

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

March 2019

## Greetings!



I've enjoyed meeting constituents during my Open Office Hours around the county and discussing your concerns and listening to your suggestions. Please see the upcoming Open Office Hours if you have a concern or suggestion that you would like me to be aware of.

The county has been working hard making updates to our County Ordinances and policies. If you have any suggestions or would like to offer input, please feel free to email me. My guiding philosophy is to make things more efficient, more equitable, and easier to understand.

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Vote: Tuesday, March 19

Don't forget to vote on **Tuesday, March 19 from 7:00am to 7:00pm**. Before you cast your ballot, be sure to [check out our website](#) for details on the transit contract referendum and the transit plan.

### Animal shelter brings back free Fridays, celebrate St. Pitty's Day

If you're looking for a new pet this spring, make your way to the Gwinnett Animal Shelter. The shelter is bringing back free adoptions this month on Fridays. Adoptions are usually \$45 for dogs and \$30 for cats. Also, adoption fees for pit bull mixes are waived for St. Pitty's Day, March 16 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. All pets adopted from the shelter have vaccinated, neutered and microchipped and are ready to go to their new home. [Details about the March adoption special.](#)

### Take advantage of homestead exemptions and self-service kiosks

Don't forget to apply for a homestead exemption before the April 1 deadline. There are several exemptions available, so visit the Tax Commissioner's website to see if you qualify. In addition, the Tax Commissioner's Office has installed more self-service kiosks where residents can renew their tags, bringing the total to six in the county. Find more kiosk locations and information about ways to renew tags at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/locations](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/locations).

### Gwinnett hosts annual meet and greet with potential vendors

Visit the Purchasing Division's webpage at [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com) to register for this free event or view current projects open for bidding and explanations of bidding procedures in Gwinnett County. The Gwinnett County Purchasing Division will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Networking event on Thursday, **April 11**, at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. Potential vendors may drop in between 8:30am and 11:00am.

## What's New in District 2

### Town halls coming soon in April

Thank you for coming to my town hall with Representative Brenda Lopez on February 19. We're hosting another town hall together on April 8 at Asian Americans Advancing Justice, located at 6040 Unity

Drive in Norcross. I'm also hosting a town hall with Representative Jasmine Clark on April 15 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Lilburn City Hall, 340 Main Street and Representative Beth Moore on April 30 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Peachtree Corners City Hall, located at 310 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners.



## District 2 open house hours

I'm still out and about in the community, so feel free to meet with me at any of these dates and locations during my open office hours:

- **March 25** at 6:00pm, Peachtree Corners City Hall, 310 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners
- **April 11** at 4:30pm, GJAC Cafeteria, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville
- **April 12** at 10:30am, Beans & Butter, 851 Oak Road, Lawrenceville
- **April 12** at 5:00pm, Starbucks, 4895 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake
- **April 15** at 4:30pm, Lilburn City Hall, 340 Main Street, Lilburn
- **April 16** at 5:00pm, GJAC Cafeteria, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville
- **April 22** at 6:00pm, Starbucks, 5485 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross
- **April 30** at 11:00am, Café 45, 45 South Peachtree Street, Norcross
- **April 30** at 2:00pm, Atlanta Bread Company, 4880 Peachtree Corners Circle, Peachtree Corners



## OneStop Norcross accepting glass to recycle this April

OneStop Norcross will accept glass bottles and jars this April in celebration of Earth Day. Though glass is no longer accepted curbside as part of single stream recycling, there are still ways to recycle it. Visit [Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's recycling directory](#) for more information about year-round glass recycling options.

## Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries

Daylight Savings Time began Sunday, March 10 and although we lost an hour of sleep, we should all do our part to make sure we don't lose our homes to fire. Now is a great time to change your smoke alarm batteries. Fire and Emergency Services staff is also available to conduct a home survey to make sure your smoke alarms are installed and working properly. Contact fire programs at [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com) to schedule your home survey.

## Prevent vehicle break ins

Also, follow these simple tips to prevent vehicle break-ins:

- Leave your valuables at home
- Take them inside with you
- Place your valuables inside your trunk before you arrive at your intended destination
- Always lock your car doors
- Keep your windows rolled up

Between September 2018 and February 2019, about half of all vehicles that were broken into in Gwinnett were unsecured or unlocked. Some of the most common stolen items include purses, wallets, cash, cell phones, electronics, and guns.

## Are flushable wipes really flushable?

Some products considered flushable do not disperse or break apart as fast as toilet paper in the sanitary sewer system. As a matter of fact, these non-dispersible items can eventually cause blockages that can lead to sanitary sewer backups or overflows. [Check out this video](#) from Consumer Reports that show how quickly toilet paper breaks apart in comparison with flushable wipes.



## Special Events and Happenings



Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. Here I am at one of them! See these great events and more at [www.GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://www.GwinnettCountyEvents.com).

### 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.

### Diabetes Alert Day

March 26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Take a few minutes to take a glucose test and learn your risk in recognition of American Diabetes Association Diabetes Alert Day. You can also receive information on

how to prevent or manage diabetes. Learn more at [www.GwinnettHumanServices.com](http://www.GwinnettHumanServices.com). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Cooking for a Lifetime**

March 28 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Join UGA Extension Gwinnett agents to reduce your risk of developing cancer by focusing on prevention and healthy eating habits. Learn about breast and cervical cancer screenings, receive nutrition information, and enjoy a live cooking demonstration. For participants without health insurance. Free. [Preregister online](#). Arcado Elementary School, 5150 Arcado Road SW, Lilburn.

### **Photo Workshop: Photo Restoration**

April 6 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Learn how to digitize, restore and preserve old photos. The workshop will cover photo scanning and photo restoration with Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. Free. Visit [www.GwinnettPL.org](http://www.GwinnettPL.org) to learn more. Lilburn branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 4817 Church Street, Lilburn.

### **3D Printing Challenges for Kids, Teens**

April 1 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Children ages 9 to 15 can explore 3D printing and design through a series of challenges at the Peachtree Corners library. Participants will gain an understanding of basic 3D design in TinkerCAD and the basic principles of 3D printers. Registration is required to attend. Visit [gwinnettpl.org/venue/peachtree-corners-branch](http://gwinnettpl.org/venue/peachtree-corners-branch) for more details. Peachtree Corners branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 5570 Spalding Drive, Peachtree Corners.

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