

# 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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## Don't forget: Public Safety Fall Festival tomorrow!



Bring your family to the fourth annual Public Safety Fall Festival, hosted by Gwinnett County Police and Fire and Emergency Services on **September 28 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Braves. Come out for fire truck, police motorcycle and helicopter displays, safety training demonstrations, kids' activities, pet adoptions, lots of giveaways, and a softball face-off between police officers and firefighters.

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

## September is National Preparedness Month: Are you ready for the unexpected?

Ready Georgia is encouraging all residents to get prepared during National Preparedness Month. For more information, visit [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov). For preparedness on the go, families can also download a free mobile app.

## 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.

## Property tax bills due October 3

Please be reminded that 2013 property tax bills are due Thursday, October 3. There are several options for property tax payment:

- Online by check, credit or debit card at [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) (Paying by check is free; debit card: \$3.95 flat fee; credit card: 2.29 percent convenience fee)
- Mail payments to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, GA 30046
- By check using drop boxes 24/7 at all Tax Commissioner offices
- In person during business hours at all Tax Commissioner offices



For property owners with an escrow account, tax information will be made 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.

To see 2013 tax amounts, access your property tax information at [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com) or contact the office at [Tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:Tax@gwinnettcountry.com) or 770.822.8800.

## Special election voter registration deadline: October 7



A special election will take place on **Tuesday, November 5** at your voting precinct. The deadline to register to vote and be eligible to cast a ballot in this election is Monday, October 7.

To register to vote in Georgia, you must be a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day. You may not register to vote if you are currently serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony or judicially determined to be mentally incompetent.

Visit the [Voter Registration page](#) to download a [voter registration application](#). You can also contact your local public library, public assistance office, recruitment office, schools, and other government offices for a mail-in registration form.

Voters can also request an absentee ballot for the special election beginning October 14. A completed application must first be received before an absentee ballot is issued. Please [complete the form online](#) or call 678.226.7210 to request an application.

### City Elections

Municipalities in Gwinnett County have separate elections scheduled in 2013. To find out if your city is having an election, please [contact your city hall](#) or visit the city's website.

**Voters do not have to register separately for city elections.** If you are a registered county voter and you reside within the city limits, you are automatically registered for city elections.

## Marshall Chapman will perform at Gwinnett County Library's Fall Into the Arts event



The Gwinnett County Public Library will host singer, songwriter, and author **Marshall Chapman** as part of its Fall Into the Arts 2013 program. Her songs have been recorded by artists ranging from Emmylou Harris and Joe Cocker to Irma Thomas and Jimmy Buffett. Chapman will perform in concert on **Saturday, October 5**, with a book signing following the concert.

Marshall Chapman has released 13 critically-acclaimed albums, highlighted by *Blaze of Glory* released in May 2013. Chapman's first book, *Goodbye, Little Rock*

*and Roller* (St. Martin's Press) was a SIBA bestseller 2004, SIBA Book Award finalist, and one of three finalists for the Southern Book Critics Circle Award. The book is now in its third printing. She is also the author of *They Came to Nashville*, published in 2010 (Vanderbilt University Press) and a contributing editor to *Garden & Gun* and *Nashville Arts Magazine*.

This event will be held in partnership with Eddie Owen Presents @ Red Clay Theatre. Doors will open at 1:00pm; the concert will begin at 2:00pm. The **first 100 guests will get in free**; additional tickets will be on sale at the door for \$18. Red Clay Theatre is located at 3116 Main Street in Duluth. For more information about this year's Fall Into the Arts events, visit [www.gwinnettfallintothearts.org](http://www.gwinnettfallintothearts.org).

### Sign up to volunteer for Great Days of Service

Join the cause and sign up to volunteer for the 14th annual **Gwinnett Great Days of Service** at [www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org](http://www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org). This year's event will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 4 - 5. Volunteers will choose from more than 300 different projects. This annual event offers Gwinnett residents the opportunity to donate their time and energy to doing community service and helping those in need.



One of the largest volunteer initiatives in the United States, Gwinnett Great Days of Service enables local nonprofit organizations, schools, and churches to enhance their services in the community. Last year, 80,000 volunteers for Gwinnett Great Days of Service completed more than 300 community projects including staffing community events, painting and repairing buildings, installing playground sets, and cleaning up nature trails.

The event is hosted by the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services in partnership with United Way of North Metro Atlanta. For more information, visit [www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org](http://www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org).

### The revolution is coming...



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*.

Beginning **Friday, October 11 at 7:00pm** and running around the clock until **Saturday, October 12 at 7:00pm**, the center will host **Pet Revolution** at the shelter. This event will include several 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, food, and lots of fun!

For more information, please call 770.339.3200 or visit

[www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com](http://www.gwinnettanimalcontrol.com).

### Gwinnett seniors get free admission to school-sponsored events

School is back in full swing again and with it comes football, baseball, school plays, and more. If you are a Gwinnett County resident who is 65 or older, you can enjoy these great activities for free!

Gwinnett County Public Schools offers a pass that gives seniors access to any school-sponsored athletic or fine arts event. These passes are not valid for regional or state competitions. For details on how to apply for a pass, please call 678.301.7274.

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