

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 1 with  
Commissioner Carden

February 2022



Greetings!

February is full of opportunities to celebrate our vibrantly connected community, including Lunar New Year and Black History Month. Whether in-person or remotely, I hope you get to spend time celebrating with your family, friends, and loved ones.

Learn more about how Gwinnett is celebrating below.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Celebrate Black History Month with Gwinnett

February is Black History Month! It's a time to reflect on the contributions Black Americans have made to our country, state, and county. This year's Black History Month theme is "Black Health and Wellness," recognizing the legacy and impact of Black medical professionals and health care practitioners.

Join us **Thursday, February 24 at 6:00pm** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center for food, performances, remarks, and more in celebration of our Black community. Masks are required.



### Masks required in County facilities

Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson signed a [renewal of a Local Emergency Order](#) requiring face masks or coverings to be worn in all facilities that are owned or leased by the County. The Local Emergency Order is effective through Friday, February 25.

Over the past two weeks, more than 18,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in Gwinnett County. The surge of positive cases has not only affected residents and private businesses — it has also impacted County government. Learn about exceptions and other details on the [County's website](#).

### Dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes on February 12

Do you have hard-to-dispose-of items like paints, pesticides, and batteries stacking up around your home? Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful is partnering with the Gwinnett Water Resources to host the seventh annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, February 12**.



The event is from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. The event is at no cost to residents. For a complete list of acceptable items and guidelines or to volunteer, visit [GwinnettCB.org/Event/HHW](http://GwinnettCB.org/Event/HHW). For more information or questions, visit [Gwinnett2o.com](http://Gwinnett2o.com) or [GwinnettCB.org/Events](http://GwinnettCB.org/Events).

**Commissioner Watkins hosts vaccine incentive event in**



### southern Gwinnett

Commissioner Watkins is hosting the Healthy, Vibrant, and Vaxed walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic Saturday, February 26 from 9:00am to 7:00pm at the Lenora Park Gym, located at 4515 Lenora Church Road in Snellville.

Vaccines will be available to eligible people ages 5 and up. All three authorized vaccine types — Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson — will be available onsite. Those who receive a COVID-19 vaccine during the event will receive an incentive while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis. Keep an eye on [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) and follow @GwinnettGov on [social media](#) for more information.

### County seeking volunteer CPA for Audit Committee

The County is looking for a volunteer to serve on our Audit Committee. This person **must be a practicing internal auditor or CPA**. The Audit Committee oversees the County's external and internal audit functions. The committee also promotes adherence to policies at all levels and encourages continuous improvement in the control environment.

If you're interested, please reach out to me at [Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Kirkland.Carden@GwinnettCounty.com). Know someone who might be the right fit? Please share this newsletter with them.

## What's New in District 1

### Apply by February 11 to start your career with Gwinnett

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the Career From Here hiring event on **February 25 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** in Duluth. View available careers and submit an application on [GCGA.us/HiringEvents](http://GCGA.us/HiringEvents) by **February 11** to be considered for an onsite interview. During the event, you can network with current employees, learn about opportunities with the County, have your resume reviewed, and more.



The event will take place at the Gas South Convention Center, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.



### Be a part of the next Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy cohort

You can now recycle glass at another location in Gwinnett — Pinckneyville Park. This is the second drop-off glass recycling location that the County will offer through our pilot program. The first site, located in the parking lot of OneStop Norcross at 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross, opened in October and has already diverted 4.2 tons of mixed glass from landfills.

Drop off clean, empty glass containers at Pinckneyville Park, located at 4758 South Old Peachtree Road in Peachtree Corners. The clearly marked drop-off container is located by the baseball complex and is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Frequently asked questions about glass recycling can be found on [GwinnettCB.org/Glass-Recycling](http://GwinnettCB.org/Glass-Recycling).

### Standard collection services restored for Republic Services and Waste Management customers

Republic Services and Waste Management have resumed standard collection services including solid waste, recycling, bulky items, and yard waste. The haulers previously suspended some services for residential customers in unincorporated Gwinnett due to a surge in COVID-19 infections among their workforces. [Visit our website](#) for the latest information.



### Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Police Citizens Academy

A new group of Gwinnett County residents will soon get an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at how police officers serve and protect our vibrantly connected community. Gwinnett Police will accept applications for the next [Citizens Police Academy](#) until **Thursday, February 10**. The program will run from March 8 through May 5 on Tuesday and Thursday nights



from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Residents who are interested in joining the academy are encouraged to [complete an application](#) to be considered. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for future CPA sessions. Residents can apply by emailing Sergeant Eric Rooks at [William.Rooks@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:William.Rooks@GwinnettCounty.com) or by mailing P.O. Box 602 Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

### Free at-home COVID-19 tests available

Every home in the United States is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The free rapid antigen at-home tests can be taken anywhere and will give results within 30 minutes. For more information and to order your at-home COVID-19 tests, visit [COVIDTests.gov](https://COVIDTests.gov).

Protect yourself and your friends, family, and others by getting vaccinated and staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines, wearing a well-fitted mask, staying home when you are sick, and testing to prevent spreading the virus to others.



## Special Events and Happenings

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

### Black Heritage Night

**Friday, February 11 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm**

Free! A festival for one and all! Come for cultural education and exposure, and visit vendor booths showcasing African American historical and cultural merchandise. There will be music and food, too! Vendors must [register online](#) or call 678.277.0906 for more information. Shorty Howell Park Activity Building, 2750 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth.

### Stuff-a-Bus Donation Drive

**Monday, February 21 from 6:00am to 8:00pm**

Help Gwinnett County Transit provide necessities for Gwinnett communities in need with our Stuff-A-Bus donation drive. We are aiming to fill an entire GCT bus with canned foods and toiletries. See a [list of accepted food items and toiletries](#). GCT Customer Service Office, 3525 Mall Boulevard, Suite 5C, Duluth.

### Fairytale Drama

**Saturday, February 26 from noon to 1:00pm**

Experience your favorite fairy tales in a whole new way! Act out stories with on-your-feet activities. Costume pieces provided, or come dressed as your favorite character to learn about the enchanting art of drama. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

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