



News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcounty homeowners

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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:

- Chairman Nash delivers State of the County Address
- Firefighters practice rope rescues
- State Route 20 widening completed
- Buford services center closes for upgrades
- Two youths honored for bravery

County wants your input on Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Gwinnett County is updating its Comprehensive Transportation Plan, a blueprint for future development of a transportation network through 2040. Come look at the latest plans and give us your feedback. There will be a brief presentation and interactive stations to help you learn more about the transportation projects, the countywide trails master plan and transit improvements. Meetings will be held at various locations around the county, so pick the best date for you to attend:



- **March 2**, 5:30pm to 7:30pm: Snellville City Hall Community Room, 2342 Oak Road, Snellville
- **March 6**, 5:30pm to 7:30pm: Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Conference Room C, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville
- **March 16**, 5:30pm to 7:30pm: Dacula Park Community Room, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula
- **March 18**, 10:00am to noon: Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth
- **March 20**, 5:30pm to 7:30pm: George Pierce Park Community Room, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee

Join the Great American Cleanup 2017 and earn green for going green



It's time for the annual Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest annual community improvement program. From **March 1** to **May 31**, more than 4 million volunteers and concerned citizens across the nation will work together to beautify neighborhoods, reduce waste, initiate recycling programs, and plant trees.

This year, Gwinnett County participants could collect some green for going green. At the end of the challenge, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will select the best community projects to win cash prizes of \$500! The challenge is hosted locally by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and is open to businesses, local governments, school and church groups, civic groups, athletic teams, and individuals. Visit Gwinnett Clean &

Beautiful's [website](#) to learn how your group can participate.

Gwinnett Parks Foundation, volunteers form Park'Nership to clean Graves Park

Join the Park'Nership team and help clean up and beautify the Graves Park on **March 4** from **9:00am** to **1:00pm**. The Gwinnett Parks Foundation and volunteers from families, service organizations, and scout groups will be working together rain or shine to spruce up this 70-acre recreation area in western Gwinnett. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, and a water bottle. Register at www.volunteergwinnett.net or call 678.277.0900 for more information.

Last day for plant sale orders: March 7

Gardeners have until Tuesday, **March 7** to place their orders for UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual plant sale. Blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, apples, pomegranate, and goji berries are available, along with pecan trees, native azaleas, and other landscape plants.



Visit www.gwinnettextension.com to place an order or call 678.377.4010 to request an order form.

Pickup day is March 16 between 9:00am and 6:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2406 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. An assortment of landscape plants not on the order sheet will also be available on pickup day.

Coffee with a Cop set for March 10

Don't forget about the upcoming Coffee with Cop on Friday, **March 10** from **9:00am** to **11:00am** at Einstein Bros. Bagels, 3410 Buford Drive, Suite G400, in Buford.

Gwinnett County police will be available to field questions or talk about issues that concern the public. The program is part of an ongoing initiative to build healthy relationships between police and the public.

Be wary of jury duty scams

Jury duty scams are on the rise again, so watch out for these fraudulent calls. Typically the caller says it's the Gwinnett Sheriff's Office calling to tell the victims that they didn't show up for jury duty and that they now owe a fine of as much as \$900, which can be paid over the phone with a prepaid debit card. Gwinnett County's law enforcement agencies do not call people to demand money.



Every year, thousands of potential jurors in Gwinnett are selected randomly by computer from a database of registered voters and licensed drivers and summoned by mail. The summons explains the one-day-or-one-trial system and gives instructions on when and where to report for duty. If you don't show up, they contact you again - also by mail.

If you've been scammed, report it to the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Division at 770.619.6655.

Reduce your tax bill by applying for homestead exemptions

The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for homestead exemptions. The application

deadline is **April 1**. You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the tax year for which application is being made. No exemptions are granted automatically; however, once an exemption is granted, there is no need to apply each year.

Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com to apply online and upload supporting documentation, check your application status, or view exemption requirements.

For questions about homestead exemptions, email tax@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770.822.8800.

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