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**BICENTENNIAL TORCH RELAY TOUR
CONTINUES JOURNEY AROUND GWINNETT**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 16, 2018) – Gwinnett County’s bicentennial torch made its debut at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse last Dec. 15 and has since been on display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Lawrenceville City Hall and the Collins Hill and Lawrenceville branch libraries. Now housed at Lucky Shoals Park, the torch will next travel to Lilburn City Hall on March 21 as it continues a yearlong, 200-mile tour of the county.

Students from various local high schools along with the occasional local dignitary carry the LED-powered torch. The torch relay was suggested by Bicentennial Advisory Committee member and Lawrenceville Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson.

Johnson said, “As the torch is carried to historical sites, I hope the past is illuminated; when the torch stops at city halls, I hope the present is illuminated; and as the torch is carried by young runners, I hope the future is illuminated.”

The bicentennial torch represents the goodwill and connection between communities. The relay represents Gwinnett’s journey from 1818 to today, evolving from a largely agrarian community to one of the fastest growing, most diverse counties in the Southeast.

Gwinnett Board Chairman Charlotte Nash said, “My fellow commissioners and I are very excited about the bicentennial’s potential to get residents involved with their local government. The torch relay gives students the opportunity to contribute to the celebration.”

The runners will carry the torch to various historic sites, public facilities and cities in Gwinnett and a traveling history exhibit will accompany it to many locations. The torch relay will end at the County’s 200th Birthday Celebration on Dec. 15 at the Infinite Energy Center.

To follow the Gwinnett County Bicentennial Torch Relay, view photos from the torch’s journey and learn about other Gwinnett 200 events, visit www.Gwinnett200.com.

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Note: *Tour schedule follows on next page.*

Bicentennial Torch Relay Schedule

<u>Location</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
<i>Lawrenceville City Hall</i>	<i>1/24</i>	<i>2/6</i>
<i>Collins Hill Branch Library</i>	<i>2/6</i>	<i>2/14</i>
<i>Gwinnett Historic Courthouse</i>	<i>2/14</i>	<i>2/28</i>
<i>Lawrenceville Branch Library</i>	<i>2/28</i>	<i>3/12</i>
Lucky Shoals Park	3/12	3/21
Lilburn City Hall/Lilburn Branch Library	3/21	4/9
Bethesda Park Senior Center	4/9	4/10
Georgia Gwinnett College	4/10	4/12
Bethesda Park Senior Center	4/12	4/25
Mountain Park Branch Library	4/25	5/7
Centerville Senior Center	5/7	5/15
Lenora Park	5/15	5/30
Snellville City Hall	5/30	6/7
Loganville City Hall	6/7	6/15
Grayson City Hall	6/15	6/27
Dacula City Hall	6/27	7/9
Elisha Winn House	7/9	7/18
Auburn City Hall	7/18	7/30
Braselton Heritage Center	7/30	8/8
Hamilton Mill Branch Library	8/8	8/15
Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center	8/15	8/27
Bogan Park	8/27	9/6
Buford City Hall	9/6	9/17
Sugar Hill City Hall	9/17	9/25
George Pierce Park	9/25	10/2
Suwanee City Hall	10/2	10/15
Pinckneyville Park	10/15	10/23
Berkeley Lake City Hall	10/23	11/1
Peachtree Corners City Hall	11/1	11/12
Norcross City Hall	11/12	11/26
McDaniel Farm Park	11/26	12/3
Shorty Howell Park	12/3	12/10
Duluth City Hall	12/10	12/15
Infinite Energy Center	12/15	12/21