

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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November 2019



Hello!

It's almost Turkey Day! I hope you get to celebrate the holiday with friends, family, and loved ones and reflect on all the things you're grateful for this year. You can also check out some of the great events happening around the county and start a new tradition!

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Learn more about Gwinnett's budget

Chairman Nash's 2020 budget proposal will be made available to the public and news media November 19 in conjunction with its formal presentation to me and my fellow commissioners. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed budget during a budget public hearing December 12 or via an online form that will be available through the end of the year. The Board of Commissioners will adopt the annual budget during our first meeting

in January.

You can view [budget presentations](#) made by elected officials, department directors, and agency heads who presented their business plans and financial resource requests to the budget review team made up of six Gwinnett residents who were invited by Chairman Nash to help set priorities and make recommendations for the proposed budget.

### County offices closed, trash and recycling collection delay for Thanksgiving

County offices, with the exception of those required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving and will reopen Monday, December 2. As always, a Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center during the holiday.

Thanksgiving Day is one of three trash and recycling holidays for residents in unincorporated Gwinnett, along with Christmas Day and New Year's Day. That means collection scheduled for Thursday, November 28 will be rescheduled to Friday, November 29, and Friday collection will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 30. Only Thursday and Friday collections will be affected. You can visit [www.GCSolidWaste.com](http://www.GCSolidWaste.com) to find your hauler's contact information. If you live within city limits, contact your city's trash and recycling provider to find out if collection will be delayed due to the holiday.



### Transit Review Committee meetings continue

The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on September



3, 2019, creating the Gwinnett County Transit Review Committee, a group of 13 citizens who will help to advise the Board on how to proceed in expanding transit in Gwinnett County to meet future demand. The committee is tasked with conducting a thoughtful and thorough review of Gwinnett's transit needs and the options for addressing those needs. The committee will present a written report with recommendations to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the year.

To allow for greater input from the wider Gwinnett community, the committee is holding regular open meetings to discuss the County's future in transit. The next three meetings will look focus on transit scenario analysis and are scheduled for November 20, December 2, and December 9. All three meetings will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Conference Room C at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville. Learn more about the Transit Review Committee at [www.GCTransitPlan.com](http://www.GCTransitPlan.com).

### Complete the 2020 Census online this spring

The 2020 Census will have significant impact on Gwinnett for business, redistricting, and economic policy. To make it easy for people to participate, the census questionnaire can be filled out by phone, by mail, or for the first time, online!



In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail invitations to fill out the survey nationwide. Make sure to fill the questionnaire out with information about where you reside on Census Day, April 1, 2020. To receive information or help in filling out the census form, people can call the U.S. Census Bureau Call Center at 301.763.INFO (4636) or 800.923.8282. For more information, visit [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov).

## What's New in District 2

### Mountain Park Community Input Meeting

Join me for a Mountain Park Community Input Meeting on Friday, **November 15** from **7:00pm to 9:00pm** at the **Mountain Park Aquatic Center Activity Building**. The meeting is open to the public with a special invitation to the community and neighborhoods surrounding Mountain Park. Enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity to meet your neighbors. Discussion items will include the Gwinnett County 2040 Unified Plan, renewed development in Mountain Park, and the community's current and changing needs and residents' vision for their community. The activity building is located at **1063 Rockbridge Road SW** in unincorporated Stone Mountain.



### Support your community; become a poll official!

Gwinnett County needs poll officials to staff 156 polling locations on Election Day plus eight advance voting locations. Citizens who are interested in the electoral process and want to give back to the community are invited to attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events to learn more! The Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials.

Workers can gain valuable work experience. Currently, positions pay a \$120 stipend. The next hiring event is **Saturday, November 16** from **10:00am to 1:00pm** at Lilburn Branch Library, **4817 Church Street in Lilburn**. Even if you can't attend, you can learn more and apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://GwinnettCountyJobs.com).

### Shoot some hoops during the Hoopsgiving All Star Classic

The newly renovated Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center is hosting a new event for Gwinnett: the Hoopsgiving All Star Classic! Kids ages 7 to 17 are invited to bring their A-game to compete like the basketball pros. Participate in 3-point contests, skill challenges, and three-on-three All Star games. For more information and to register, call 678.277.0860 or [click here](#).



