

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

Staying safe during this pandemic can leave us feeling isolated, but there are so many ways to get connected to the community during this time. Whether you're having a socially distanced picnic in a friend's backyard or connecting with a community organization over the internet, it's important to keep in touch with friends, family, and loved ones. Stay strong, and keep each other safe.

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://www.gnrhealth.com), where you can sign up online for an appointment to get tested. And please do visit [CountCOVID.org](https://www.countcovid.org) daily to track your symptoms!

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Georgia Safety Promise: pledge to keep Georgians safe

As COVID-19 cases increase in our community and around the country, it's more important than ever to keep each other safe. The Governor's Office and the Georgia Department of Health have launched a new campaign called the [Georgia Safety Promise](#) that encourages businesses and the public to agree to simple but critical measures to keep Georgians safe from COVID-19 and minimize the spread of the virus. These measures include wearing a face covering, washing your hands, sanitizing surfaces, and staying six feet apart from others.

As residents and businesses do their part to protect each other and our community, Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the 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](#).

### Vote advance in the August 11 runoff election

Eligible voters may vote advance in person every day, including weekends, from July 20 to August 7 at the Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building located at 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200 in Lawrenceville from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

Satellite voting at four additional sites will begin Saturday, August 1 and continue through Friday, August 7 from 7:00am to 7:00pm every day, including weekends. The additional satellite voting locations are:

- **Bogan Park Community Recreation Center**, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford
- **George Pierce Park Community Recreation Center**, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee
- **Lenora Park Gym**, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville
- **Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center**, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross

Please note the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds will not be an advance voting site for the runoff election.



[Learn more](#) about ways you can cast your ballot in the runoff election.



### **Safely get rid of hard-to-dispose-of items July 18 at the fairgrounds**

The Department of Water Resources has partnered with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful to host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, July 18. The event will run from 8:00am to noon at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Recycling or proper disposal of household hazardous waste helps protect the environment from pollution. During this free event, residents can drop off many of these hard-to-dispose-of items, including pesticides, spray paint, batteries,

cleaners, and more. Due to COVID-19, special considerations will be in place to ensure the safety of residents and staff. These considerations could result in slightly longer wait times during the event. Please visit the [Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful event page](#) for more information about what to expect, a full list of accepted materials, and guidance on container sizes.

### **Gwinnett Animal Shelter reopens to visitors**

If you've been missing some of your usual companionship during the pandemic, you may be considering adopting a new furry family member. The Gwinnett Animal Shelter has reopened to the public with measures in place to protect staff and guests, like limiting the kennel to a maximum occupancy of 25 people. You may be asked to wait in your car or in the shelter's education room while space becomes available. Please follow posted signage when you visit. Completing the [online adoption/foster application](#) will help to speed the process when you arrive for your meet-and-greet with potential new pets. Visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#) to learn more and see all of our available pets.



## **What's New in District 2**



Satellite Blvd to  
Jimmy Carter Blvd  
**BRT STUDY**

### **Help shape the future of transit; participate in the BRT study!**

To accommodate current and anticipated growth, Gwinnett County is embarking on an integrated land use and transportation plan for its first proposed Bus Rapid Transit corridor. The study will determine

station locations, identify community desires for surrounding development/redevelopment, and provide recommendations to make this vision a reality. These recommendations will be determined through technical analysis as well as by input from the community, which is why we need you to get involved! Learn more about the Satellite Boulevard to Jimmy Carter Boulevard BRT Study at [GwinnettBRT.com](#).

### **Gwinnett offers grants and loans for small businesses**

The [Gwinnett County Small Business Assistance Program](#) is accepting applications for \$20 million in federal CARES Act grants and loans from for-profit businesses hurt by the pandemic. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 24 at 5:00pm. The funds are intended to help businesses reopen their doors with such needs as deep cleaning facilities, modifying facilities to accommodate ongoing social distancing, restocking inventory, marketing to their clients, and/or paying staff in advance of reopening and achieving revenue. Learn more about the grants and loans and find out how to apply [here](#).

### **Fill out the census to avoid the knock on your door**

The Census Bureau is preparing to send enumerators out into the community to seek responses from households that have not yet returned their census survey. The census is easy to complete and takes less than 10 minutes, so help them skip the trip by filling out your questionnaire today! Visit [2020Census.gov](#) to learn more about the census and complete it online.



### **Free breakfasts and lunches available for kids at many County facilities**

Gwinnett County's program provides free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years old and younger. Parents can pick up nutritious meals for their children at 33 park and library locations around the county to take home, or the children can pick up their own meals. Meals are also available for adults 19 years of age and older with physical or mental disabilities and enrolled in a school-based program. Registration is not required. Meals can be picked up

between 11:00am and 1:00pm while supplies last. Learn more and see the full list of locations at [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](#).

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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