

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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February 2024



Hello!

February brings us so many amazing opportunities to get involved! With Black History Month, the upcoming 2024 Elections, and Gwinnett 101, this month gives us plenty of chances to stay informed, be engaged, and have fun. It also happens to be my birthday month and this year I'm "the answer to life, the universe, and everything" (a reference for my fellow nerds who know the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy).

Remember, feel free to reach out to me at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com) to schedule a call or virtual meeting if you'd like to chat. I value your feedback on how I've been representing you or if there's anything more I could do.

## What's New in District 2

### Participate in the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study

Interested in a more vibrant and walkable community in Southwest Gwinnett? Drop in to share your thoughts on the Mountain Park Revitalization Plan at a design workshop on Tuesday, February 27, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Mountain Park First Baptist Church, Building C, located at 5485 Five Forks Trickum Road in Stone Mountain.

The Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study is funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative program and aims to enhance safety and connectivity for those who walk, bike, and ride transit in the study area.

The study will identify opportunities to revive two areas of development:

- Rockbridge Road at Five Forks Trickum Road
- Killian Hill Road at Five Forks Trickum Road

To learn more about the study, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessStudy](https://GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessStudy).

### Listen to Conversations with Ku

Check out Conversations with Ku, my monthly podcast, where I dive into County initiatives, Board decisions, upcoming events, and a variety of other topics. You can find the podcast on [GwinnettCounty.com](https://GwinnettCounty.com) and on your favorite streaming platform.

This month, I'll be interviewing my District 3 colleague, Commissioner Jasper Watkins III. We'll discuss county initiatives he's passionate about and dive deep into his servant leadership of District 3. You won't want to miss it!

I would love to hear from you or answer questions about District 2. Feel free to email me at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com) and your question may be read on the podcast. Also, if there is someone you'd like me to interview, or a topic you'd like me to cover, please let me know.



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### Advance voting starts on February 19

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the March 12 Presidential Preference Primary. Registered voters can vote in advance in person every day, including weekends, through



March 8 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the [Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and nine advance voting locations around the county.](#)

Voting by mail is another option available for voters. You can request an absentee by mail ballot for the March 12 election now through Friday, March 1. Please [complete the absentee ballot application form online](#) or call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678.226.7210 to request an application.

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the Secretary of [State's My Voter Page.](#)

### **Votación adelantada empieza el 19 de Febrero**

Los votantes no están limitados al día de las elecciones para emitir su voto para las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial del 12 de Marzo. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, hasta el 8 de Marzo de 7:00am a 7:00pm en la [Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en nueve lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado.](#)

La votación por correo es otra opción disponible para los votantes. Puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las elecciones del 12 de Marzo desde ahora hasta el Viernes 1 de Marzo. [Complete el formulario de solicitud de boleta de voto ausente en línea](#) llame a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett al 678.226.7210 para solicitar una aplicación.

Para verificar el estado de su inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación, visita [Mi página de Votante de la Secretaría de Estado](#)

## **Happening Around Gwinnett**

### **Celebrate Black History Month with Gwinnett**

Gwinnett County invites you to celebrate Black History Month at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center! This year's theme is Black Arts and Culture in Gwinnett. Throughout February, we'll be commemorating the achievements, contributions, and history of Gwinnett's Black residents. Through music, dance, literature, poetry, and more, we'll explore the beautiful and awe-inspiring story about the Black experience in Gwinnett and the greater United States. Visit our Black History Month Exhibit, open to the public for the entire month of February during normal business hours in the GJAC Atrium. Then, join us for an evening of music, food, and dance at our Black History Month Celebration on Tuesday, February 20 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.



Reserve your spot at [GwinnettCounty.com/BHMCelebration.](#)



### **Georgia DOT grant funds road resurfacing**

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners approved an application for another Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. This grant will fund the resurfacing of more than 35 miles of roadways in Gwinnett County. The Georgia Department of Transportation will contribute \$7.6 million with a local match of \$2.3 million from the 2017 SPLOST Program.

To learn more about how your pennies are working in Gwinnett, visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com.](#)

### **Apply for the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy**

Get a behind-the-scenes look on how Gwinnett County Government operates by enrolling in the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy! During this 12-week program, participants will get an in-depth look at County operations, meet local leaders, and tour County facilities. The academy is held twice a year and aims to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County.



This is a wonderful opportunity and has created 4/5 of your Gwinnett commissioners! Get to know our county and what a massive undertaking it is, and bond with fellow residents to see why Gwinnett County is known worldwide!

To be considered for the spring term, apply at [Gwinnett101.com](#) by Friday, March 1.



### **Become a lifeguard**

Looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning park system. Enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities while learning lifesaving skills and boosting your fitness level. Pay starts at \$17.32 per hour, and training is free. Part-time and seasonal positions are available at our five year-round aquatic centers and four seasonal pools. Learn more at [GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard](http://GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard).

## **Special Events and Happenings**

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn more about upcoming events.

### **Trek Your Heart**

**Friday, February 16 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm**

Free! Join us for an event where we'll track our steps on the indoor track. Learn about the heart and at-home workouts as well as enjoy healthy refreshments. [Register online](#). Ages 50 and up. Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

### **Super Science**

**Friday, February 23 from 10:00am to 11:00am**

Put on your lab coat and become a mad scientist! Explore wacky science experiments each month. [Register online](#). Fee: \$5 per child. Ages 2-5. Adult/guardian must accompany children. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Tutoring & Homework Assistance**

**Saturday, February 24 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Do you need help with your homework or want to enhance your academic skills? Join us for peer-led sessions in math, reading, and writing in an engaging learning environment. [Register online](#). Age 5-11. Fee: \$5. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

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