

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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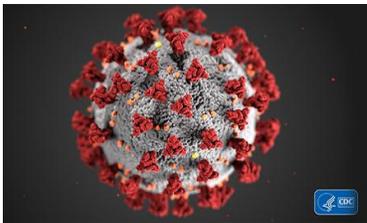
Hello!

I hope you're staying safe this summer! We can all do our part to keep each other safe and healthy by washing our hands frequently (or using hand sanitizer), wearing a cloth face covering when we head out into public, and keeping a safe distance from others whenever we can. Together, we can help slow the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about COVID-19 and the latest recommendations from the CDC at [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/). If you need a test, you can visit [GNRHealth.com](https://GNRHealth.com), where you can now sign up online for an appointment to get tested.

And please do visit [CountCOVID.org](https://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](https://gcga.us/d2application).

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### 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. Most County facilities remain open, and many facilities that experienced temporary closures have reopened with guidelines in place to protect staff and patrons. Learn about the response from specific departments [here](#).

### See the results of the June 9 Election

To view the results of the recent June 9 Presidential Preference Primary, General Primary, and Nonpartisan General Election, [click here](#). The next election to prepare for is the General Primary Runoff, Nonpartisan General Runoff, and Special Runoff Election for Local and State Offices on August 11.



### Gwinnett partners with library and GCPS to provide summer meals for kids

Gwinnett now has 20 locations countywide where children 18 years old and younger can pick up free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches, thanks to a partnership between Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County Public Schools, and the Gwinnett County Public Library. Parents can pick up nutritious meals for their children at the locations to take home or the children can pick up their own meals. The meals, which consist of food

like sandwiches and wraps, meet USDA guidelines. Meals are also available for adults with disabilities. Visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](https://GwinnettSummerMeals.com) for more information or call 770.822.8840.

## Gwinnett Police announce new Text to 911 capability

The Gwinnett County Police Department rolled out Text to 911 capability June 1, giving residents an alternate way to contact police in emergency situations. The best, fastest, and most reliable method to contact 911 in an emergency is to call and speak to a dispatcher, but there are times or situations that can make calling 911 difficult. Text to 911 is intended primarily for use in three emergency scenarios:

- For an individual who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability
- For someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911
- A medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech



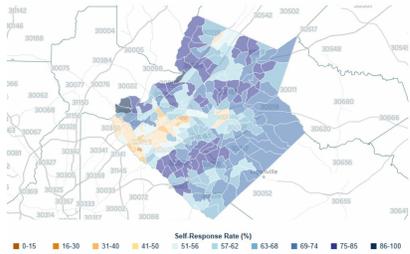
Remember, call if you can; text if you can't.

## What's New in District 2

### Enjoy your parks safely!

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors for exercise and mental and physical health, while following social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Here are some things to know before you go:

- Park hours are modified from sunrise to sunset
- Water fountains are closed; bring your own water to stay hydrated
- Maximum capacity of 25 at any amenity such as pavilions, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, playgrounds, skate parks, or ball fields
- Use a "Leave No Trace" mentality. Bring a suitable trash bag and take everything out to help protect others
- Follow [CDC guidelines and posted rules](#)



### Check out your community's census response rate

Did you know that the US Census Bureau offers [a map to keep track of the response rate in our community](#)? Keep an eye on our growing progress here. While Georgia's response rate is slightly behind the national average, Gwinnett is pulling ahead of both of those rates with more than 64% of our households having already completed the census. Unfortunately, some areas of Norcross, Lilburn, and Peachtree Corners are falling behind the average. Help bring up the response rate by participating today if you haven't. You can also encourage friends, family, and loved

ones to fill out the survey at [My2020Census.gov](#). It's the first time you can complete the census online, and it takes less than 10 minutes! You can also call in or complete the survey mailed to your home. Visit [2020Census.gov](#) to learn more about why you should and how to participate.

Let's make District 2 the most represented district in the county!

### 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 the Bethesda Park Senior Center in May, collecting enough blood to save up to 348 lives. There are more opportunities to donate blood this month:

#### Bethesda Park Senior Center

- June 21, 11:00am to 4:00pm
- June 25, 1:00pm to 6:00pm

#### Dacula Park Activity Building

- June 22, 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Visit [redcross.org](#) to make an appointment to donate.

### Fire and Emergency Services offers virtual classes

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services is offering its Fire

Prevention and Life Safety Digital Learning Programs online. Those interested in baby-sitting safety can sign up for the Safe Sitter course, which is set for July 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Safe Sitter will prepare students in grades 6 to 8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Using games and role-playing, the instructor-led class will teach CPR, first aid, and rescue skills as well as child care and business skills.

To receive their course completion certificate, students must demonstrate their knowledge in a hands-on assessment on July 18 from 9:00am to 11:00am and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Gwinnett Fire Headquarters. Class sizes are limited to eight students. To register, please email [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.518.4845.

Interested in learning more about fire and life safety? See [the list of Prevention 365 Digital Learning classes](#) that will be hosted by Fire and Emergency Services this summer.

## 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](http://GwinnettCounty.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

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