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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:

- Police, fire host graduations for new recruits
- SPLOST funds road improvements
- Commissioners approve transportation study
- Live Healthy Gwinnett wins wellness award

Chairman, commissioners take oath of office

Chairman **Charlotte Nash**, District 1 Commissioner **Jace Brooks**, and District 3 Commissioner **Tommy Hunter** were sworn in last month following their November reelection. Family and friends joined the board members for the swearing-in ceremonies performed by Probate Judge **Chris Ballar** on December 30 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.

Nash and Brooks begin their second four-year terms January 1, both having first taken office following special elections in 2011 and 2012, respectively. Hunter is starting his second four-year term.

District 2 Commissioner **Lynette Howard** and District 4 Commissioner **John Heard** round out the five-member Board of Commissioners.

Watch the video of the swearing-in ceremonies.

Commissioners adopt \$1.56 billion budget

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 3 adopted a \$1.56 billion budget for fiscal year 2017. The adopted budget is up about 5.6 percent from 2016 and includes a \$1.18 billion operating budget plus another \$384 million for capital improvements.

Read more about the 2017 budget or click here to view the adopted 2017 budget resolution.



Prepare for winter weather



While most Georgians enjoy relatively mild winters, the state has experienced significant snow and ice events in the past. Snow and ice can disrupt transportation and cause power outages, making it important for Gwinnett County residents to be prepared.

Here are some tips to help you prepare for potentially disastrous weather emergencies this winter:

- **Be informed:** Listen to a NOAA weather radio and monitor other media outlets for weather-related information. Learn about the terms used to describe winter hazards.
- **Make a plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family and be sure to prepare for your senior and disabled family members as well as your pets.
- **Build a kit:** Build an emergency kit for both your home and car. Include food, water, adequate clothing, and blankets for at least three days.

Learn more at www.gwinnettsafety411.com.

There's still time to recycle Christmas trees



You can still drop off your live, undecorated tree at one of the convenient locations through **Sunday, January 15** in Gwinnett County.

The trees will be chipped at Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's Bring One for the Chipper event on **Saturday, January 21** near the soccer fields at Bethesda Park, located at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville. The mulch will be used for County parks, roadway landscaping, and facilities.

For a list of drop-off sites or to volunteer for the chipping event, visit www.gwinnettcg.org.

MLK holiday closures and parade

All Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of the county, will be closed Monday, **January 16** for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. County offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, **January 17**. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday and trash and recycling collections are scheduled as normal.

The Gwinnett United Ebony Society will host a parade that will begin on Langley Drive in Lawrenceville at 10:00am and end at Moore Middle School, which is located at the intersection of Lawrenceville Highway and Johnson Road. TVgwinnett will be at the event, so you can catch highlights [on demand](#) on the county's website.



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