

# 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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## Changes coming to e-newsletters

You've been used to receiving *What's New on TVgwinnett* every other Tuesday and *News for Neighborhoods* on alternating Fridays. In an effort to consolidate information and make better use of your time, we will now send *News for Neighborhoods* on alternating Wednesdays and each edition will feature the latest county-produced news programs and videos available on TVgwinnett.

## 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:

- Gwinnett voters head to the polls November 5
- 2014 budget process underway
- Kids and parents celebrate Walk to School Day

**TVgwinnett** shows programs on County news, services and facilities, police and fire academy graduations, groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies, talk shows produced in our own studio, military news, and special events. You'll also find text messages about government programs, policies, events, and facilities. We replay our programming frequently to give everyone ample opportunity to view or record programming. Check us out [live online](#), [on demand](#), and on the government access cable channels of Charter, Comcast, and AT&T - U-verse.



## Help keep kids safe on Halloween



On average, **twice as many kids** in the United States are killed while walking on Halloween than on other days of the year. But with some simple precautions, kids can stay safe. Safe Kids Gwinnett and the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services urge parents to prepare children to be safe and drivers to be particularly alert this Halloween.

There are several easy and effective tips that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. Make sure children younger than 12 are trick-or-treating with an adult. If older kids are mature enough to go trick-or-treating without adult supervision, parents should make sure they go in a group and stick to a predetermined route with good lighting.

Drivers need to be extra alert as there will be more children on the streets and sidewalks. "Safe Kids and Fire and Emergency Services urge drivers to slow down on neighborhood roads to not only make Halloween more enjoyable for everyone, but also to help save lives," said Lieutenant Colin Rhoden, spokesman for Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services.

For more safety tips, visit the County's website at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

## County partners with schools to upgrade emergency notification system

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Gwinnett County Board of Education and Buford City Schools, announced they would use public safety funds from the 2014 SPLOST program to **upgrade the public safety emergency notification system** for public schools in the county. The proposed system would eliminate the need to place a 911 call in an emergency. Instead, an automatic alert system would send a signal directly to the Gwinnett County 911 Center at the push of a button.

The system also incorporates cameras at each school. When the emergency alert system is activated by a school, live feed from the cameras at that school would be automatically sent to the 911 Center. The system would be installed in all public schools in the Gwinnett County School System and the Buford City School system.

For more information about the Gwinnett County SPLOST program, visit [www.gwinnettsplost.com](http://www.gwinnettsplost.com).

## Take the CAN challenge with Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center

The Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Services is joining the Gwinnett CAN Challenge, a food drive initiated by Holtkamp Family Foundation.

The goal is to collect at least 10 tons of food, but they can't do it without your help! **Please bring your canned food donations** to the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center between November 1 and December 1. If you bring five items, you will receive a **\$10 voucher** good for a discount on shelter fees for adoptions, claims, and rescues. For more information, including a list of items to donate, visit the [Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center webpage](#).

## Gwinnett Coalition hosts Family Caregiver's Conference

The Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services is hosting a family caregiver's conference on **Saturday, November 9 from 9:00am to 3:30pm** at First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville, 395 West Crogan Street in Lawrenceville. Amy Goyer, national renowned speaker and media authority on aging will give the keynote address. Caregivers of another adult (spouse or parent) and those who are relative caregivers of children should attend. Workshops will cover topics related to Alzheimer's, burnout, caregiving tips, difficult behaviors, communication, and legal and financial issues. The cost for this conference is \$10; please register by calling 770.822.8067.

## Veterans Day Ceremony celebrates Gwinnett's military heroes



The public is invited to Gwinnett County's **Veterans Day Ceremony** on **Monday, November 11 at 11:00am** at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. This event is held each year to celebrate our county's military veterans and public service personnel.

Members of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and honor guard units from the Gwinnett County Corrections, Fire and Emergency Services, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Lawrenceville Police Department will take part in this event. This year's event will feature a **special recognition for Vietnam War veterans**, so if you are a Vietnam veteran, please make plans to attend the ceremony.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. For more information about the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, visit [www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com](http://www.gwinnettfallenheroes.com).

## Wedding ceremonies on 11/12/13

To celebrate the unique date of **11/12/13**, or November 12, 2013, the Gwinnett County Magistrate Court and Probate Court will offer **special wedding ceremony hours**. Magistrate Court will marry couples between 8:30am and 1:30pm and Probate Court will marry couples between 1:30pm and 5:00pm.



If you want to have 11/12/13 as your anniversary date, just show up with a valid Georgia marriage license. For information on **obtaining a marriage license**, please call the Gwinnett County Probate Court at 770.822.8250. Wedding ceremonies are free, but will be conducted on a first come, first served basis. For additional information about 11/12/13 weddings, please call 770.822.8081.

### New wedding hours

Effective November 13, both the Gwinnett County Magistrate and Probate Courts will have new wedding hours. Magistrate Court will conduct free wedding ceremonies on **Monday, Tuesday, and Friday** between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center. Probate Court will also conduct free wedding ceremonies **Wednesdays** between 1:30pm and 4:30pm.

No appointment is required during scheduled wedding hours, however, couples will be married on a first come/first served basis.

## Save your stuff for America Recycles Day

Come celebrate America Recycles Day with the Gwinnett County Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Division on **Saturday, November 23 from 9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This free event will feature batteries, electronics, and tire recycling (limit eight tires per vehicle, no dealer tires), kids' activities, and more! Please bring your old sneakers to be donated to those in need or recycled into reusable surfaces for playgrounds and running tracks.

Volunteer with us during the America Recycles Day event. Volunteers will be assigned to serve from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Please visit [www.volunteergwinnett.net](http://www.volunteergwinnett.net) to sign up as a volunteer for this event.

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