### Learn about bus stop changes on Technology Parkway

Some bus stops on Route 35 in Peachtree Corners have been removed or relocated to make room for self-driving cars. The city of Peachtree Corners has designated the outer right lane at Technology Parkway as an autonomous vehicle test track where a driverless shuttle called Olli will operate through the end of the year. Olli is part of



Peachtree Corners' Curiosity Lab program. If your bus stop is along Technology Parkway, please call Gwinnett County Transit Customer Service at 770.822.5010 or visit Transit's [real-time tracker](#) to determine if your bus stop has been affected. To learn more about Olli, [click here](#). (Note that this link didn't work in the last newsletter and the correct link is provided here).

### Keep your home safe this holiday season

Decorating your home for the holidays can be one of the highlights of the holiday season. However, decorations can also be a fire hazard. Here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- All holiday decorations should be nonflammable and should be kept away from a heat source or open flame
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinks or wear
- Be sure lit candles are placed in stable holders and cannot be easily knocked over, and never leave the house or go to sleep with a candle burning



Read more home safety tips at [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com).

### Waste Pro update

I'd like to give you all an update on how things are going with Waste Pro, the trash and recycling hauler in southwest Gwinnett. Waste Pro recently added additional resources to improve their service, including new management, additional drivers and mechanics, dedicated customer service staff, and equipment. Trash collection service has steadily improved in October and November, with routes being completed earlier in the day. We expect that service will continue to improve, but if you have immediate issues, please contact Waste Pro's dedicated Gwinnett number, 770.451.9395. Please also report the issue to me or [GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com).

### Upcoming office hours

I'm always excited to hear residents' new and interesting ideas for how we can serve Gwinnett. Meet me during my upcoming office hours to share your ideas about Gwinnett's future:

- **November 20**, 11:00am to noon at Starbucks, 5485 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross
- **December 3**, 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Alcove Coffee House, 4615 Stone Mountain Highway, Lilburn

Also, our Board of Commissioners meeting schedule has been adjusted due to the holidays for the remainder of the year:

#### November 19

- 10:00am, Work Session
- 2:00pm, Business Session
- 7:00pm, Public Hearing

#### December 3

- 10:00am, Work Session
- 2:00pm, Business Session

#### December 10

- 10:00am, Work Session
- 2:00pm, Business Session
- 7:00pm, Public Hearing

## 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](http://www.GwinnettCountyEvents.com).

### Native American Heritage Month Celebration

November 18 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Free! Celebrate Native American Heritage Month this November with folktales, toys, games, and crafts at the library. All ages. Mountain Park Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 1210 Pounds Road, Lilburn.

### Recipes Have Stories, Too

November 18 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Free! Do you have a family recipe with a great history behind it? Come share your diverse family and cultural history with other Gwinnettians. Mountain Park Branch of

the Gwinnett County Public Library, 1210 Pounds Road, Lilburn.

### **Homemade Sugar Scrub**

December 3 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Make a family or friend's holiday season mean a little bit more in celebration of Make a Gift Day. Give a one-of-a-kind present they can pamper themselves with. Light refreshments and materials included. \$10 per person. [Preregister here](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Senior Holiday Luncheon**

December 6 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Join me and other county leaders at this annual luncheon. The meal is catered. Cost: \$11 for residents; \$21 for non-residents. For ages 50 and older. Preregister online before November 30 with activity code BEP41910. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Story Time with Santa**

December 7 from 8:30am to 10:00am. Enjoy breakfast treats with Santa while he reads a story. Children can play with elves and make a craft. Bring your camera for a photo with Santa in the beautifully decorated Lilburn Activity Building. Cost \$10 per person. [Preregister online](#) by December 5 with code LAB41621 or pay at the door. Call 678.277.0875 for more information. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

### **Using Census Data for Grant Writing & Community Analysis**

December 10, 10:00am to 11:00am. Free! National level census information is used to plan the provision of health care, education, employment, transportation, and more. It helps determine where to build new schools, roads, health care facilities, and childcare and senior centers. This data is invaluable to grant writers! Meet the census bureau experts to learn how they can help. Lilburn Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 4817 Church Street, Lilburn.

### **Intro to 3D Printing**

December 16, 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Free! Did you know that the Five Forks Branch has 3D printers available for the community to use? Learn how you can use the 3D printers at the library for your projects. All ages, fun for the whole family! Visit [GwinnettPL.org](http://GwinnettPL.org) to learn more. Five Forks Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville.

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