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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:

- EMS wins national award two years in a row
- George Pierce Park opening new gymnasium
- Historic Freeman's Mill to see renovations
- Pleasant Hill widening funded

**Gwinnett County wants your input on rebranding**

Gwinnett County is developing a new brand and we want you to help us capture the essence and the best of our great county. To help guide us, we have created a short online survey, but we need to hear from as many residents as possible.

Please give us your insight into Gwinnett County by filling out the survey by **Friday, July 14**. Then, share this email or the survey link to help us reach other Gwinnett friends and neighbors so we can hear what Gwinnett County means to them.

Your input will help us develop our new brand that will help define and promote our communities, businesses and homes!

To take the survey, click [here](#).

**Celebrate National Park and Recreation Month at any of several events in July**

Throughout July, Gwinnett County is hosting more than a dozen events countywide to encourage people young and old to get out and play as part of National Park and Recreation Month.

To encourage people to visit Gwinnett's award-winning parks, events include dances, swim parties, concerts, hayrides, scavenger hunts, pirates, and more. Park and Recreation Month is an initiative

of the National Recreation and Park Association and recognizes the many ways that parks and recreation transform our daily lives.

Visit [www.gwinnettparks.com](http://www.gwinnettparks.com) for more information about the many fun recreational opportunities in July.



### Entrance upgrades coming to Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center



The front entrance to the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville will be reconfigured soon under a \$1.93 million contract recently approved by commissioners.

The project will redesign Langley Drive to provide one lane of traffic in each direction in front of the building with a pedestrian drop-off area, improved entrances to the parking lot, and a handicap parking area closer to the building. The project will also replace sidewalks, walkways, and pavers with concrete and add a new plaza in front of the

building. Construction at the front of the building will take about six months.

At the same time, another SPLOST-funded project is beginning at the back of the building on a new courtroom addition and parking deck.

Gwinnett's first SPLOST program raised \$65.7 million for the original building that opened in 1988 when the population was about a third what it is today. County government had been headquartered in and around the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville since 1885.

### Commissioners schedule public hearings for proposed 2017 millage

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will hold three public hearings to receive comments on the proposed 2017 millage rates.

The Board of Commissioners is considering an operating and maintenance tax rate of 7.400 mills for 2017. With all other county property tax rates factored in - such as General Obligation Bond Debt and Police, Fire and Emergency Services - the County's portion of property taxes would be 0.334 mills more than in 2016.

For the owner of a \$200,000 house in Gwinnett, the net increase in annual taxes would be about \$21. Homeowners who have qualified for the Value Offset Exemption would not be affected by reassessed values for the county portion of their bill.

Two of three required public hearings will be held on **Monday, July 10 at 8:30am** and **6:30pm**, and the third will be on **Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm**. All three hearings will take place in the auditorium of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, also known as GJAC, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. The millage rate adoption is scheduled to take place on **July 18 at 2:00pm**.

### Catapalooza extended through July!

Good news! Catapalooza - the County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Division's pet adoption promotion - has been extended through July!



But if you want a feline friend, you'll need to hold off for a couple of weeks before you head over to the animal shelter. A little kitten recently died of suspected feline distemper (panleukopenia), and as a precaution, Gwinnett County has quarantined its feline population for 14 days starting July 1, unless otherwise directed by the state Department of Agriculture.

However, canines are unaffected and available for adoption to people wanting a new, furry family member. Dogs can be adopted for \$30.

When the quarantine is lifted, you can adopt a cat for only \$10. Adoptions are free for military personnel and teachers. (Remember to bring your ID.) The shelter is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

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