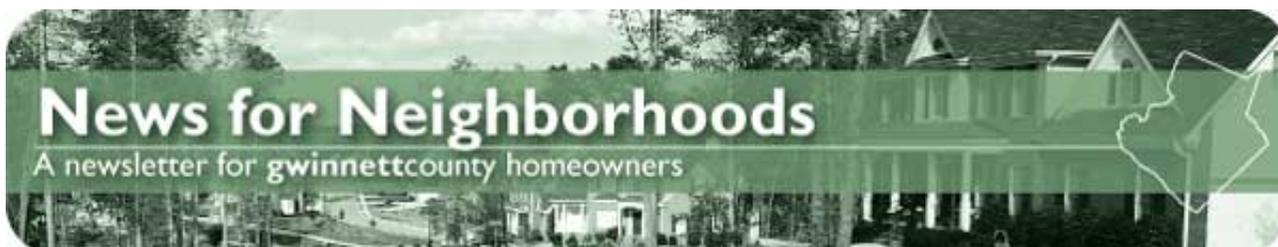


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Dear Homeowner,

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:

- Kaiser brings 600+ jobs to Gwinnett
- Fort Daniel site expansion
- Poll workers are still needed
- Library offers online classes
- Underage drinking prevention

Partnership Gwinnett wants your input

Partnership Gwinnett believes that every person is an expert on where they live and would love to hear your perspective about what it's like work and do business in Gwinnett County. This survey will ask you to evaluate different elements of the county's competitiveness and attractiveness as a place to live, work, and do business and will take roughly 15 minutes to complete. Your responses will directly inform the research and strategic planning processes that will culminate in the creation of Partnership Gwinnett's third economic development strategy.

Responses are entirely anonymous and cannot be attributed to you individually. If there is a question you feel is not applicable to you, please respond "Don't know" or "N/A," or simply skip the question. Your input is important to this process and your time is valued; we greatly appreciate your participation.



Access the survey [here](#). The survey will close **Friday, February 5**. If you have any questions regarding this survey or the strategic planning process, contact Mark Farmer at mark@gwinnettchamber.org or by calling 678.584.2268. For more information about Partnership Gwinnett, visit www.partnershipgwinnett.com.

Gwinnett 101 gives residents an up-close look at county government



Have you ever wondered why a fire truck responds to your medical emergency? Or why the County has a SPLOST program? Or how clean water gets to your house? The **Gwinnett 101: Citizens Academy** can help answer those questions and more.

Gwinnett County Government is **accepting applications for the spring 2016 class** of Gwinnett 101. It's a free program designed to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett. Class members will get a first-hand glimpse of how the County works and build a network with

others who live, work, and learn in Gwinnett County.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm beginning with an orientation on April 12 and ending with graduation and recognition by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on June 28.

You must be at least 18 years old and be a resident and/or business owner in Gwinnett or attend a Gwinnett college or university to apply. You must also have an interest in learning about county government and be able to attend all sessions. Class size is **limited to 30 participants** who will be chosen by a selection committee.

Applications are available online at www.gwinnett101.com and must be received by Tuesday, **March 1** in order to participate in the spring 2016 session.

For more information, visit www.gwinnett101.com or contact Nicole Love Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcounty.com.

Join Gwinnett County police for Coffee with a Cop

Meet the men and women behind the badge for coffee and conversation on **February 5** from **9:00am to 11:00am** at The Diner at Sugar Hill, 4500 Nelson Brogdon Boulevard in Buford. This program's mission is to break down barriers between police officers and the residents they serve by removing agendas and allowing the opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your community. For more information, contact Ryan Hood at 678.442.5005 or by emailing ryan.hood@gwinnettcounty.com.

Make your voice heard this election season

The Election season is underway, so make sure your voter registration is up to date. Please take note of the upcoming elections:

- Presidential Preference Primary:** March 1
- General Primary/Nonpartisan Election:** May 24
- General Primary/Nonpartisan Election Runoff:** July 26
- General Election:** November 8
- State General Election Runoff:** December 6
- Federal General Election Runoff:** January 10, 2017



To register to vote in Georgia, you must be a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote, and at least 18 years old by Election Day.

You may not register to vote if you are currently serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony or have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent. Visit

www.gwinnettelelections.com to download and complete a voter registration application.

You can now **register to vote online** if you have a Georgia issued personal identification card or driver's license. To register, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

If you need to **locate your polling place**, visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Page at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov. You can also get a list of candidates and their websites, view sample ballots, and get updates on your voter registration and absentee ballot requests.

Advance and absentee voting is available, so be sure to visit www.gwinnettelelections.com for dates and locations.

Citizens Police Academy begins February 16



Applications are due **February 2** for the next Gwinnett County Police Department Citizens Police Academy that starts February 16. Get an application at www.gwinnettcpa.com.

With sessions on animal welfare and enforcement, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, firearms, SWAT, traffic enforcement, vehicle pullovers, and more, participants will gain a wealth of knowledge to share with their family, friends, and neighbors. Many program graduates go on to volunteer in the department or join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, which also serves the department and community in a variety of ways. Notably, the alumni association assists with searches for missing or endangered persons. For more information about the academy, email CitizenPoliceAcademy@gwinnettcounty.com.

Police and Animal Shelter join social media

Gwinnett County Police and the animal shelter have gone social! You can follow police on Twitter [@GwinnettPD](https://twitter.com/GwinnettPD) for the latest news and updates. In addition, check out the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center on Facebook. Like [Gwinnett Animal Shelter](https://www.facebook.com/GwinnettAnimalShelter) to see adoptable pets, receive PAWsome news, learn about upcoming promotions, and read helpful tips for caring for your furry, scaly, or feathery friends.



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