

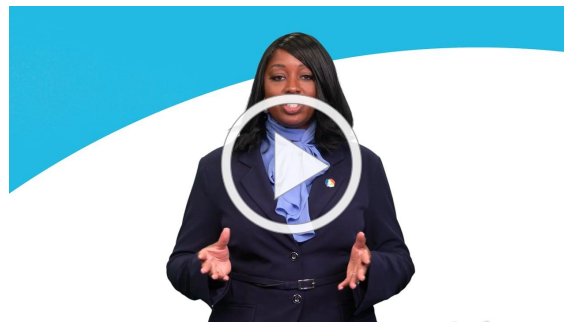
# Community Outreach NEWS

May 2022

## Greetings!

Gwinnett County is home to Georgia's largest Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Every year during May, we celebrate AAPI residents who enrich our dynamic community and contribute their time, talent, heritage, and culture to the vibrant fabric of Gwinnett.

This year's theme is **Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration**, which means we're highlighting the contributions of Gwinnett's elected and appointed officials and community leaders whose hearts for service address the needs of both the AAPI community and Gwinnett County at large. Please view a special greeting from Chairwoman Hendrickson in recognition of AAPI Heritage Month.



## Gwinnett celebrates its vibrant AAPI community



Experience this year's theme by touring a **self-guided exhibit** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. The exhibit will also feature a **Great Little Minds book exchange** that showcases AAPI books for kids under 8. Families can grab a book or donate their favorite book written by AAPI authors or covering topics relevant to the AAPI cultural experience.

Also, join us for our annual **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** celebration on **Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza. The celebration will include free food, performances by a K-Pop band, a traditional Lion dance and a Hula dance, along with remarks from the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and members of the AAPI community. Register to attend at [GCGA.us/AAPICelebration](https://GCGA.us/AAPICelebration). The event will also [stream live on Facebook @GwinnettGov](#).

## Join in a community gathering to discuss mental health

Join District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque, in partnership with ViewPoint Health, GUIDE Inc., and the Georgia Asian Times, for a **community gathering to**

**discuss mental health** in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month.

Recent challenges — including the COVID-19 pandemic and violence targeting Asian Americans — have had a negative impact on mental well-being. Participate in a conversation with expert panelists about mental health among the Asian American community, and learn about available resources and programs. [Click here](#) to register for this event.



## Multicultural Festival returns May 14



We're happy to announce the return of the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival on **Saturday, May 14** at Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth!

Join County staff to celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich our community and the vibrant people from around the world who call Gwinnett home.

Guests can expect folkloric and traditional dances, musical performances, and community displays. Kids' activities include face paintings, bounce houses, and obstacle courses.

The festival will also serve as a County government open house for residents to explore the many services and programs available to them. Police officers, firefighters, and paramedics from Gwinnett Police and Fire and Emergency Services will display their equipment and specialized vehicles. Police will also offer free car seat checks during the event.

The festival is free to everyone and will run from **10:00am to 2:00pm at the Gwinnett Place Mall, located at 2100 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.**

For more information about the festival, contact the Community Affairs Section at 770.513.5119.



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