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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:

- South Gwinnett Park construction starts
- Seven bridges getting rehabbed
- Pro lacrosse team moves to the Arena
- Great American Cleanup winners

Board approves 2015 millage rate

On July 21, The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners **adopted 2015 millage rates** to fund the services provided by county government, rolling back the general fund rate by 2.3 percent and maintaining last year's rate for the service districts. A mill is one dollar of tax for every \$1,000 of the assessed property value.

State law requires that a rollback millage rate be computed for the maintenance and operations fund, also called the general fund, that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's new tax digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

Millage rates in Gwinnett County vary based on a property's location and what services the county

provides. The **total millage rate in unincorporated areas will be 13.579**, down slightly from last year. Rates for three service districts will remain the same: fire and emergency medical services (3.20 mills), police (1.60 mills) and development and code enforcement (.36 mills). In addition, the countywide levy for both voter-approved debt and recreation remain unchanged at .24 and .95 mills, respectively, while the general fund rollback rate is 7.229 mills. The Tax Commissioner's Office will prepare property tax bills for mailing by August 15 with a payment due date of **October 15**.

To view a table detailing millage rates in different areas of the county, [click here](#). For an interactive online tool that shows estimated property taxes for any Gwinnett property and what those taxes buy, look under **Where your Property Taxes Go** on the [Your Money webpage](#).

Gwinnett County Clerk of Courts and Tax Commissioner's Office launch new websites

The Tax Commissioner's office has **redesigned its official website**, www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com, and it's even better than before. In addition to a completely new look it's mobile responsive, making it even easier to pay your property taxes or renew your motor vehicle registration from your phones and tablets.



In April 2015, Gwinnett County Clerk of Courts **completed website improvements** to its existing site, www.gwinnettcourts.com. The new and improved site offers users simplified navigation and a comprehensive guide to Gwinnett's judicial system. Users have the ability to access case/party information, filing fees, forms, and court information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from a desktop, tablet, or smartphone. The new site was recently named a **2015 Top 10 Court Website Award** winner by the National Association of Court Management.

Clerk of Courts offers notary classes



Gwinnett Clerk of Court Richard Alexander will offer two **notary public training classes**. Working in conjunction with the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, the Gwinnett Clerk of Superior Court's Office will host two training classes on **August 21** from **10:30am to noon** and **2:00pm to 3:30pm**.

Training will be held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. There is **no charge to attend** these workshops, but registration is required. For more information about the workshops, visit the Clerk of Courts' website at www.gwinnettcourts.com.

Community emergency volunteer courses available this fall

The Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management is offering **free Community Emergency Response Team training** to Gwinnett County residents beginning **Tuesday, September 8**. These courses will educate county residents on disaster preparedness for emergencies that may impact their community. Residents will be trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Courses are open to all Gwinnett County residents 18 years and older who pass a background check provided by the Gwinnett County Police Department. The training consists of eight sessions that take place from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Tuesdays. A course review and disaster simulation will take place on **Saturday, October 24** from 8:00am to noon. For more information or to sign up for the courses, please email ema@gwinnettcounty.com. Sign up soon; class size is limited to 25 participants.

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

Have you ever wondered why a fire truck responds to your medical emergency, 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.

Spots are still available for the Gwinnett 101's fall class. It's a **free, 10-week program** that seeks to develop and nurture informed and engaged

residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett. Class members will get a first-hand glimpse of how county government operates and get a chance to build a network with others who live, work, and learn in Gwinnett County.



Applications are available online at www.gwinnett101.com and must be received by **Friday, July 31** in order to participate in the fall 2015 session. For more information about Gwinnett 101, visit www.gwinnett101.com or contact Nicole Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnett.com.

Beat the heat this summer

Summer in Georgia is a time for camping trips, cookouts, and afternoons by the pool. However, it's also a time to be aware of the dangers soaring temperatures can bring. Extreme heat is the **number one weather-related killer** in the U.S, claiming more than 650 lives across the nation each year according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Follow these tips from Gwinnett County Emergency Management Agency's *Ready Georgia* to **beat the heat** this summer:

- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Fluids are lost through perspiration, so its important to stay well hydrated. Drink plenty of water, even when you're not thirsty.
- Stay indoors in air-conditioned spaces as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Drink two to four cups of water every hour when you are working outside.

For more tips on how to stay safe in summer heat, visit www.gwinnettsafety411.com or www.ready.ga.gov

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