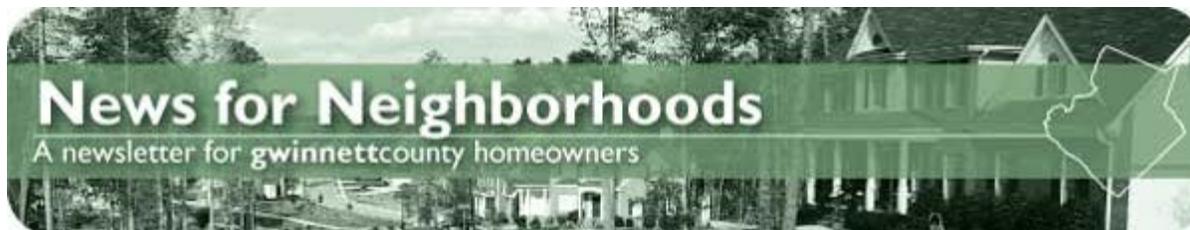


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Dear Homeowner,

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:

- No changes to water and sewer rates
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- Rx discount program
- Free courses through Public Library
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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.

Water and sewer rates will not increase in 2015

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners adopted a water and sewer rate resolution that eliminates an increase in rates that was scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2015. Without this action, water rates would have increased by



approximately 3.5 percent and sewer rates would have increased by about 10 percent. The new rate resolution was also approved by the Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority on December 15.

The newly adopted rate resolution covers several years, or the period of 2016 - 2021. Modest rate changes of approximately 1.5 percent for water and about 2 percent for sewer are planned in 2017, 2019, and 2021.

Under the new resolution, basic water rates for a residential home will remain \$4.85 per thousand gallons through the end of 2016. Residential water rates will rise by seven cents per thousand gallons every other year starting in 2017, topping out at \$5.06 per thousand gallons in 2021. Residential sewer rates, which are \$7.82 per thousand gallons today, will remain the same until the end of 2016. These rates will increase in alternating years beginning in 2017. The total increase for residential sewer rates during the seven-year period will be 48 cents per thousand gallons.

For more information about future rate increases for residential, retail, and wholesale accounts, visit www.gwinnettcounty.com.

There's still time to comment on the proposed 2015 budget

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.

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