

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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March 2024



Hello!

Happy March! This month is full of exciting events like Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. There are so many ways to get involved in our community! Whether it's attending a town hall, or joining a County event, this month brings plenty of opportunities to stay informed and have fun.

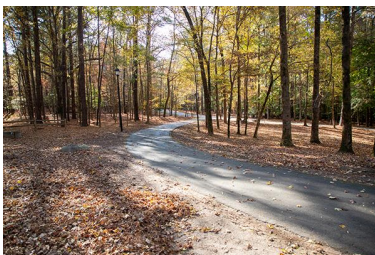
Earlier this month, I participated in the Snellville Youth Commission's "Money Matters" roundtable event alongside other elected officials and non-profits.

I shared my experience with the Youth Commissioners about managing the County's funds and explained how the budget is managed between the County and cities.

Remember, feel free to reach out to me at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com) for all your district needs and 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



### County to break ground at Singleton Park on March 28

Commissioners gave the green light to build Singleton Park and Greenway in unincorporated Norcross. The new 1.58-acre park will meet the community's diverse needs and preferences with recreational and accessibility features, including open leisure spaces, a playground, a multimodal trail, shade structures, and a Ride Gwinnett stop.

F.S. Scarborough LLC was awarded the contract. The \$6.3 million project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, a Governor's Office grant, 2017 SPLOST programs, and a CARES Act Community Development Block Grant.

Visit [GwinnettSPLOST.com](https://GwinnettSPLOST.com) to learn more about SPLOST.

### 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'm joined by Gwinnett County District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III to highlight the achievements he's most proud of during his first term as a County Commissioner. He also shared the many ways his life as a husband, father, pharmacist, and decorated

military veteran guides his servant leadership within District 3 and the greater Gwinnett County area. As always, he encourages us to Believe In Gwinnett or as he would say, to be "BIG"!

I would love to hear from you or answer questions about District 2 or Gwinnett County Government. 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.



## CONVERSATIONS WITH KU



### Apply for the Gwinnett Youth Commission

Gwinnett is accepting applications for the 2024 – 2025 Gwinnett Youth Commission term! This yearlong program gives high school students the opportunity to learn the ways they can affect change in their community, get a behind-the-scenes look at how local government works, and get to know County officials. The class is limited to 30 youth leaders each cycle. Applications must be received no later than April 5 to be considered. Applicants interested in GYC can learn more and [apply online](#). Please email [Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com) with any questions.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson delivers State of the County address

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson addressed hundreds of business owners, residents, and other stakeholders during her fourth State of the County address.



Hendrickson reflected on her journey with the County and recognized the efforts of many to make Gwinnett a benchmark community. With investments in public safety, human services, infrastructure and quality of life that make Gwinnett a desirable destination for families and businesses, she said the County has ensured the strength of its fundamentals and never wavered in its commitment to outstanding service delivery.

Key takeaways from the speech include expanding mobility options for Gwinnett residents, increasing access to affordable housing, and investing in Gwinnett's youth.

Read the [full speech](#) or watch [the video](#).



### Gwinnett County looking for poll officials

The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds — including bilingual poll officials — who want to gain valuable work experience and earn up to \$440 per election.

Citizens who want to be involved in the electoral process are invited to attend Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring event Monday, March 25 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Centerville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

During the event, attendees must complete an I-9 form and bring the required original identification documents for verification. For more upcoming hiring events, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com). If you are unable to attend a poll official hiring event, apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### El Condado de Gwinnett busca trabajadores electorales

La División de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, incluidos trabajadores electorales bilingües, que quieran adquirir una valiosa experiencia laboral y ganar hasta \$440 por elección.

Los ciudadanos que quieran participar en el proceso electoral están invitados a asistir al próximo evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales del condado de Gwinnett el Lunes 18 de Marzo de 4:00pm a 7:00pm en el George Pierce Park Gym, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee.

Durante el evento, los asistentes deberán completar un formulario I-9 y traer los documentos de

identificación originales requeridos para su verificación. Para más eventos de contratación próximos, visita [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com). Si no puede asistir a un evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales, aplica en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com)

### **Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1**

Reduce your property tax bill by applying for a homestead exemption! Owners who occupied their home as their primary residence as of January 1 may qualify for an exemption this year. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply. Homestead exemption also makes you eligible for Gwinnett's Value Offset Exemption! For more information and to apply, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply).



## **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **Sensory Underwater Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 23 from 9:00am to 11:00am**

Experience a quiet, fun-filled egg hunt at the Bethesda Park Aquatic Center. Pool water features will be turned off, and lights will be dimmed for swimmers with sensory sensitivities. Enjoy prizes, games, crafts, and light snacks. Bring your own water-friendly basket for hunting! Children ages 6 years and under must be accompanied in the water by an adult. [Register online](#) by Wednesday, March 20. All Ages. Fee includes one free adult admission: \$12 for Gwinnett residents and \$23 for non-residents. Bethesda Park Aquatic Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Egg-stravaganza Play Day**

**Friday, April 5 from 10:00am to 12:00pm**

Join us for a free Egg-stravaganza Play Day at the Bethesda Park Community Garden. Hosted by Be Active Gwinnett, this event celebrates the springtime with egg-stravagant fun, face painting, games, and more! [Register online](#). Ages 3 and up. Bethesda Park, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Mommy & Me Rock'n Spring**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Celebrate Earth Day! Make a pet rock and enjoy fun activities and refreshments. [Register online](#). Ages 2-5. Fee: \$4.00 for Gwinnett residents. Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

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