

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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Get your child ready for school

The Gwinnett County Health Department is offering immunizations and hearing, dental, and vision screenings at health department centers for school-age children. Screenings are available for \$40 and are payable by cash, most credit cards, Medicaid, and Peachcare, in addition to Aetna, Cigna State Health Plan, United Healthcare State Plan, and BlueCross BlueShield.



There are health department centers in Norcross, Lawrenceville, and Buford. For more information, including locations and hours, visit their website at www.gnrhealth.com.

Property tax bills mailed August 1



Tax Commissioner Richard Steele announced that 2013 property tax bills will be mailed to Gwinnett County taxpayers by August 3. All bills will have a single-installment due date of October 3. Taxpayers may choose to make partial payments as long as the total due is paid by **October 3**.

The County government portion of the property tax bill will look different this year. State law requires that cities and counties operate under a service delivery strategy agreement that defines services provided by each jurisdiction and sets out how those services are funded. For more information, [click here](#).

There are several options for property tax payment:

- Pay online by check or credit or debit card at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com. (Paying by check is free; debit card: \$3.95 flat fee; credit card: 2.29 percent convenience fee)
- Mail payments to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.
- Pay by check using drop boxes 24 hours a day at all Tax Commissioner offices.
- Pay in person during business hours at all Tax Commissioner offices.

For property owners with an escrow account, tax information will be made available to the mortgage company; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure taxes are paid by the due date. If there are questions about who will pay the taxes, homeowners should contact

their mortgage company directly, especially if their mortgage company has recently changed.

To see 2013 tax amounts, access your property tax information at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or contact the office at Tax@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8800.

For more information about the newly created service districts and how it will affect your property tax bill, visit www.gwinnettservicedistricts.com. To view an estimate of your property taxes and see where your tax dollars go, view the [Where Your Property Taxes Go](#) tool, which can be found under [Your Money](#) at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

Clerk of Courts warns against a jury scam

Please be aware of a scam that is occurring across the nation. You may receive a telephone call or text message notifying you that you have missed jury duty and that you should immediately call the telephone number provided. The text further directs the recipient to call the number to pay a fine. This communication is a bogus notice.

Staff members from Gwinnett Judicial Circuit Clerk of Superior Court's office or the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office staff only contact jurors by telephone and will identify themselves during the contact. The automatic telephone messaging system provides notices to jurors concerning status of cases and appearances.



If you are asked to call the office, the telephone number provided will be 770.822.8567 or the main Gwinnett County switchboard number, 770.822.8000.

Second annual Adoption Explosion a success



The Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center held its second annual Adoption Explosion from June 29 to July 28 and hosted a block party at the center on July 27. More than 1,800 people attended the event, which included free kids' activities and a Cars for Critters car show. A cookout and a bake sale were hosted at the party, which raised more than \$1,100 for the Gwinnett Humane Society, the center's nonprofit partner.

In addition, 425 animals were adopted from the center throughout the month. The staff would like to thank everyone who participated in this event to help make it a success.

Save the date for **Pet Revolution**, a 24-hour adoption event that will be held **Saturday, October 12** at the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville! This event will feature family friendly activities, a motorcycle ride, and 5K run.

Use native plants in your garden

Many of our favorite garden plants are native to Georgia, such as dogwoods, loblolly pines, and Carolina jessamine vine. Using native plants in your landscape is ecologically sound and environmentally friendly. If planted in the proper site and given appropriate care, these plants will be low maintenance additions to your yard.

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