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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:

- Trace your roots with new software at Gwinnett County Public Library
- GC Transit adds new route
- Distracted driving law now in effect
- Emergency Management hosts meeting
- Juneteenth celebrates end of slavery

County Commission approves contract for Bay Creek police precinct, alternate 911 center

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recently approved a \$7.045 million contract to build a police precinct and alternate 911 center at Bay Creek Park.

The single-story, 12,249-square-foot structure will include command staff offices, an officers' squad room, a classroom, a fitness center with locker rooms, and evidence storage.

The alternate 911 center will provide redundancy should the main emergency 911 center in Lawrenceville ever be knocked out of commission. The 6,236-square-foot facility, designed to storm shelter standards, will accommodate 20 dispatchers, an elevated area for supervisors to monitor and coordinate dispatchers, and ergonomically designed work stations and seating to reduce fatigue for the dispatchers.



The contract was awarded to Coper & Company General Contractors. The project is being funded through 2009, 2014, and the 2017 SPLOST revenues.

Check out the County's new website!



Gwinnett County has launched a new, device-responsive website. The new site makes it easier for Gwinnett residents to pay their water bills, learn about upcoming events, and **stay up to date** with the latest Gwinnett County news from a **phone or tablet**.

Besides offering a better experience for device users, the new site also features **an updated look** inspired by Gwinnett County's brand. The brand

was approved by the Board of Commissioners in November 2017 to provide the county with a modern, business-forward aesthetic that reflects Gwinnett's vibrant and diverse community.

Gwinnett County Communications Director Joe Sorenson said he hopes the change will encourage residents to take time to explore the new site. "This website features the same great resources of the old site in a more accessible package," Sorenson said. "More and more people are using mobile phones and devices to access our resources. Our goal is to make it as easy and efficient as possible for residents to stay connected with Gwinnett County."

The launch also featured a new backend technology platform, new web servers, and new navigation.

Take some time to explore the new site! You can find it at www.gwinnettcountry.com.

Board advertises lower millage rate

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is proposing **lowering the millage rate** for the County's General Fund for 2018 to 7.209 mills, which is 2.58 percent lower than the 2017 millage rate. As required by state law, Gwinnett County published a five-year history of the tax digest including the current digest and proposed millage rate.

The Tax Assessor calculates the total value of all property in the county, called the tax digest, by conducting annual property updates of residential and commercial property and issuing assessment notices to the owners, in accordance with state law. The **2018 net digest grew** by approximately \$1.6 billion, or 5.6 percent, since 2017.



The millage rate adoption is scheduled to take place **Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 2:00pm**.

Commissioners will also consider millage rates for police, fire and emergency services, development and code enforcement, and recreation funds. Visit gwinnettcountry.com for details.

New solid waste plan offers reduced fees for seniors



The senior discount for those 62 and older will increase from 15 percent to 25 percent, which **will reduce fees for seniors** to \$13.75 per month. A credit for the lower rate for July through December 2018 will be applied to the solid waste fees on your 2018 property tax bill if you paid solid waste fees with your 2017 tax bill. If you are not currently receiving the senior discount on your solid waste fee, an application and affidavit form must be submitted to Solid Waste Management, located at 446 West Crogan Street, Suite 100, in Lawrenceville. To access the form, [click here](#). You may also contact the Solid Waste Management office at 770.822.7141.

Gwinnett animal shelter offering July specials, including Free Fridays

The Gwinnett County animal shelter is running multiple adoption specials in July to make it easier for you to take home your purrfect pet!

Specials include free adoptions every Friday, reduced adoption fee of \$20 for all animals throughout the month, and only \$20 adoption fee for two kittens.



Dogs typically cost \$90 to adopt, and cats typically cost \$30. Dogs and cats up for adoption at the shelter typically are examined by Animal Welfare staff veterinarians, vaccinated, and neutered or spayed, so they are ready to go home on the day of adoption.

Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy



There's still time for apply for the next Citizens Police Academy, which will run **August 21 to October 11**. Classes will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Residents who participate in the academy will have a behind-the-scenes look at their police department. Topics covered during the academy include crime prevention, E-911, criminal investigations, SWAT, crime scene investigations and more. To

apply, visit the Citizens Police Academy website at www.gwinnettcpa.com. Applications can also be submitted by email to policevolunteers@gwinnettcountry.com, or by mail to P.O. Box 602, Lawrenceville, 30046.

Gwinnett County Bicentennial Moment - Hooper Renwick School

The Hooper Renwick School, located at 56 Neal Boulevard near downtown Lawrenceville, served as the only public school in Gwinnett that African-Americans could attend during segregation.

The original school opened in 1895 in downtown Lawrenceville, but was destroyed by a tornado in 1924. Mack Renwick donated three acres for a new, three-room building erected in the 1940s. Principal Marshall M. Hooper taught there for almost 20 years.



In 1964, the school closed, but later served as home to many departments for Gwinnett County Public Schools. The school building, now with 12 rooms, will be transformed by the city of Lawrenceville over the next two or three years into a civic meeting space and museum as part of the South Lawn Development. The renovations will include an expanded and relocated Lawrenceville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library adjoining the school.

Memories of the old Hooper Renwick School are among many shared in Story Vault interviews for the Bicentennial. They can be viewed at gwinnett200.com. Visit the Gwinnett Historical Society webpage at www.gwinnetths.org for more history about Gwinnett County.

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