

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

Can you believe school is already back in session? This summer has been full of excitement, but as we head toward fall, there are still plenty of great things to do and places to explore around the county. And don't forget—Gwinnett's aquatic centers have extended and modified summer hours until Labor Day.

I have officially finished my commissioner training and am a certified county commissioner! Usually this process takes years, but I've been working hard to finish in record time. And I was accepted into the 2020 class of Leadership Gwinnett which will help further my education and allow me to serve all of you better. However, because all the training has been taking up my time, I am still behind on emails! So please forgive me if I haven't replied to an email you sent. My office has reviewed it and forwarded to the correct department, but if you think your message may have fallen through the cracks, please feel free to call the office at 770.822.7002.

Also, if you serve as a leader in your community or on a homeowners association board in District 2, please email me at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com. We want to make sure our neighborhoods are informed about future plans for their area.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Back to school bus safety

Now that school is back in session, you've probably encountered school buses on your morning or afternoon commute. You can help keep Gwinnett's children safe by obeying traffic rules and stopping for buses.

[Watch this video](#) from the Gwinnett Police Department for some great info and clarity about when to stop for buses according to the latest legislative changes.

Recycle responsibly

Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management oversees contracted services for residential trash collection and recycling. To get a closer look at one of those contracted services, I recently took a tour of our District 2 recycling facility, and I want to share some of the interesting facts I learned with you.

It's better for the machines if you don't crush bottles and cans. Just put the cap back on the bottle and chuck it in your recycling bin. Also, a good rule of thumb is if a product stretches (like grocery bags or other cellophane), don't put it in the recycling bin. Unfortunately, these kinds of products can't be handled at our recycling facility. If you wish to recycle your grocery bags, you can do what I do and use them as trash bags or take them back to your grocery store where they should be able to recycle them.





Citizens Police Academy applications due August 30

The Gwinnett County Police Department is accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy will run from September 3 to October 24 Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Police is looking for responsible, well-informed residents who want to learn more about their police department.

Examples of topics covered include: crime prevention, communications (E-911), criminal investigations, gangs, K-9,

S.W.A.T, crime scene investigations, aviation, hazardous disposal unit, accident investigation unit, DUI enforcement, active threats, emergency vehicle operations, traffic enforcement, and use of force.

Applications can be downloaded from the Citizens Police Academy Alumni website:

www.gwinnettcpa.com.

I recently got to visit with Gwinnett Police and residents at the latest Coffee with a Cop on August 12. Keep an eye out for more sessions by following @GwinnettPD on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Census Bureau seeking qualified staff for 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is still seeking qualified office staff for local 2020 Census operations, so be sure to apply. These temporary positions offer flexible hours, so you can make some extra money even if you have other commitments. Census data is used to determine our representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in our community is counted in the next census. Apply online at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>.



What's New in District 2



Join DWR to learn about backyard stream restoration

Staff from the Department of Water Resources will be at Ronald Reagan Park Saturday, September 21 from 11:00am to 12:30pm to help residents learn about streambank stabilization, native plants, Gwinnett Adopt-a-Stream, and more! It's also a great opportunity to explore one of your local facilities as the workshop includes a walking tour of Ronald Reagan Park. You can [register online](#), call 678.376.7193, or send an email with your name, address, and phone number to dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com. Ronald Reagan Park is located at 2777 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville.

County libraries offer free state park pass rentals

If you're eager to get out and explore the great outdoors while it's still summertime, you can visit your local library to rent a pass to one of Georgia's beautiful state parks. Through a partnership with Georgia State Parks, Gwinnett County Public Library allows patrons to check out free park passes for a week at a time.

GCPL patrons can use passes for most state parks and outdoor recreation areas, including Amicalola Falls, Black Rock Mountain, Cloudland Canyon, Crooked River, Red Top Mountain, and Tallulah Gorge state parks. Normally, park passes are good for a day and cost \$5 to cover parking. Historic sites charge an admission fee. You won't be able to use the pass for some commercially run state parks. Check with your local library branch for details and availability.



Records Unit opens at West Police Precinct

After a break during June and July, Senior Coffee Club at the Lilburn Activity Building is up and running! Residents ages 50 and up are invited to the activity building on the second Friday of each month to meet their neighbors for a free cup of coffee and breakfast treats. Each month features games, crafts, and a different topic of conversation.

Atlanta Hawks Foundation helps renovate Lucky

Shoals Park

The Atlanta Hawks Foundation and the State Farm Good Neighbor Club are renovating the basketball court and teen area at Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center. Construction is set to begin in mid-August, and the unveiling and court dedication will be held Tuesday, September 10 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road in Norcross.



As part of a 10-year agreement with the Board of Commissioners, the Atlanta Hawks will work with kids who play basketball in Parks and Recreation's Mustang Athletic Program, based at the park. Representatives from State Farm will provide mentoring and tutoring to teens in the park's new activity building.

Special Events and Happenings

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.GwinnettCountyEvents.com.

Rapid HIV Testing

Thursday, August 22, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Complete a confidential test without an appointment and receive your results within 20 minutes. For more information, call 678.990.6430 or visit www.positiveimpacthealthcenters.org. Provided by Positive Impact Health Centers. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

My Money

Saturday, August 24, 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5:30pm. It's never too early to learn how to manage money. It can even save you some confusion and headaches later in life! Play a lifelike computer simulation game designed to teach basic budgeting concepts. Breakfast or lunch included depending on which session you attend. For more information, call 678.902.5239. Instructed by Community Education and Creative Activity Programs. Register online at www.GwinnettHumanServices.com. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Ice Cream Social and Bingo

Saturday, August 24, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Spend a warm summer evening hanging out with friends in a welcoming environment. Non-dairy and sugar free treats will also be available. \$6 per person. All ages and abilities welcome, pre-register online by August 22 with code LAB31201 or pay at the door. Call 678.277.0875 for more information.

Community Health Fair

Saturday, September 7, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Join Live Healthy Gwinnett at a community health fair for health screenings, community resources, speakers, giveaways, and more! Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

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