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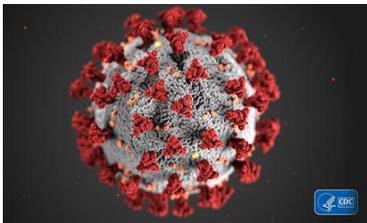
It's a strange start to our summer, but together, we will get through this. Let's remember to take time to appreciate our health care workers and first responders as they continue to take care of our community during the pandemic. Learn more about COVID-19 and the latest recommendations from the CDC at [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

If you find yourself struggling with your mental health while sheltering in place, please reach out to the Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line at 866.399.8938.

And please do visit CountCOVID.org daily to track your symptoms!

Finally, I am looking for someone to serve on the Tree Advisory Committee. The role of the Tree Advisory Committee is to review and recommend changes to, and to provide education programs about, the county's tree preservation and replacement program as contained in the Buffer, Landscape, and Tree Ordinance. Members serve two-year terms. Apply at gcga.us/d2application.

Happening Around Gwinnett



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County government continues to operate during COVID-19. Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the coronavirus pandemic and how it affects our residents, employees, and our delivery of important County services. Though Governor Kemp's Shelter-in-Place order has been rescinded for most residents, elderly and medically fragile residents must continue to

shelter in place through June 12 as part of the extended Public Health State of Emergency. Most County facilities remain open. Learn about the response from specific departments [here](#).

Advance voting now underway

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot in the June 9 Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary, and Nonpartisan Election. Eligible voters may vote advance in person every day, including weekends, from May 18 to June 5 at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building in Lawrenceville. The office is open for advance voting Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm. Voters can also cast their ballots those days at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm. There will be no voting on Monday, May 25 at either location in observance of Memorial Day.



And if you took advantage of the vote-by-mail option, we now have our drop boxes installed at [eight locations around the county](#) where you can securely drop off your ballot without postage.

Learn about your options for satellite voting, which begins Saturday, May 30 at four additional locations, and voting by mail [here](#).



Gwinnett County to observe Memorial Day with virtual ceremony

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Gwinnett County Government will commemorate America's fallen military and law enforcement heroes with a virtual Memorial Day ceremony on May 25.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash, District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque, and Ron and Caroline Buice of the Fallen Heroes Committee will deliver video remarks. Retired Marine Colonel Parker Miller will be the keynote speaker. The ceremony will also include the traditional appearance of the Gwinnett County Honor Guard, a singing of the National Anthem, three-volley salute and Taps.

The ceremony can be viewed online beginning at 1:00pm at [TVgwinnettlive.com](https://www.tvgwinnettlive.com), on the County's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages @GwinnettGov and on the County's [Vimeo page](#). The ceremony will also be televised beginning at 1:00pm on TV Gwinnett, the county's local government access cable channel. It also will run periodically on the channel over the coming weeks and be available on-demand at [TVgwinnett.com](https://www.tvgwinnett.com).

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with free webinars

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! While our celebrations look a little different this year, it's a great time to learn more about impact Asian American and Pacific Islander residents make on our county. Gwinnett Community Outreach is hosting a series of webinars to let the community gather and reflect on that impact.



The first two webinars covered commerce and community, and the final webinar on May 28 focuses on culture. [Register online](#) through Eventbrite. The webinar access code will be sent 24 hours before the event to all registrants.



Census timeline extended in response to COVID-19

More than 60 percent of Gwinnett's residents have already completed the 2020 Census, but we need your help to ensure everyone is counted. In response to COVID-19, the Census Bureau has modified the timeline for the 2020 Census. You now have until October 31 to complete your questionnaire, but if you wait that long, doorknockers may come to your house starting mid-August to collect your answers. The census helps shape representation in government and influences federal and state governments' decisions about how to distribute funding and resources. It also informs plans for roads, hospitals, and new businesses. Complete your questionnaire online at [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), by mail, or by phone today.

What's New in District 2

Share your opinion on Gwinnett's list of proposed transit projects

You can help shape the future of transit in Gwinnett by sharing your thoughts on the [list of transit projects](#) submitted by Gwinnett County to The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority for approval. The deadline to share your views is May 22.



The ATL Board of Directors will consider the public comments when it weighs Gwinnett's list at its June 4 meeting. If accepted by The ATL Board, these projects would be eligible for inclusion in a potential future transit referendum that could be considered by Gwinnett voters. The Board of Commissioners has not determined whether or when to call a referendum that would identify a plan for financially constrained transit projects and provide a funding source. You can comment five ways by visiting [ATLtransit.ga.gov/GwinnettCountyAmendment](https://atltransit.ga.gov/GwinnettCountyAmendment).



Gwinnett nonprofits invited to apply for COVID-19 grant funding

Gwinnett County is accepting applications from nonprofit and faith-based partners for round one of the federal CARES Act grant funding to serve Gwinnett residents most in need because of COVID-19. Applicants will need to fill out the COVID-19 Statement of Need application and submit it electronically to the Community Development Program by June 4 for consideration.

Funding allocations will be made to qualifying nonprofit agencies providing eligible services in Gwinnett County. Applicants must be registered to conduct business in the state of Georgia and be designated as a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Gwinnett County Community Development Program will be hosting a [Gwinnett COVID-19 Funding Webinar](#) Friday, May 22 at 11:00am. The meeting can be accessed by computer, tablet, or smartphone at global.gotomeeting.com/join/994133205 or by phone at 571.317.3112. The access code is 994-133-205.

For more information, [watch the video above](#), call the Community Development Program at 678.518.6008, or email gchcd@gwinnettcountry.com.



Make a difference by donating blood

If you're healthy and able, consider donating blood through the American Red Cross. At each blood drive, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols. In addition to standard procedures, the Red Cross has also implemented pre-donation donor temperature screenings, enhanced disinfecting procedures, social distancing, staff wellness and protection, and more education for donors.

The American Red Cross conducted several successful blood drives at Gwinnett County parks in April, collecting 177 units of blood which could save up to 531 lives. There are more opportunities to donate blood this month. Blood drives will take place at the Bethesda Park Senior Center from 10:00am to 4:00pm on May 20, 21, 28, and 29. The senior center is located at 225 Bethesda Church Road in Lawrenceville. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

Help us keep Gwinnett safe

I would like to remind all residents to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: clean your hands often, avoid close contact with others, stay at home as much as possible, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you are sick. Be sure to maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others when you have to go out. For more information about how to protect yourself from COVID-19 and what to do if you are sick, please visit [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

If you want to get tested for COVID-19, [free testing is available](#) from the Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments. Call 770.513.5631 to make an appointment.



Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are suspended in compliance with recommendations from the CDC and Governor Kemp's executive orders.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

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