

# 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.

 Forward to a Friend

## Budget review meetings available online and TVgwinnett



Budget review meetings take place during the first two weeks of September, near the end of the County's annual budget planning cycle. Representatives from departments and agencies recently presented their business plans and proposed budgets to Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash and the budget review team made up of citizens and County staff.

You can **view the 2014 business plans presentations** on TVgwinnett, the County's government access cable television channel, or on demand at [www.tvgwinnett.com](http://www.tvgwinnett.com).

## SPLOST citizen selection committee holds first meeting: September 16

The work of the SPLOST Citizens Project Selection Committee for transportation will get underway during the group's first meeting that will take place on Monday, **September 16 at 6:00pm** in the [DOT Central Facility](#), located at 620 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. The meeting is open to the public and will be attended by the peer-selected representatives of six major interest groups who were selected to serve on the committee—homeowners (one each from the four commission districts), the business community, environmental stakeholders, schools, civic organizations, and Gwinnett County's seniors.



A referendum going before voters on **November 5** will ask whether they wish to renew the one-cent special purpose local option sales tax, or SPLOST, after the current program ends next March. If approved, the **SPLOST program will focus primarily on transportation** but will also include funding for other purposes such as public safety, parks, libraries, and senior facilities. The new program will end in March 2017 and raise an estimated total \$498 million. According to an intergovernmental agreement between Gwinnett County and the 16 cities, county government will receive 78.9 percent of the proceeds and the cities will receive 21.1 percent. The County has determined that 70 percent of its share, or an estimated \$275 million, will be dedicated to

transportation projects such as roads, bridges, intersection improvements, and sidewalks.

For more information about the upcoming CPSC meeting, call the Gwinnett Department of Transportation at 770.822.7400.

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

### Senior Services holds SPLOST project input meetings: October 1, 3, 4, 7

Gwinnett County is hosting meetings to seek public input on projects for senior services that could be funded by the SPLOST renewal referendum that will go before voters in November. Feedback from the meetings will help identify potential capital projects for senior services funded by the SPLOST.

Gwinnett residents may attend any of these public input meetings:

**October 1 at 10:00am:** Buford Senior Center, 2755 Sawnee Avenue in Buford

**October 3 at 10:00am:** Norcross Senior Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross

**October 4 at 10:00am:** Centerville Senior Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road in Snellville

**October 7 at 10:00am:** Lawrenceville Senior Center, 225 Benson Street in Lawrenceville

For more information about the upcoming senior services meetings, call 770.822.8833.

### New speed limits along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

Gwinnett County recently **lowered the speed limits along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard** to 45 miles per hour from SR 141/Peachtree Parkway to SR 20/Nelson Brogdon Boulevard and 50 mph from SR 20 to the Hall County line. The changes were made for safety, consistency, and accident history. Transportation staff reviewed speed studies, crash history, and drove the corridor during peak hours before recommending the speed limit be lowered.

For more information about the speed limit changes, visit [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

### Police Department offers firearms safety seminar



The Gwinnett County Police Department will host a free Firearms Safety Seminar on Thursday, **September 19 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center auditorium located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Personnel from the Gwinnett Police Academy will cover several topics of concern including Georgia carry and deadly force laws, how to obtain a carry permit, personal defense, and types of weapons and their use.

Pre-registration is not required, however, **seating is limited, so please arrive early**. Please **do not bring firearms to this event**; attendees will pass through a security checkpoint and will not be permitted to bring firearms in the building. For more information about the seminar, please contact Cpl. J. Gollhofer at 678.226.7766.

### Celebrate the wonders of honey at the Honeybee Festival

Celebrate Honey Month at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center's fourth annual Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **September 21 from 11:00am to 3:00pm** at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Come learn about this crucial hidden part of Georgia's agriculture and economy and enjoy bee games, crafts, honey samples, and our annual Bee costume contest. Local bee enthusiasts and vendors will also be there to expand our knowledge and use of the honeybee's bounty.



For more information about this event, please visit [www.gwinnetteh.org](http://www.gwinnetteh.org).

## Congressman Hank Johnson hosts senior meet and greet

Georgia District 4 Congressman Hank Johnson will host a **Senior Meet and Greet** event on Monday, **September 23 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** at Snellville City Hall, 2300 Oak Road in Snellville. This event is hosted to help seniors navigate through Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, IRS, and the Veterans Administration. For more information about this event, please contact Peter Butts at [peter.butts@mail.house.gov](mailto:peter.butts@mail.house.gov), Paulette Suggs at [paulette.suggs@mail.house.gov](mailto:paulette.suggs@mail.house.gov), or call 770.987.2291.

## Be a poll official



On Election Day, approximately 3,000 of your neighbors serve Gwinnett County voters by working as poll officials. You can be one of them! As a poll official at one of our polling places, you will play an active role in ensuring the ongoing success of the electoral process.

For the upcoming November 5 special election, Gwinnett County needs an **additional 100 detail-oriented individuals** who take pride in their work, enjoy working with people, and take direction well.

Whenever possible, poll officials are assigned to their home precinct, however, if there are no vacancies at your polling place, you may be asked to work at a nearby precinct. Requirements for poll officials include completing an online training program and remaining at your assigned poll location from 6:00am until election-related duties are completed on Election Day. Polls are open to voters from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

If you are interested in being a poll official, please click [here](#) (search for **Election Poll Official**). A list of qualifications, brief job descriptions, and salaries for each position are listed. If you are interested in this opportunity, select the **Apply** button and begin the process. If you are not called for the upcoming election, do not be dismayed! Hundreds will be needed for future elections and this process will put you in a database for elections beginning in May 2014.

The Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections and your fellow Gwinnett County citizens appreciates those who help us make our elections work.

## Celebrate with your family at the annual Public Safety Fall Festival



The Gwinnett County Police Department and the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services will host the fourth annual Public Safety Fall Festival on **September 28 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. This event will feature fire truck, police motorcycle and helicopter displays, safety training demonstrations, kids' activities, pet adoptions, and a softball face-off between Gwinnett County police officers and firefighters. Everyone is invited to attend this free event, so bring the whole family. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

Call the Gwinnett Police Crime Prevention Unit at 770.513.5119 or Gwinnett Fire Community Risk Reduction-Education Section at 678.518.4845 for more information.

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