



Richard Steele
Tax Commissioner



Vol. 11.3 • Summer 2015

Tax & Tag News

What's Inside

**Understanding Your
2015 Tax Bill**
Page 02

**New Legislation
Effective July 1**
Page 03

**Our New Website
Has Launched!**
Page 03



2015 Property Tax Bills due October 15

The 2015 property tax bills will be mailed by August 15 with a single-installment due date of October 15. Taxpayers may choose to make partial payments as long as the total due is paid by October 15.

There are several options for property tax payment:

- Pay online by check, credit or debit card at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.
 - Pay by check for free.
 - Pay by debit card for a \$3.95 flat fee.
 - Pay by credit card for a 2.29% convenience fee.
- Mail payments to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.
- Pay by check using drop boxes 24 hours a day at all Tax Commissioner offices.
- Pay in person during business hours at all Tax Commissioner offices.

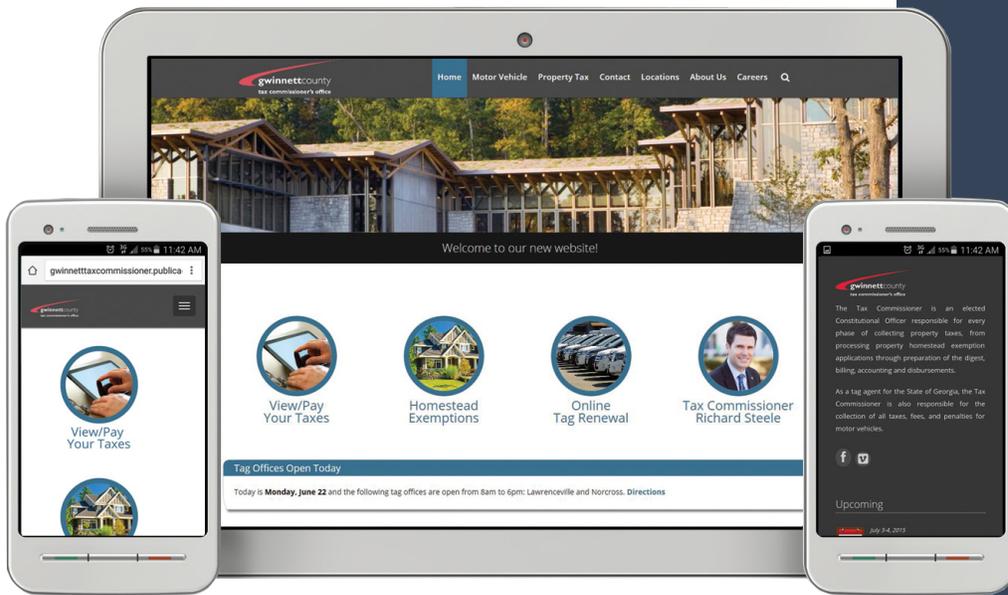
If you have an escrow account, your property tax information will be made available to your mortgage company; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure taxes are paid. If you have questions about whether your mortgage company will be paying your taxes, contact them directly, especially if the company has recently changed.

Taxes not paid by the due date will accrue interest at a rate of 1% per month. Any amount remaining 90 days after the due date will be assessed an additional 10% penalty.

To see 2015 tax amounts, access your property tax information on our website, or contact the office at tax@gwinnettcounty.com or 770-822-8800.

Check out our newly-redesigned site!

Our new website has launched and it's even better than before. In addition to a completely new look, it's mobile responsive, making it even easier to pay property tax and renew your motor vehicle registration from your phones and tablets!



New Motor Vehicle Legislation Effective July 1

- **Georgia House Bill 100** - Allows vehicle owners whose vehicles fail an emissions test to receive a 30-day Temporary Operating Permit; however, the vehicle must have liability insurance, and all other taxes, penalties or fees must be paid.
- **Georgia House Bill 147** - Allows vehicle owners to register a brand new vehicle for two years.
 - The two-year registration option is given during the initial registration for a \$40 fee (standard plates only).
 - "Brand new" means the vehicle has never been the subject of a sale at retail to the general public.
 - Only for passenger cars designed to carry 10 passengers or less.
- **Georgia House Bill 170** - Creates new Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) and Highway Impact fees.
 - AFVs are vehicles fueled solely by electricity, natural gas, propane, bi-fuel, dual fuel (which includes flex fuel vehicles) or plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles.
 - All of these AFVs are eligible for the Alternative Fuel license plate (*shown below*).
 - The new, yearly Alternative Fuel fee applies to vehicles that operate solely on electricity **or** plug-in hybrids and flex fuel vehicles if they have the Alternative Fuel license plate.
 - Non-commercial AFVs: \$200
 - Commercial AFVs: \$300
 - The new annual Highway Impact fees are for all motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) rating of 15,500 pounds or more, and they apply to commercial and non-commercial vehicles.
 - GVW rating between 15,500 and 26,000 pounds: \$50
 - GVW rating of 26,001 pounds or more: \$100



Relay For Life 2015

It was another great year for our Gwinnett Tax Team! Our goal was \$3,000 and we exceeded that by **\$992!** The 2015 total for all 249 Gwinnett teams was **\$1,783,475.53.**

This year, our team's theme was the tropical "Wave Goodbye to Cancer," and most of the money was raised by holding bake sales, "dress-down" days and by participating in both the Gwinnett Gladiators' and Gwinnett Braves' Relay weekends.

We're already looking forward to an even better 2016!



Looking Ahead



All Tax Commissioner offices will be closed **Monday, September 7** for Labor Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday for normal business hours except the North Gwinnett tag office which is open Wednesday through Saturday.



Property tax bills due **Wednesday, October 15.**

Locations and Contacts

Property Tax Office

Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center
75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6935

Monday - Friday
8am - 5pm

Lawrenceville Tag Office

750 South Perry St, 1st floor
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Monday - Thursday
8am - 6pm

Norcross Tag Office

5030 Georgia Belle Ct, Ste 1013
Norcross, GA 30093

Monday - Thursday
8am - 6pm

Peachtree Corners Tag Office

6135 Peachtree Pkwy, Ste 201B
Norcross, GA 30092

Tuesday - Friday
8am - 6pm

Snellville Tag Office

2845 Lenora Church Road
Snellville, GA 30078

Tuesday - Friday
8am - 6pm

North Gwinnett Tag Office

2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard
Buford, GA 30519

Wednesday - Saturday
8am - 6pm

Motor Vehicle Call Center

Agents available 8am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

tag@gwinnettcounty.com
770-822-8818

Property Tax Call Center

Agents available 8am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

tax@gwinnettcounty.com
770-822-8800

Tax & Tag News

Copy, Layout and Design:

Alexis.Stryker@gwinnettcounty.com

Editor:

Paula.Ashmore@gwinnettcounty.com