

# Community Outreach NEWS

June 2021

Hello Silvia,

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.

June is **National Pride Month**, which honors LGBTQ+ activists and community leaders, commemorates LGBTQ+ history, and recognizes the valuable contributions that LGBTQ+ individuals make to our county and our nation.

## Engagement Opportunities



### Gwinnett thrives with Pride!

Gwinnett County Government celebrates Pride Month and affirms our commitment to ensuring that all Gwinnett County residents, regardless of sexual orientation, race, or gender, are able to thrive in our vibrantly connected community.

To celebrate, the County will host the inaugural **Pride Party**, which will take place **Monday, June 28 from 11:00am to 1:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center plaza. This event will feature a proclamation presentation designating Pride Month in Gwinnett County, food trucks, and music. For more details about this event, call 770.822.8877 or email [Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com).

In addition, the Office of Community Outreach is partnering with Lost-n-Found to host a donation drive throughout the month to support LGBTQ+ homeless youth. Lost-n-Found is an Atlanta-based nonprofit that exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) and all sexual minority youth.

To donate, view [Lost-n-Found's online wish list](#) and consider making a purchase to directly support our LGBTQ+ homeless youth.

Follow the celebration campaign on our social media pages, and use **#GwinnettThrivesWithPride** to share what Pride Month means to you.

### Library Pride Month events

The Gwinnett County Public Library is also **premiering several virtual events** that you can watch on the Library's [YouTube Channel](#) at your convenience:

- Culture Craft –We're the Same but Different Too
- LGBTQ+ Heroes, Icons, Legends & Events: What's Pride?
- Pride Comes in all Colors: Meanings of the colors in the Pride Flag
- Premieres June 19: Pride Storytime – To celebrate families with LGBTQ+ members (ages 3 – 6)
- Premieres June 24: Read with Pride – LGBTQ+ Fiction Through the Years

### Juneteenth commemoration includes soil collection ceremony, family friendly festival

The Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition, in partnership with Gwinnett County Government, the city of Lawrenceville, and the Gwinnett Historical Restoration & Preservation Board, will host a Soil Collection Ceremony to honor the memory of Charles Hale, **Saturday, June 19 at 10:00am at the corner of West Pike Street and Perry Street in downtown Lawrenceville**. On April 8, 1911, Hale was pulled from a



local jail and hung from a pole at the ceremony site while a mob of 200 watched. Hale was accused of assaulting a prominent married white woman.

After the soil collection ceremony, the United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and Gwinnett County Government will celebrate Juneteenth with a day of fun for the entire family at **Rhodes Jordan Park** from **11:00am to 4:00pm**. This year's Juneteenth Festival includes historical presentations, performances, music, games, and food trucks. Rhodes Jordan Park is located at 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



### **Gwinnett 101 Fall 2021 applications due July 5**

There's still time to apply for the next Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy session. The fall 2021 cohort takes place August 26 through November 16. Submit your application online at [www.gwinnett101.com](http://www.gwinnett101.com) before the July 5 deadline.

### **Gwinnett Police accepts applications for Youth Police Academy**

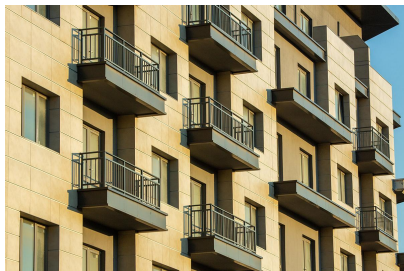
The Gwinnett Police Department is now accepting applications for its summer Youth Police Academy happening in July. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the Gwinnett Police Department's role in the community and the services it provides. The YPA is free of charge and is open to all students who will be enrolled in middle school or high school in Gwinnett County as of August 2021. Each student must successfully pass the application process to attend the YPA.

Each YPA is a one-week session, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm:

- July 12 – 16 is for current or upcoming middle school students (grades 6 -- 8)
- July 19– 23 is for current or upcoming high school students (grades 9 -- 12)

The deadline to apply for the summer YPA is Wednesday, June 23. If you are selected to participate, you will receive a letter from the Community Affairs Section sent to the address on your [application](#). For more information and to access the Youth Police Academy Packet which includes guidelines, waiver, and forms click [here](#). You may also contact Sergeant Eric Rooks at 770.513.5119 or [William.Rooks@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:William.Rooks@GwinnettCounty.com).

## **News Worth Sharing**



### **Apply for Project Reset 2.0 emergency rental assistance program**

Applications are still open for Project RESET 2.0, which will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support struggling renters in our community. The program offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. 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 Project RESET 2.0 application portal and program resources at [GCGA.us/RentalAssistance](http://GCGA.us/RentalAssistance). Interested parties can also contact the Project Reset 2.0 Call Center at 770.822.7501.

### **Summer meals program feeds kids at 25 sites this summer**

Gwinnett County is helping ease hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to feed Gwinnett's children during the summer. The Gwinnett Summer Meals program will provide free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years of age and younger at County parks, libraries, and other locations beginning June 1. Meals are also available for adults 19 years of age and older with physical or mental disabilities who are enrolled in a school-based program.



Parents or children can pick up nutritious meals from 25 locations around the county. Meals can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm while supplies last.

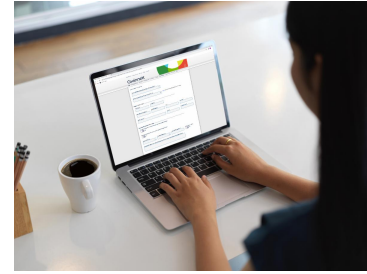
Site volunteers are also needed at each location; visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) to sign up.

Additionally, emergency meal kits and information will be available at each of the summer meals sites for residents ages 60 and older who need assistance with hunger, health, or mobility.

For more information, visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](http://GwinnettSummerMeals.com) or call 770.822.8840.

### Apply to serve on the Recreation Authority

District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque is looking for applicants to serve on the Recreation Authority. If you live in District 4 and are interested in getting involved, visit [GCGA.us/ApplytoServe](http://GCGA.us/ApplytoServe).



### Be on the lookout for confirmation notice from Elections Office

Some voters may receive a confirmation notice including a form from Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections. If you receive this notice, please complete and submit the form within 30 days so your voter registration will be updated and you will remain in an Active Status. A postage paid envelope is included in the mailer.

If you choose not to complete and return the form, your registration will NOT be canceled. You will still be eligible to vote even if you are moved to an Inactive Status. Voters most likely received this confirmation because a piece of official election mail was returned undeliverable to the Elections Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections at 678.226.7210 or email [VoterRegistration@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:VoterRegistration@GwinnettCounty.com).



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