

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

February 2019

Dear Homeowner,



I hope everyone had a good singles awareness day (aka Valentine's day). It's been a busy month gearing up for the Transit Referendum next month (do you have a voting plan?) and continuing to push to move the county forward.

One of the things I'm trying to do is network all the neighborhoods in District 2, so please email me the point person for your neighborhood (if you have an HOA, this will likely be the president) at ben.ku@gwinnettcountry.com. I hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter and please be sure to share it with your friends and neighbors.

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Happening Around Gwinnett



Gwinnett 101 session applications due soon!

Don't forget to apply for the Spring 2019 Gwinnett 101 session by **March 1**. It's a fantastic program available to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Gwinnett. It was this program that made me fall in love with Gwinnett, and I would highly recommend applying. [More about Gwinnett 101](#).

Also, if you know any high schoolers who want to get involved, encourage them to apply for a position on the **Gwinnett Youth Commission**, another awesome program that gives them an

opportunity to develop their leadership skills while serving their community. Applications are due March 26. [Learn more](#).

Black History Month celebrations

In honor of Black History Month, we're partnering with local organizations to host programs and events this February. [Check out our website](#) for the full details. If you visit the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center this month, be sure to visit "The Integration of Sports History: African Americans in Athletics," an exhibit presented by the Mike Glenn Foundation that tells the story of black athletes in America. Also, save the date for our heritage night celebration Thursday, **February 21** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Atrium, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville

What's New in District 2

Get ready for the transit referendum in March

In case you aren't aware, there's a special election happening March 19 that will shape the future of transit in Gwinnett County. You can visit the [County website](#) for details about the transit contract referendum, transit plan, special election schedule, and voting locations. Remember **Tuesday, February 19** is the last day to register to vote and/or update your registration record for this election, and you can check the status of your voter registration on the [Georgia Secretary of State's website](#).



You'll have several ways to cast your ballot, including advance in-person voting from **February 25 to March 15** at the main Elections Office or at one of seven satellite offices from **March 4 to March 15**. These dates include Saturdays and Sundays. You can also request an absentee ballot by mail through March 15 or wait to cast your ballot at your assigned polling location on Election Day.

Attend a transit referendum open house

There are also several opportunities to learn more about the transit contract referendum before the election. The County is hosting open house sessions where you can drop in and ask questions one-on-one to staff from our Department of Transportation. The next session in District 2 is **March 4** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at **New Mercies Christian Church, 4000 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lilburn**. [View the complete schedule of open houses](#).

Seeking applicants for board appointments

I'm still looking for dedicated residents who want to serve on a county board to fill a few remaining positions. Positions are available on the Community Outreach Advisory Board, the Merit Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please apply for that if you're interested! Visit www.GwinnettCounty.com/D2Application to apply.



Join me at a town hall on February 19

I hope you'll join me at an upcoming town hall that I'm hosting with Representative Brenda Lopez on Tuesday, February 19 from **6:00pm to 7:00pm** at Lucky Shoals Park, located at **4651 Britt Road in Norcross**. I'd love to see you there!

District 2 open office hours

Thanks for coming out to meet with me in my first round of office hours around the district. The next dates are:

- **February 20** at 2:30pm, Starbucks, 5485 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross
- **March 4** at 5:30pm, Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street NW, Norcross
- **March 14**, at 4:00pm, GJAC second floor conference room, 75 Langley Drive (Gwinnett County employees welcome)
- **March 25** at 6:00pm, Peachtree Corners City Hall, 310 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners (before the UPCCA meeting)



Behind the scenes of water resources

I recently hosted a behind-the-scenes tour of the F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center, one of the largest ozone and membrane wastewater treatment facilities in the world. Thank you to everyone who joined me, including Emil Powella, who provided this picture from the tour!



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.

Dance parties at the LAB

There are two dance nights coming up at the LAB! On Saturday, February 23 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, bring out your cowboy boots for country line dancing. All ages welcome; 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent. \$11/person, pre-register with code LAB11621 or pay at the door. Call 678.277.0875 for more information. Then on March 8, step up your game in an R&B jam session centered on dancing, music, and having a good time! Ages 25 and up, \$16/person, pre-register with code LAB11661 or pay at the door. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

GCPL Robotics Club

February 26 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This Robotics club is for anyone ages 9 to 14 interested in learning about many different aspects of robotics. The club will cover topics such as programming, mechanics, gears, sensors, and more. Over time, we will make nifty robots using the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 sets. GCPL Robotics Club meets every other Tuesday until May 21. Five Forms Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville.

Mardi Gras Masquerade

March 4 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Residents ages 50 and up are invited to let the good times roll! Enjoy an early tasty traditional meal and festive entertainment by Pete Fodero. \$12/person, pre-register online with code BEP12910 by February 25 or call 678.277.0179. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethany Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Dive in Movie

March 22 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Come to the pool for a night of swimming, crafts, refreshments, and a movie! All ages; \$4/person, call 678.277.0870 for more information. Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

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