

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Dear Homeowner,



Happy New Year!

It is an honor to be your new commissioner! If you do not wish to get any future mailings, please use the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email. Feel free to reply to this email if I can help you with anything.

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Happening Around Gwinnett

District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque and I took our oaths of office Friday, December 21, but we officially hit the ground running on January 1.

[Watch the video from my swearing-in ceremony to learn a bit about me and my journey.](#)



My Swearing-In Ceremony

The 2019 Budget

My fellow commissioners and I adopted a \$1.82 billion budget for 2019 on January 3. The budget includes a \$1.39 billion operating budget and \$438 million for capital improvements. The 2019 budget maintains funding for core county services such as police and fire protection, jail, courts, roads, transit and water. The budget also adds more public safety personnel, includes funds to address the opioid crisis and homelessness in Gwinnett, funds expanded transit, and adds new library and recreation facilities. [More details on the approved budget.](#)



Apply for the next Gwinnett 101 session!

Have you ever wondered why a fire truck responds to your medical emergency, what a SPLOST is, or how clean water gets to your house? The Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy can help answer those questions and more. 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. Applications for the next session are available online and must be received by **March 1**. [More about Gwinnett 101.](#)

What's New in District 2

District 2 open office hours

I will have open office hours on the following dates:

- **January 16**, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Atlanta Bread Company, 4880 Peachtree Corners Circle, Peachtree Corners
- **January 21**, 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Starbucks, 5485 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross

- **January 31**, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center cafeteria, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville (County employees are also welcome to stop by to ask questions or provide confidential feedback)
- **February 4**, 11:30am to 1:30pm, 1910 Public House, Lilburn

I will try to have these regularly throughout the district, so if you have a favorite hangout, let me know!

Go behind the scenes of water resources

I am hosting 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. Unlike Gwinnett 101 (which includes this tour), you do not need to be a Gwinnett resident to sign up. The tour takes place Friday, February 1 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at 3320-C Financial Center Way in Buford. Only a few spots remain, [so sign up quickly](#).

Seeking applicants for board appointments

I want to make the best possible appointments, so I'm looking for dedicated residents who want to serve on a county board. Positions are available on several boards including the Gwinnett County Airport Authority, Animal Advisory Council, Development Advisory Committee, Historical Restoration and Preservation Board, Merit Board, Planning Commission, Public Library Board of Trustees, Recreation Authority, Transit Advisory Board, and Water and Sewerage Authority. Zoning Board of Appeals will also be up soon, so please apply for that if you're interested (if the application is not up when you get there, please apply under Planning Commission and indicate in the notes section that your application is for the ZBA). Visit bku.me/application to apply.

Need help with trash and recycling?

The County's Solid Waste Management division operates a call center for residential trash and recycling issues. If you have a question or concern about your trash service, call 770.822.7141 or email GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com.

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.

STEM Saturday: Constellations

January 19 at 2:00pm. Learn about constellations and create your own constellation viewer. Gwinnett County Public Library Five Forks branch, 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville. www.GwinnettPL.org, 770.978.5154.

Kids' MLK Day ON!

January 21 from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Kids ages 6 to 13 will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with veteran Harlem Globetrotter Hollywood Brown, make a craft, prepare an afternoon snack, and participate in a service project. Bring a sack lunch, wear comfortable clothes, and athletic shoes. Cost: \$25 per child. Register by January 17 with code LAB 11602 at www.GwinnettParks.com. Call 678.277.0875 for details. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

VR/STEAM Game Night

January 23 at 5:30pm. Play STEM-themed games and activities such as DropMix the live DJing game. We have several games for all ages and will have our Oculus Rift VR setup for use. Come and try it out! Gwinnett County Public Library Lilburn Branch, 4817 Church Street, Lilburn. www.GwinnettPL.org, 770.978.5154.

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