

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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September 2019



Hello!

Fall is rapidly approaching, and I'm looking forward to the weather cooling down. As temperatures drop, autumn activities and festivals ramp up! I hope you'll check out some of the great events happening near you. You'll get a chance to meet some of the people who work in your local government, make connections, and get your questions answered.

By the way, 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](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com). We want to make sure our neighborhoods are informed about future plans for their area!

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Gwinnett County will celebrate contributions by the Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs September 15 to October 15. The festivities will include a special recognition at the public hearing at 7:00pm on September 24 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center followed by a reception with guest speakers, entertainment, and cultural cuisine. A Latino and Hispanic cultural exhibit will be on display at GJAC throughout Hispanic Heritage Month. Don't miss out!



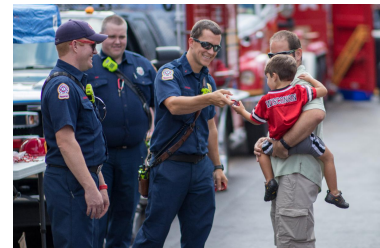
### County breaks ground on Georgia State Patrol post

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and officials from the Georgia Department of Public Safety and Georgia Department of Transportation recently broke ground on the Georgia State Patrol Post in Gwinnett County. The patrol post, located on I-85 North between Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and I-985, will replace the existing State Patrol Post off Pleasant Hill Road. The site will also offer parking for HERO units, which the state DOT provides to help motorists with accidents and other vehicle issues. The new post

will open in the spring.

### Join us at the Public Safety Fall Festival

Police and Fire and Emergency Services are partnering for an exciting day at the Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12 at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville from 10:00am to 2:00pm. First responders will show off their emergency vehicles, including a helicopter, ambulance, SWAT personnel carrier, and ladder truck. Come out and meet the people who protect our community!



Have you seen a Census Bureau worker in your

## neighborhood?

You may spot a worker from the U.S. Census Bureau in your neighborhood verifying addresses before the 2020 Census. Workers have been canvassing neighborhoods to confirm the locations of houses, apartments, shelters, and other places where people could live or stay.

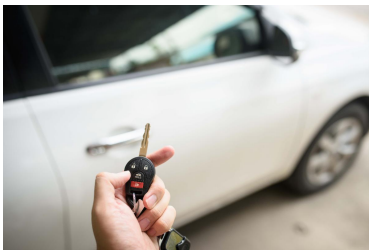
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If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 800.923.8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

And remember, the U.S. Census Bureau is seeking qualified office staff for local 2020 Census operations. These temporary positions offer flexible hours, so you can make some extra money even if you have other commitments. Help ensure that everyone in our community is counted in the next census. Apply online at [2020census.com/jobs](https://2020census.com/jobs).

## What's New in District 2



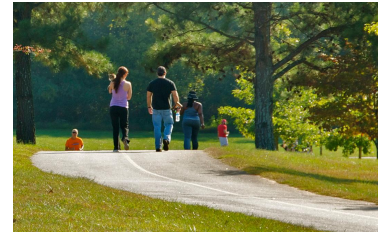
### Make sure to lock your vehicles

During a recent session of our Coffee with a Cop outreach program, I learned an interesting statistic: Around two-thirds of cars are already unlocked when they're "broken" into! Remember, to keep your belongings safe, lock your car doors and roll up the windows when you leave your vehicle.

Some other tips for helping prevent vehicle break-ins include parking in well-lit, well-trafficked areas and hiding any valuables you leave in your car—or better yet, taking valuables with you.

### Gwinnett trails program gaining steam thanks to SPLOST

It's been about a year since the Board of Commissioners approved the Countywide Trails Master Plan. Now, about 10 trails are being designed and two are under construction. When the multi-year plan is finally completed, Gwinnett will have grown from about 130 miles of trails to about 350 and connect cities, schools, parks, retail areas, and other activity centers for pedestrians, joggers, hikers, and other users! The trail system is funded through several SPLOST programs and represents a partnership with multiple County departments, cities, community improvement districts, the state, and the federal government. [Learn more.](#)



### Atlanta Hawks Foundation helps renovate Lucky Shoals Park

On September 10, I helped cut the ribbon on the grand opening of the renovated basketball court and teen area at Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center. 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.

I hope you get a chance to check out the renovations soon. Don't forget to take a look at the features of the new tech and gaming area!

### Upcoming office hours

Do you want to share your thoughts or ideas for Gwinnett with me? Meet me at my upcoming office hours Tuesday, October 15 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center cafeteria! I'll also be at Beans & Butter Coffeehouse October 23 at 10:00am and then back at GJAC at 5:30pm November 5.

Let's work together to make Gwinnett even better! I hope to see you there.

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).

### **Variety Flapjack House**

September 27 from 10:00am to 11:30am. It's National Pancake Day! Celebrate with a pancake breakfast and a lively talent show. If you're interested in performing, call to reserve your spot. Admission: \$6. Preregister with code BEP41907. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Python: Code an Adventure Game**

Saturday, September 28, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Free! Learn how to use Python to make your text-based adventure game a reality! Teens and adults welcome. Lilburn Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 4817 Church Street, Lilburn.

### **Kyle Mills Author Talk & Signing**

Monday, September 30, 7:30pm. Free! Get to know author Kyle Mills, the current writer of the Mitch Rapp series of novels after the death of the original author Vince Flynn. Mills is an American writer of thriller novels including Rising Phoenix, Fade, and The Second Horseman. Books will be available for signing at the event. Peachtree Corners Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 5570 Spalding Drive, Peachtree Corners.

### **Flashback Friday Dive-In Movie**

Friday, October 4, 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Jump in the pool back to 1985 and watch the Goonies! There'll be crafts and tasty treats, too! The movie starts at 7:15pm. All ages; \$6/person, pre-register by October 2 online with code MPA41101 or call 678.277.0870. Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1063 Rockbridge Road SW, Stone Mountain.

### **Pop-up Mountain Park Play Day**

Thursday, October 10, 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Free! Enjoy games, activities, and more. Get active with Live Healthy Gwinnett during this free, drop-in program designed to bring recreation and community resources to families. No registration required, closed-toe shoes recommended. Mountain Park Park, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

### **Pumpkin Art**

Thursday, October 17, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Decorate your own one-of-a-kind pumpkin with everyday supplies and a lot of paint! We will provide all of your supplies and different design methods for you to explore your creative side this fall season. Great for all ages, though kids 12 and under will need to have an adult present to assist. Light refreshments and lots of fun! \$6 per pumpkin. Pre-register by October 14 or call 678.277.0920. Pinckneyville Park, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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