

Community Outreach NEWS

March 2021

Greetings!

Gwinnett Community Outreach promotes strategic communications and outreach with diverse constituencies and coordinates cultural events and programs to encourage and empower residents to be more informed and involved with Gwinnett County Government. Community Outreach News is one way we are able to stay vibrantly connected with our diverse community.

Engagement Opportunities



Applications open for Gwinnett Youth Commission through April 12

High schoolers can apply for the next Gwinnett Youth Commission through Monday, April 12. The Gwinnett Youth Commission is a program to develop youth leaders to speak on behalf of their peers, help County government leaders better understand youth issues, plan community events, and participate in volunteer projects.

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors can take part in the Gwinnett Youth Commission, which consists of an eight-week training session and a graduation, at which participants are sworn-in as youth commissioners.

To be eligible for the commission, students must be a resident of Gwinnett County, be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior at a Gwinnett high school, and submit a completed [application](#) and a typed essay by the April 12 deadline.

Weekly sessions are expected to take place in person; however, to keep everyone safe and allow for social distancing, the class size will be reduced to 15 participants. Masks will be required.

High schoolers can get more information about the program, along with the application, on the [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) webpage or at [GwinnettCommunityOutreach.com](#).

Celebrate Women's History Month

In celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, Gwinnett County recognized the women who represent and lead within Gwinnett County Government throughout the month of March.

Our celebration kicked off with a special message from Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson, one of the many female trailblazers who make Gwinnett a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. In addition, we highlighted women from different County departments and leadership levels who exemplified this year's theme, **#GwinnettWomenLead**.



Check out the County's [social media pages](#) to watch Chairwoman Hendrickson's message and see the highlights. Also, join the conversation on social media by using **#GwinnettWomenLead**.

In the spirit of celebrating women this month, please consider picking up a few feminine hygiene products this weekend to donate to local elementary and middle schools. State Representative Jasmine Clark is hosting a **Feminine Hygiene Drive**, Sunday, **March 28 from noon to 2:00pm at Mountain Park Park, located at 5050 Five Forks Trickum Road SW, Lilburn**. They are accepting donations of pads, tampons, leggings, and shorts.

BOC still accepting applications for board/authority vacancies

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners still has vacancies for several board and authority appointments, including:

District 1: Hospital Authority

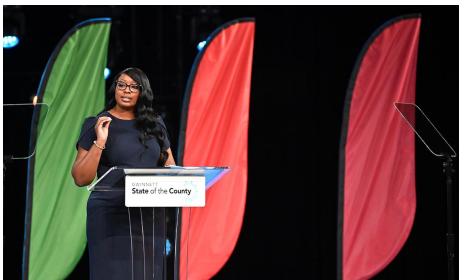
District 2: Historical Reservation and Preservation Board, Board of Tax Assessors, Family & Childrens Services Board, Animal Control Hearing Board

To see all vacancies and apply to serve on a board, authority, or committee, visit the [Apply to Serve](#) webpage.

AAP Community Conversation: March 30 at 6:00pm

Mark your calendars for a community conversation with Congresswoman Carolyn Bourdeaux (Dist. 7 – GA), Gwinnett County Commission Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson, Gwinnett Police Deputy Chief J.D. McClure, and Center for Pan Asian Community Services Vice President Victoria Huynh in response to the recent tragic events affecting the AAP community. This virtual conversation will take place **Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00pm**. Be sure to follow Gwinnett County's social media pages @GwinnettGov for more details on how to join in the conversation.

News Worth Sharing



Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers first State of the County Address

In her first State of the County address Gwinnett County Commission Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson on March 3 lauded the County's pursuit of excellence called the "Gwinnett Standard."

"You may not have heard the phrase the 'Gwinnett Standard,' but I can guarantee you've felt it," Hendrickson said. "What's normal here would be awesome almost

anyplace else. What's ordinary in Gwinnett is extraordinary elsewhere."

Video of the speech is available [on demand](#) and will air frequently on the County's government access cable channels of Charter, Comcast, and AT&T- U-verse. Read the [text version](#) of the speech and the [handout](#) highlighting the previous year's accomplishments.

Images from the event may be viewed on [Flickr](#). View a list of Gwinnett County's [2020 accomplishments](#).

County extends emergency rental assistance program

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners recently announced that the County will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to launch an extension of its Project RESET eviction prevention program.

Project RESET — developed last fall by Chief Magistrate Kristina Hammer Blum, District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque and HomeFirst Gwinnett's Matt Elder — used CARES Act funding to make past-due rent payments directly to landlords in order to prevent imminent evictions and keep tenants stably housed. As of March 12, the program has assisted 849 households with more than \$3.75 million in rental assistance for those affected by COVID-19.

The extension will allow applicants to seek financial support for past-due utility payment assistance as well as past-due rent.

Applications for this program will open in late April. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances.

Tenants and landlords interested in participating in this program can access the Frequently Asked Questions at GCGA.us/RentalAssistance to learn more about the program and begin collecting required documents for the application submission.

Households in immediate need are encouraged to seek resources currently available in the community at GCGA.us/COVID19Resources.

Find vaccine information

The Georgia Department of Public Health has the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccines.

The [state's COVID-19 vaccination page](#) includes a [Vaccine Locator tool](#) to find sites that are currently providing vaccinations; a status

dashboard where you can see data about the amount of vaccines allocated, shipped, and administered to Georgians; and a list of locations where appointments are available.

All Georgians 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. You can pre-register for vaccination at one of the state's mass vaccination sites at [MyVaccineGeorgia.com](https://www.myvaccinegeorgia.com).



If you're looking for a [COVID-19 vaccination site near you](#), be sure to check back often as the participating vaccine site locations list will be updated frequently. Additional locations statewide will be added when providers are ready to safely administer the vaccine, and as vaccine supply allows.



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