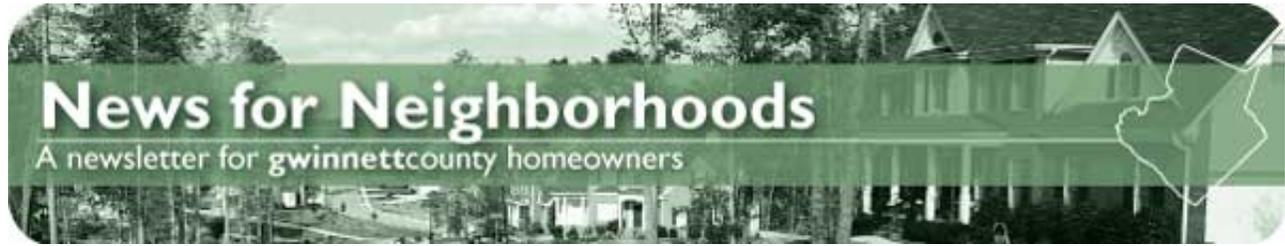


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Dear Homeowner,

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:

- Post your online comments on 2015 budget
- Collins Hill Library closing for renovation
- Commissioners approve parks projects
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Proposed 2015 budget still available for comment



Gwinnett Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash formally presented a proposed \$1.42 billion budget for fiscal year 2015 to the Board of Commissioners during a [briefing](#) on November 18, 2014. Four county residents and business people served on Nash's budget review committee. After hearing presentations from elected officials and department directors in September, the group studied departmental business plans, budget needs, and revenue projections to make recommendations for the 2015 budget. [Read more about the 2015 budget proposal here.](#)

Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2014. Written comments are still welcome through an online [comment form](#) through Wednesday, December 31, 2014. The Board expects to adopt the 2015 budget on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Practice holiday fire safety

Home decorating is a favorite part of the busy holiday season for many Gwinnett residents, and different types of decorations can make your home more festive and inviting for your friends and family. However, items such as live trees, candles, and electric light strands can cause fire hazards if used or maintained improperly. The Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services wants to remind you about the importance of fire safety this season with some holiday tips. [Visit the Gwinnett County website](#) to read the full list and make the season safe and happy for your friends and loved ones.



County offices closed for Christmas, New Year's

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed December 24-25 for the Christmas holiday and reopen on December 26. Offices will also be closed January 1, 2015, for the New Year's holiday and reopen January 2, 2015. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are trash and recycling holidays in unincorporated Gwinnett County. If your normal collection day takes place on one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed. Please visit www.sustainablegwinnett.com to view the detailed delay schedule. If you live within city limits, please contact your city hall for your trash and recycling schedule.

Finish your gift shopping at the Environmental and Heritage Center gift shop



The holidays are almost here, but there is still time to finish your shopping. If you're looking for the perfect gift, the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center can help. Beginning Saturday, December 13 through Monday, December 29, take 30 percent off of selected items in the gift shop.

Unique and fascinating items include locally made honey, art, jewelry inspired by nature, locally made herbal soaps and lotions, and books.

Come in and take advantage of the holiday sale and pick up some great gifts. For more information, visit www.gwinnetthehc.org or call 770.904.3500. The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center is located at 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

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