

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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May 2019



Hello!

This May is a time to reflect on our vibrant population and history with celebrations like Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Ramadan, Older Americans Month, and Memorial Day. Let's all take the time to look around us and appreciate the amazing blend of residents that make up our county. You can also get outside and enjoy the warm weather at one of our beautiful parks while celebrating the future of Gwinnett, our children, on May 18 for Kids to Parks Day! I'll be enjoying the time outside working in my yard, but be mindful that the statewide summer burn ban is back in effect.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Follow Gwinnett on Facebook, Twitter

Gwinnett County Government recently expanded its [social media presence](#), adding several Facebook and Twitter accounts to better inform the public about events, news, tips, and other important things to know. In this latest launch, Gwinnett County Government established pages on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) (@GwinnettGov), Police has added a [Facebook](#) page to complement their [Twitter](#) account (@GwinnettPD), and Fire and Emergency Services has created new [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts (@GwinnettFire). Like and follow our pages to stay vibrantly connected with your local government.



Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Asian Pacific American residents now represent more than 11 percent of the County's population and make great contributions to our economy, culture, and quality of life. The 2019 Asian American Pacific Islander Cultural Display will be on exhibit at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium from May 15 – June 15 featuring artifacts from various countries throughout Asia.

Honor the fallen at the 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony

Remember our fallen military heroes at the 2019 Memorial Ceremony Monday, May 27 at 1:00pm at the Fallen Heroes Memorial. At this year's ceremony, we will remember the life of Gwinnett County Police Officer Antwan D. Toney, who was killed in the line of duty October 20, 2018. The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located outside of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.



Find your new best friend at the Gwinnett Animal Shelter



Two upcoming events at the Gwinnett Animal Shelter offer you the opportunity to adopt a new best friend! On **Saturday, May 25 from 11:00am to 4:00pm**, adoptions are free for heartworm positive dogs at the **Be an Adoption Hero** event. Dogs that have tested heartworm positive can, in most cases, lead a perfectly long and normal life with proper treatment. Gwinnett Animal Welfare provides that treatment and shares in the joy of positive results with adopters.

Then, enjoy **Shelter Pets Rock**, a fun day at the shelter **Saturday, June 8 from 11:00am to 4:00pm** with a DJ, face painter, and local pet-related businesses onsite to provide information.

Also, all June long, cat adoptions will be free in honor of Adopt-a-Cat Month. Without a discount, adoption fees are \$45 for dogs and puppies and \$30 for cats and kittens. All pets adopted at Gwinnett Animal Welfare have been vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped and are ready to go to their new home.

Census Bureau seeking qualified staff for 2020 Census

The U.S Census Bureau is seeking qualified office staff for local 2020 Census operations. These temporary positions feature 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 [here](#).

What's New in District 2



Tag and title services interrupted May 21 to 29

Tag and title services will be interrupted while a new state motor vehicle system is installed. From May 21 to 29, tag renewals will be unavailable online and at kiosks; from May 23 to 27, tag and title services will be unavailable at tag offices and by mail. If your birthday falls within those dates, please renew by May 20. You can also renew online at

www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Renew.

Gwinnett offers summer meals for kids, teens

Gwinnett children 18 and younger can receive free lunches and afternoon snacks at three County parks from June 3 to August 2, Monday through Friday. While supplies last, lunches will be served from 11:30am to 12:30pm and snacks will be available from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. No lunches or snacks will be offered from July 1 to July 5. The meals and snacks will be provided at Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard in Norcross and at the Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road in Lilburn. Meals will also be offered in District 4 at Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Renovated Norcross Senior Center opens with ribbon cutting

The newly renovated Norcross Senior Center, which serves many seniors in District 2, recently opened May 8 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The \$444,400 renovation, funded by SPLOST, created this state-of-the-art facility with features to meet the needs of our aging adults. The new flow and natural light from the open concept make time spent at the Norcross Senior Center more enjoyable for participants. The building features an enlarged dining room to seat 30 more seniors than could be

previously accommodated, a multipurpose classroom, a updated computer lab, a personal care room, a salon, raised garden beds in the patio area, and support space. The design also anticipates older individuals with mobility, visual, and hearing challenges.

Meet me at the library!

Join me at the Peachtree Corners Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library! I'll talk about my vision for Gwinnett County and discuss how diversity plays a part in the growth of Gwinnett. 5570 Spalding Drive, Peachtree Corners.

District 2 office hours

I want to hear from you! Let's meet up at my office hours around the community to talk about your ideas for Gwinnett:

- **May 30** from 11:30am to 12:30pm, Starbucks, 5485 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross
- **June 4** from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, GJAC Cafeteria, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville
- **June 18** from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, GJAC Cafeteria, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville



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.

Southeast Korean Dance Association Performance

Saturday, May 18, 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Join the Southeast Korean Dance Association for a traditional Korean drum and dance performance. Lead by Kibong Park, the group is also known as the Samulnori Team of Korean American Women. This program is free and open to the public. Norcross Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 6025 Buford Highway, Norcross.

Ramadan Celebration

Wednesday, May 22, 5:00pm. Learn about the festival marking the end of Ramadan and celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr at the library with henna art! Wear your traditional garb and join in the celebration! Lilburn Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 4817 Church Street, Lilburn.

Rapid HIV Testing

Thursday, May 23, 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.

Father-Son Woodworking Night

Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Have a special evening out with your little man. Enjoy light refreshments while creating your own wooden keepsakes. Make/paint two pieces to take home! \$12/pair, \$5/additional child; pre-register by 6/10 with code PVP31407 or call 678.277.0920. Pinckneyville Park Community Center Recreation Center, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake.

Pirate Day

Saturday, June 22, noon to 3:00pm. Ahoy there! Pirate day promises to be a swash-buckling good time for all ages. Light snacks, pirate games, and skits are included. All ages; \$6/person, pre-register online with code MPA31100 or call 678.277.0870. Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

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