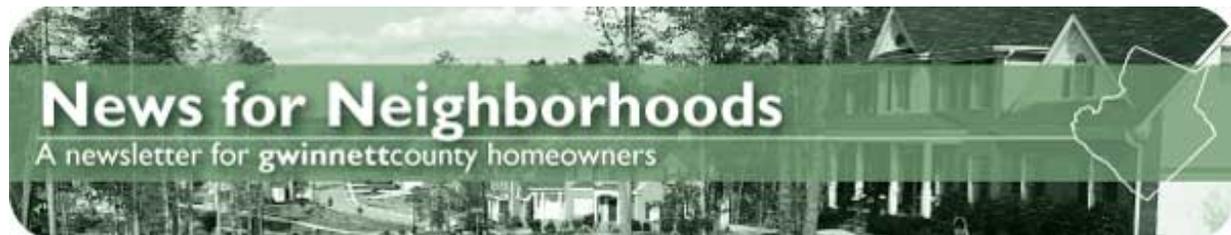


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Dear Homeowner,

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.

 Forward to a Friend

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:

- National Nutrition Month
- Election updates

- Public transportation meetings
- Great American Cleanup
- SPLOST funds road upgrades in Grayson

Library system's new hours, consistent schedule increase access to services

The Gwinnett County Public Library is expanding hours and revising schedules to make hours at the county's 15 branches consistent.

Effective **Monday, May 16**, Gwinnett County's library branches will operate:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am to 8:00pm

Friday and Saturday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday: Noon to 5:00pm

"We no longer need to memorize complicated sets of hours," said Library Executive Director Charles Pace. "By adjusting staff schedules and our service model, we're able to increase library access to the community while providing more morning and evening hours for our patrons."

The change will net a weekly gain of seven additional open hours for each branch.

Make plans to attend a public meeting for transportation planning

Gwinnett County invites you to share your input to help update the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, also known as the CTP, using a community-driven process. The updated plan will summarize current and future multimodal transportation needs within the county and will recommend projects for the next 25 years.

Your input is needed as we think about the opportunities for our growing community. Our roads, buses, trails, and sidewalks are shared by many users, so we need to understand all perspectives. Access the Destination 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan survey [here](#).



In addition, public meetings will be held in different locations around Gwinnett County on the following dates:

March 19 - Shorty Howell Park at 10:00am

March 21 - Lucky Shoals Park at 6:00pm

March 29 - Snellville City Hall at 6:00pm

April 18 - Dacula Park Activity Building at 6:00pm

April 21 - One Justice Square in Lawrenceville at 6:00pm

For more information on the CTP process and [public meetings](#), check out the project [fact sheet](#) or visit www.Destination2040Gwinnett.com.

Homestead exemption application deadline: April 1



The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for homestead exemption. The application deadline is April 1. For all exemptions, you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the year for which application is being made. Applications for 2016 exemptions will not be processed after April 1.

You may apply online or contact the Tax Commissioner's Property Tax Department for an application. If you mail the completed application, please use certified mail; the signed certified signature card along with a postmark on or before the deadline will serve as proof of timely application. Once granted, the homestead exemption is automatically renewed each year.

To find out more about the 13 tax exemptions available and the eligibility requirements, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or contact the Tax Commissioner's Office at tax@gwinnettcountry.com or 770.822.8800.

Register for Walk Georgia

Walk across the state of Georgia - virtually - by signing up for the University of Georgia/Gwinnett Cooperative Extension Walk Georgia program. Walk Georgia is a 12-week program that helps you increase your physical activity and develop the get-moving habit.

Sign up and log on **March 4 through May 14** to report everything that gets you moving. Anything from a walk around the block to gardening or playing a game of pick-up basketball counts. Logging all of your activities adds up the miles, allowing you to "unlock" Georgia counties and take an online tour through our great state.



The program is free and you may register as an individual or team. Either way, you'll have fun as you get fit! Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants who submit the most miles: \$100 gift card for sports apparel for first place, \$50 gift card for second place, and lip balms and sports bags for third place.

Visit www.walkgeorgia.org to register today. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678.377.4010 or ines.beltran@gwinnettcountry.com.

Join the Great American Cleanup 2016



Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual community improvement program. For three months during the spring, more than 4 million volunteers and concerned citizens across the nation work together to beautify neighborhoods, reduce waste, initiate recycling programs, and plant trees.

The [Great American Cleanup Gwinnett Challenge](#) is hosted locally by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful. It is open to businesses, local governments, school and church groups, civic groups, athletic teams, and individuals. Visit Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's [website](#) to learn more about taking the pledge to be an environmental steward.

Save the Date for Earth Day

Please join the Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division on **Saturday, April 9, 2016**, at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves as we celebrate Earth Day by hosting a free recycling event. This event will feature paper shredding (limit five copier paper boxes), electronics recycling (\$10 cash fee per TV and monitor, \$5 cash fee per printer), tire recycling (limit eight tires per vehicle; no dealer tires), paint collection (limit eight one-gallon cans per vehicle; cans must contain 25 percent wet, usable paint; no paint thinners, stains, spackle, oil paint cans, rusted paint cans, or dried-up paint), and toner/printer cartridge collection.



Please bring your gently used or old sneakers to be donated to those in need or recycled into surfaces for local playgrounds and running tracks. Residents will enjoy free kids' activities and touch-a-truck, and will have the opportunity to meet their haulers.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.volunteergwinnett.net to sign up.

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