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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!

Veterans Day Ceremony Honors Gwinnett's Military Heroes

The public is invited to Gwinnett County's Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2011, at 11:00am at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. This annual observance is held to thank the men and women who have served honorably in the military, during wartime or peacetime, and to memorialize the fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.



Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
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Commissioner Shirley Lasseter, and County Administrator Glenn Stephens will lead this year's ceremony. Honor guard units from the Gwinnett County Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and Sheriff's Departments and the Lawrenceville Police Department will also take part in the event. The keynote address will be given by Georgia Gwinnett College President Daniel J. Kaufman, a retired brigadier general.

If you cannot attend the ceremony, it will be televised at 7:30pm on November 11 on TVgwinnett, your local government access cable channel. TVgwinnett programming is also available streaming and on demand at www.tvgwinnett.com, where viewers will also find a program guide.

The Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial was dedicated in 2003 as a way to remember and honor Gwinnett citizens who have died in the line of duty while serving this county and country. The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Visit www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com for additional information about the memorial.

County offices closed for Veterans Day

Please note that all offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County, will be closed Friday, November 11, 2011, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. All offices will resume regular working hours on Monday, November 14, 2011. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center.

Haulers will follow their normal trash and recycling pickup schedule on Veterans Day. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recycling Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Visit the [Search Solid Waste Hauler](#) webpage to find your hauler's contact information.

Celebrate America Recycles Day in Gwinnett County!

Come celebrate America Recycles Day with the Gwinnett County Solid Waste Division on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This free event will feature paper shredding, electronics and tire recycling (\$10 cash fee for TVs), kids' activities, giveaways, a canned food drive, and more! For a list of acceptable electronics, [view the flyer](#).

Calling all volunteers!

Looking for some volunteer service hours? Volunteer with us during the America Recycles Day event! Volunteers will be assigned to serve from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Contact Schelly Marlatt at schelly.marlatt@gwinnettcountry.com to sign up as a volunteer.



November 8 election results

The only countywide issue that was up for a vote was an extension of the E-SPLOST sales tax for schools, which was approved. Norcross voters also approved an annexation referendum and voters in the Peachtree Corners area approved the incorporation of the City of Peachtree Corners. For a detailed look at the results, visit www.gwinnettelections.com.



Many city council races also were decided in this year's election along with local Sunday alcohol sales. Visit your city's website for election results.

Gwinnett County Transit Proposes Downtown Rerouting

Xpress, metropolitan Atlanta's regional commuter service, will hold a series of meetings in conjunction with Gwinnett County Transit and Cobb Community Transit to present ideas and receive comment on proposed rerouting of routes serving downtown Atlanta. The meetings will take place during the weeks of November 7 and November 14, 2011. For more information on the meeting times and proposed routes, read the Gwinnett County Transit's [latest newsletter](#).

Safe cooking this holiday season

The Thanksgiving holiday is typically a time when family and friends gather to share a meal and give thanks. As preparations for the busy holiday get underway, firefighters want to encourage safe cooking practices. Unsafe cooking practices are the leading cause of residential fires. [Fire and Emergency Services](#) and the National Fire Protection Association are calling on all cooks to include the following fire safety tips in their recipes:



- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, remember to check it regularly; use a timer to remind yourself that something is on the stove or in the oven
- Keep anything that could catch fire, such as oven mitts, wood utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains away from your stovetop, oven, or any other heat producing appliance in the kitchen
- Never wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking; remember to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire and cool a burn injury with water until the pain goes away
- Never attempt to cook if you are extremely tired or if you have consumed alcoholic beverages
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance away from the oven or stove when cooking
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home

If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday bird, please remember to follow proper fire safety precautions. Be sure to read the instructions for your fryer and completely thaw your turkey or chicken before frying it. Watch the video to see a first-hand demonstration of what can happen if you don't follow all instructions.

2011 property tax bills due November 15!

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.

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