

# News for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for gwinnettcountry homeowners

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## Dear Resident,

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.

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## The revolution is here!



Beginning **Friday, October 11 at 7:00pm** and running around the clock until **Saturday, October 12 at 7:00pm**, Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will host Pet Revolution at the shelter. Join us for fun events for the entire family, including the Run Fur Their Lives 5K race, the Kitty Crawl Fun Run, the Bone To Be Wild motorcycle ride, rescue and shelter adoptions, educational seminars, shot clinics, an artisan market, games, and food!

Throughout the past year, the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center has hosted many events that fit into a new theme at the shelter, *Revolutionizing pet ownership today for the pets of tomorrow*.

For more information, please call 770.339.3200 or visit [www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com).

## Citizen committee recommendations from September 30 meeting

The SPLOST Citizen Project Selection Committee met on September 30 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center to discuss potential SPLOST allocations for [transportation projects](#). A breakdown of the proposed SPLOST fund allocations by category is available on [the County's website](#).

If the 2014 SPLOST program is approved, the committee will reconvene to discuss project priorities. For more information about the CPSC, including members and notes from past meetings, [click here](#).

## Advance voting for special election begins October 14

A special election will take place Tuesday, November 5 at your regular voter precinct to consider renewing Gwinnett County's one-cent special purpose local option sales tax after the current program ends next March. In addition, some municipalities in Gwinnett County have separate elections scheduled. To find out if your city is having an election, please [contact your city hall](#).

Registered voters may cast their ballots in person from **October 14 to November 1** at the Gwinnett County Elections Office from 9:00am to 4:30pm.



Voters may also **request an absentee ballot** by mail from October 14 to November 1. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Please call the Voter Registration and Elections division at 678.226.7210 to request an application or [complete the form online](#). For more information, visit [gwinnettelelections.com](http://gwinnettelelections.com).

### Congressman Johnson hosts ACA informational event

Congressman Hank Johnson will hold an informational event on the *Affordable Care Act* on Friday, **October 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Georgia Piedmont Technical College located at 495 North Indian Creek Drive in Clarkston.

Small business owners and individuals can receive help applying for health insurance through the marketplace exchanges created under the ACA. Certified community health centers and navigators will assist qualified applicants.

For more information about this event, please visit [www.hankjohnson.house.gov](http://www.hankjohnson.house.gov).

The Gwinnett County Public Library also provides helpful resources on the Affordable Care Act. Visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org) for more information.

### Plant pansies this month



October is the ideal month for planting pansies. These cheerful flowers require full sun and moist, well-drained soils. Spread an all-purpose, complete balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 8-8-8 across the beds and work it into the soil. Thoroughly water the pansies in after planting. Apply mulch, such as pine bark mini-nuggets, in a layer that is one to two inches thick, but avoid smothering the plants with the mulch. Remove the old blossoms as they fade to encourage the plants to continue flowering.

### Community expo at Buford Human Services Center

A free Community Resources Expo will be hosted on Saturday, **October 19 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Families will learn about the many services in the Buford area. The will feature family-friendly activities including a moonwalk, popcorn, and video games provided by Amerigroup. The event will take place at the Buford Human Services Center, located at 2755 Sawnee Avenue in Buford.

If you are a nonprofit or area business and would like to participate in the fair, please email [ingrid.patrick@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:ingrid.patrick@gwinnettcountry.com) for more information.

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