

# News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcountry homeowners

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## Dear Resident,

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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## County approves SPLOST agreement with cities

On August 6, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved an [intergovernmental agreement](#) with its 16 cities that paves the way for putting a new SPLOST program before voters in November.

Under the agreement, the new program would focus on transportation while also funding public safety, parks, libraries, and senior facilities. If passed, the new program would start when the current SPLOST program expires next March and end in March 2017. It would raise an estimated \$498 million, with the County getting 78.9 percent of the total and 21.1 percent going to the cities. The County has determined that 70 percent of its share, or an estimated \$275 million, will be dedicated to transportation projects such as roads, bridges, intersection improvements, and sidewalks.



A citizens' review committee would be set up to monitor all spending under the program, and a new citizen project selection committee will be organized to review and recommend all transportation projects. The agreement also requires annual audits of spending by each entity and of the SPLOST program as a whole. In addition, a SPLOST status report will also be published on city and county websites by the end of each year. To read the intergovernmental agreement, [click here](#).

Residents who are interested in participating on the transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee are invited to attend an organizational meeting that will take place on Monday, **August 26 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center**, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. For more information about the upcoming meeting, please call the Gwinnett Department of Transportation at 770.822.7400.

## Law enforcement accreditation team invites public comment



A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will conduct an onsite assessment of the Gwinnett County Police Department to examine the department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services in order to earn accreditation.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comment at a public information session Monday, August 19 at 6:00pm. The session will be conducted in Conference Room C at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Conference Room C is located on the second floor on the west side of the building.

Residents may also provide comments by telephone at 770.513.5220 on Monday, August 19 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm or by mail to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155. In-person and telephone comments are limited to five minutes. Comments must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

The Gwinnett County Police Department has to comply with approximately 481 standards in order to gain accredited status. The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. Once CALEA assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

## Gwinnett lifeguards win state competition

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation took first place at the annual Georgia Recreation and Park Association State Lifeguard Competition on July 29 in Greene County. Six lifeguards from various aquatic centers earned spots on the team after proving their lifeguard skills and abilities during tryouts for the state competition team. Rachel Rice, Christina Wang, Jordan Rubin, Guido Saccaggi, Stephen Brinkley, and Victor Barr studied lifeguard materials, swam, and conditioned throughout the summer to prepare for the competition.



The competition consisted of several events evaluating teamwork, athletic ability, and lifeguard knowledge. The Gwinnett lifeguards dominated the competition by winning five out of the seven events and placing third in the other two. The team won the swim relay event with the fastest time, and secured another first with a perfect score during a critical incident event applying their lifeguard skills during a realistic emergency simulation. The team placed first during the written lifeguard exam, rescue relay, and triathlon events. The Gwinnett County lifeguard team has won this competition two years in a row. The team was supervised and coached by Aquatics Coordinator Christine Greenfield and Aquatics Supervisor Jason Cutchins.

## New baseball complex opens at Harbins Park



Parks and Recreation celebrated the opening of the new, seven field baseball and softball complex at Harbins Park on Saturday, August 10. The SPLOST funded project located at 3200 New Hope Road in Dacula also includes a playground and restrooms.

Harbins is Gwinnett County's largest park to-date, totaling 1,960 acres. The park features a seven-mile equestrian trail, seven-mile mountain biking trail, and 3.8-mile hiking trail. The park also features a tri-level playground, large rustic pavilion, and a dog park.

For more information about SPLOST projects in Gwinnett County, visit [www.gwinnettsplost.com](http://www.gwinnettsplost.com).

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