

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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October 2019



Hello!

Fall is full of festivals and celebrations. Take advantage of the comfortable weather, and bring your family and friends out to have fun! We have a Halloween [Trunk-or-Treat event](#) the weekend before if you don't want to be out since Halloween falls on a Thursday this year.

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Gwinnett gets new Transit Review Committee

Gwinnett has experienced so much growth and change since Gwinnett County Transit began Express route service in November 2001. My fellow commissioners and I believe that the County's transit services must grow and evolve to meet the changing needs of the County's residents, businesses, and visitors. Based on this recognition, the Board of Commissioners formed the new [Gwinnett County Transit Review Committee](#) last month. The committee

seeks to bring together members of our community to assess potential transit options and determine a feasible approach to providing transit services that will meet the increasing and changing needs of those who live, work, learn, and play in Gwinnett.

To allow for greater input from the wider Gwinnett community, the Transit Review Committee will hold regular meetings to discuss the County's future in transit; these meetings are open to the public. The committee will then submit a written report and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the year. Learn more about the Transit Review Committee at [www.GCTransitPlan.com](http://www.GCTransitPlan.com).

### October is Fire Prevention Month

Each year, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services expands National Fire Prevention Week (**October 6 – 12**) into a month long campaign to raise awareness of fire safety and help ensure that families are prepared in the event of a fire-related emergency. For Fire Prevention Month this year, Fire and Emergency Services is urging families to improve their home's safety by checking their alarms, testing the alarms regularly, and adding reliable protection when replacing expired alarms.



Keep these stats in mind this month:

- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms
- Less than 50 percent of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide is the No. 1 cause of accidental death
- 60 percent of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
- Only 47 percent of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Just 43 percent of homeowners have an escape plan

Fire Prevention Month is the perfect time to talk with your whole family about fire safety – include testing alarms, changing the batteries or upgrading to a 10-year sealed battery alarm for hassle-free protection, and escape planning.



### Honor those who served this Veterans Day

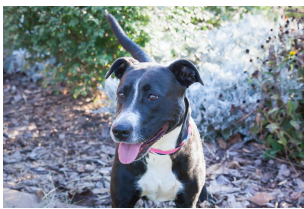
Gwinnett County will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony **Monday, November 11 at 11:00am**. Join us to recognize the men and women who served in the armed forces. The ceremony will kick off with a Veterans March at the memorial. All veterans who served honorably are encouraged to participate and be recognized for their service and sacrifice. The featured speaker will be retired Army Brigadier General Curt Rauhut of Georgia Military College.

### Help make sure #GwinnettCounts in the 2020 Census

Join Gwinnett County's Complete Count Committee at the Bicentennial Plaza in Lawrenceville **Saturday, November 2 from 11:00am to 2:00pm!** Join the committee, community organizations, and representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau to celebrate the upcoming 2020 Census and help raise awareness of the importance of being counted. Census data shapes many different aspects of our community, including health clinics, schools, and even roads and highways. Do your part to help make sure all Gwinnett residents are counted!



## What's New in District 2



### Best Friend Pet & Safety Festival offers family fun and pet resources

Gwinnett Animal Welfare is offering resources for pet owners and family fun **Saturday, November 9** at Best Friend Park. The Best Friend Pet & Safety Festival begins at **10:00am**, so come join us for a day of free pet and safety demonstrations, pet services, and family-friendly activities! Gwinnett Animal Welfare will be onsite to provide free vaccinations and microchips to the first 500 pets who visit the veterinary trailer. Updates

and information can be found at the Gwinnett Animal Welfare Facebook page [@GwinnettAnimalShelter](#).

### Have a frighteningly good time at the Trick-or-Treatment Fall Festival

Water treatment doesn't have to be scary! Families are invited to join Water Resources at the 2019 Yellow River Trick-or-Treatment Fall Festival **Saturday, October 26 from 11:00am to 3:00pm**. This free event has something for everyone, including crafts, games, giveaways, touch-a-truck, festival activities, and fairground food. You'll also have the opportunity to tour the award-winning Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility to see how water is treated after it leaves homes and businesses. The Yellow River Water Reclamation Facility is located at **858 Tom Smith Road in Lilburn**.



### 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, which is part of the 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

Curiosity Lab at Peachtree Corners, [click here](#).

### Upcoming office hours

Do you want to share your thoughts or ideas for Gwinnett with me? Meet me at my upcoming office hours at Beans & Butter Coffeehouse, **October 23 at 10:00am** and at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center at **5:30pm, November 5**.

## 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).

### **Pumpkin Painting**

Saturday, October 19 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Bring your Halloween spirit and imagination to decorate a spellbinding masterpiece that you can take home! Pumpkin and materials included. Parent or guardian participation required. Cost: \$6 per child. For ages 5 to 10. [Preregister](#) with code OSN41004. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Fall into Health**

Friday, October 25 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Free! Celebrate senior health and fall into new fun and healthy habits! Enjoy cooking and fitness demonstrations, entertainment, exhibitors, health screenings, wellness presentations, and more. Lunch will be available for purchase. Hosted by Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation and Live Healthy Gwinnett. For ages 50 and up. For more information, visit [www.GwinnettParks.com](http://www.GwinnettParks.com) or call 678.277.0179. Bethesda Senior Park Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Trunk-or-Treat**

Saturday, October 26 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Free! Have a frighteningly fun time as you trick or treat from car to car, get crafty at the creation station, and participate in costume and sidewalk chalk competitions. While supplies last. [Preregister](#) with code OSN41006. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Superhero Costume Party**

Saturday, October 26, 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Free! Come dressed as your favorite superhero for an afternoon of fun, games, music, and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome. Call 678.277.0875 for more information. [Preregister](#) with code LAB41620. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

### **Haircuts for Heroes**

Friday, November 8, noon to 2:00pm. Free! Look your best for Veterans Day! We're giving back to all those who served in the armed forces with a free haircut from a licensed barber/stylist. First come, first served. Ages 17 and up. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Holiday Market**

Saturday, November 9, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Free! Shop for gifts early this year with more than 30 unique crafters in this indoor festival of holiday fun! Enjoy a kids' room with make-and-take crafts, a food truck, pictures with Santa, and more at this family-friendly event. Call 678.277.0920 for more information. Pinckneyville Park, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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