



News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for [gwinnettcountry](http://gwinnettcountry.com) 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:

- Public Safety Fall Festival recap
- Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's annual Environmental Address
- Officials celebrate SPLOST projects

Have coffee with a cop: October 14

Meet the men and women behind the badge for coffee and conversation on **October 14** from **9:00am to 11:00am** at the Paris Baguette Cafe, 3492 Satellite Boulevard, Suite 100, in unincorporated Duluth.

Coffee with a Cop'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 Danielle Bell by calling 678.442.6504 or emailing danielle.bell@gwinnettcountry.com.



Property taxes due October 15

Property tax bills are due by Saturday, October 15. The Tax Commissioner's Office offers several ways to pay: online by check, credit or debit card at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com, in person, or by mail.

Paying by check online is free; the flat service fee is \$3.95 for using a debit card and the fee for a credit card is 2.29 percent. You can also mail a check payable to Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

There are drop boxes for tax payments available 24 hours a day at all Gwinnett tag offices, or property owners can pay in person during business hours at all tag offices and at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.

For property owners with an escrow account, tax information is available to the mortgage company; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure taxes are paid by the due date. If there are questions about who will pay the taxes, homeowners should contact their mortgage company directly, especially if their mortgage company has recently changed. You can find personalized property tax information at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com. Email questions to Tax@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770.822.8800.

Advance voting begins October 17



Registered voters may request an absentee ballot by mail or cast their ballot in person Monday through Friday, **October 17 to October 21** from 8:00am to 5:00pm and **October 31 to November 4** from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the **Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Office**, located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville.

There are several other options to cast your ballot in advance of the November 8 election:

Saturday voting: October 22 from 8:00am to 5:00pm and October 29 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office.

Satellite voting: Saturday, October 29 from 7:00am to 7:00pm and Monday through Friday, October 31 to November 4 from 7:00am to 7:00pm; visit the [Satellite Voting webpage](#) for locations.

Check your voter registration, see sample ballots, and find your poll location for Election Day on the Georgia Secretary of State's website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Gwinnett's annual, countywide community service project, Great Days of Service, is set for the weekend of **October 21 to 22**. Last year, more than 97,000 volunteers completed hundreds of projects such as building community gardens, filling the shelves of food pantries, reviving tired spaces, and cleaning up the environment.

Gwinnett Great Days of Service began 17 years ago to raise community awareness for the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services and more than 800 health and human service agencies and organizations that the Coalition represents and supports.

For more, visit www.gwinnettcoalition.org or contact Regina Miller at 770.995.3339 or regina@gwinnettcoalition.org.

Don't forget: Pets available at the animal shelter for \$20 this month

October is national Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month and to celebrate, the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will **reduce adoption fees** to just \$20 for dogs throughout the month. You can also adopt a cat for \$20. The adoption fees include vaccines, microchip, and spay/neuter.



This is a great season to fall in love with a shelter pet; visit the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville from **11:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Saturday**. You can also visit www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com or follow us on Facebook **@Gwinnett Animal Shelter** to see adoptable dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, get details on upcoming events, and learn helpful tips on how to care for your shelter pet.

SPLOST recommends funding allocations for transportation projects

The Citizens Project Selection Committee has recommended funding allocations for 10 categories of road improvements to be funded by the proposed 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Developing these allocations was the initial task of the newly formed CPSC. If the SPLOST is approved by voters on November 8, the CPSC will reconvene to discuss project priorities to recommend to the Board of Commissioners.

To view the 10 categories and their potential allocations, visit www.gwinnettcpsc.com. Because the penny sales tax collection is based on estimated proceeds, two levels of funding were recommended by the group. While it is uncertain if collections would reach the higher amount of \$455,497,500, Gwinnett staff considers the minimum of \$406,863,000 to be a sound minimum collection amount. An additional amount of approximately \$30.8 million for joint County/City projects would also be budgeted.

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