, November 21, 2015**, from **9:00am to noon** at **Coolray Field**, home of the Gwinnett Braves, in Lawrenceville. This free event offers paper shredding, as well as electronics, tire, toner/printer cartridge, and paint recycling. In addition, bring your old sneakers and gently used clothing to be donated to those in need or to be recycled into new products. Come for free kids' activities, including touch-a-truck, and meet your haulers.

### Here are some things to remember before you come:

- Paper shredding is limited to five copier paper boxes
- Paint collection is limited to eight, one-gallon cans
- Cans must contain at least 25 percent wet, usable paint; no rusted cans, no oil-based paints, stains, spackle, thinners, or dried paint
- Tire recycling is limited to eight tires per vehicle; no dealer tires
- Electronics recycling is free with the exception of TVs, monitors, and printers

- There is a \$10 cash fee per TV or computer monitor and a \$5 cash fee per printer

**Volunteers are needed!**

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [www.volunteergwinnett.net](http://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to sign up for the event.

For additional questions, please call the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division at 770.822.7141 weekdays between **8:00am and 5:00pm** or email Schelly Marlatt at [schelly.marlatt@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:schelly.marlatt@gwinnettcounty.com).

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