

# News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcountry homeowners

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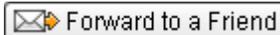
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## Dear Resident,

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.

 Forward to a Friend

## Human Relations Commission hosts open house



The Gwinnett Human Resources Commission will host its annual **Open House** to promote its services to the community on **Saturday, August 31** at 6:00pm.

The event will be held at the **Taste of Thai Restaurant**, located at 5775 Jimmy Carter Boulevard in Norcross. To RSVP for this event, visit <http://gwinnetthrc.eventbrite.com>.

## County offices closed for Labor Day holiday

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the citizens of the County, will be closed **Monday, September 2** for the Labor Day holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on **Tuesday, September 3**. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

**Labor Day is not a trash and recycling holiday** for solid waste providers in unincorporated Gwinnett County, so trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal. The Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recycling Call Center will be closed that day, but hauler call centers will be open. Residents can [search for their solid waste hauler](#) to find their hauler's contact information.

Residents who live in a city should contact their city to find out if trash and recycling will be delayed due to the holiday.

## Budget review team meetings start

Each County department and agency will present a business plan including needed financial resources to the review team on **September 4 - 6 and 9 - 10** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The videotaped presentations will be made available to the public on TVgwinnett government access cable television and on demand at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

The Chairman's proposed 2014 budget will be made available to the public and news media at the same time it is presented to commissioners, which will occur before December 1. A public hearing on the budget will be held in December. By County ordinance, the Board of Commissioners must adopt the annual budget during its first meeting in January.

## Residents selected for SPLOST transportation committee

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners called for a **November 5 vote** on renewing the one-cent special purpose local option sales tax after the current program ends next March. If approved by voters, the SPLOST program will focus primarily on transportation but also include funding for other purposes such as public safety, parks, libraries, and senior facilities.



To gain public input on potential transportation projects, an organizational meeting for a **Citizens Project Selection Committee** was held on August 26 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The purpose of the meeting was to select members and alternates to represent six major interest groups on the committee: homeowners (one from each of the four commission districts), the business community, environmental stakeholders, schools, civic organizations, and Gwinnett County's seniors.

Georgia Power Company facilitator Del Clark moderated the meeting. Participants were split into groups and selected representatives from among themselves. The peer-selected members of the CPSC committee are:

**District 1 Homeowner:** Marlin Knapp and Billy Wise

**District 2 Homeowner:** Scott Hilton and Jim Kwater

**District 3 Homeowner:** Jerry Oberholtzer and Greg Cantrell

**District 4 Homeowner:** Renee Byrd-Lewis and Jody Everette

**Business Community:** Laurie McClain and Glenn Park

**Civic Organizations:** Emory Morsberger and Jacqueline Fraizer

**Environmental Community:** Art Sheldon and Mike Tuller

**Schools:** Alan Kaplan and Daniel Jardine

**Seniors:** Davida Baker and John Winters

For more information about the CPSC, please call the Gwinnett Department of Transportation at 770.822.7400.

For more information about the history of SPLOST in Gwinnett County, visit [www.GwinnettSPLOST.com](http://www.GwinnettSPLOST.com).

## Grandparents Day celebration at McDaniel Farm

In celebration of **National Grandparents Day**, the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center invites you to step back in time and discover your family history. Enjoy time together making homemade ice cream and exploring the 1930s heritage farm at the **Back When I Was A Kid program** at McDaniel Farm on **Saturday, September 7 from 10:00am to noon**.

This special program is sure to be fun for grandparents, grandchildren, and generations in-between. Program fees range from \$5 to \$8 per person and children ages two and under are free. Participants **must pre-register** and pay online at [www.gwinnettEHC.org](http://www.gwinnettEHC.org). McDaniel Farm is located at 3251 McDaniel Road in Duluth.

## Learn about sustainable farming

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service is hosting the Georgia **Multicultural Sustainable Agriculture Conference** on **Tuesday, September 17 from 8:00am to 4:00pm** at the Gwinnett Center in Duluth. This conference will highlight urban organic farming, community supported agriculture, how to start a farm, equine management/rotational grazing, food safety, and how to grow international/ethnic foods. Conference participants will attend sessions on various topics including how to become eligible and apply for USDA Farm Bill Programs, developing a farm business plan, and soil and plant resources. For more information about the conference, please call 770.963.9288.

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