

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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September 2020



Hello!

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and even though we're still working hard to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community, we can still enjoy many of the signs of the changing season and commemorate important occasions.

Our latest [Gwinnett 101](#) class kicked off at the beginning of the month with an orientation session with a smaller class size, social distancing, and masks. Then, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services' [virtual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony](#) premiered on TV Gwinnett and Facebook to remember the lives our nation lost on

September 11, 2001. And Gwinnett County is honoring the heritage of many of our residents with virtual Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. Learn more about that and other upcoming happenings in this month's News and Events in District 2.

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Last chance to make sure #EveryOneCounts in the 2020 Census!

The self-response deadline for the 2020 Census is Wednesday, September 30, which means there are just 10 days left to ensure that Gwinnett gets a complete and accurate count of our population. Remember, census data determines our representation in government, federal funding, and future planning for community resources like schools, hospitals, and roads. Be sure to visit [My2020Census.gov](#) to fill out the survey! It's simple and takes less than 10 minutes, and you can rest

assured that your data will be kept safe and private. Visit [2020Census.gov](#) to learn more about why you should and how to participate.

### Georgia Secretary of State launches absentee ballot request website

The Georgia Secretary of State's Office has launched a new online portal for voters to request an absentee ballot. Voters can now visit [BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov](#) to request an absentee by mail ballot for November 3 election. The new website asks voters to enter their first name, last name, and date of birth and to provide a Georgia driver's license or personal identification card issued by the state of Georgia, as well as their county of residence. The request is then sent to county election officials. When the ballots are available, voters will receive their ballot in the mail.



If you plan to vote advance in person, you can vote from October 12 to October 30 at the Beauty P. Baldwin Voter Registrations and Elections Office and eight additional satellite locations, including the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Find advance voting locations and hours [here on the Elections website](#).

To stay up-to-date with elections in Gwinnett, visit [GwinnettElections.com](#) and follow @GwinnettGov on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**La Secretaría del Estado de Georgia lanza un sitio web para solicitar boletas de voto**

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La Oficina del Secretario de Estado de Georgia ha lanzado un nuevo portal en línea para que los votantes soliciten una boleta de voto en ausente. Los votantes ahora pueden visitar [BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov](https://BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov) para solicitar una boleta de voto ausente por correo para las elecciones del 3 de Noviembre. El nuevo sitio web solicita a los votantes que ingresen su nombre, apellido y la fecha de nacimiento y proporcionar una licencia de conducir de Georgia o una tarjeta de identificación personal emitida por el estado de Georgia, así como su condado de residencia. Luego, la solicitud se envía a los funcionarios electorales del condado. Cuando las boletas estén disponibles, los votantes recibirán su boleta por correo.

Si planea votar por adelantado en persona, puede votar del 12 al 30 de Octubre en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones Beauty P. Baldwin y en ocho ubicaciones satélites adicionales, incluyendo el Recinto Ferial del Condado de Gwinnett. Encuentre lugares y horarios de votación adelantada [aquí en el sitio web de Elecciones](#)

Para mantenerse al día con las elecciones en Gwinnett, visite [GwinnettElections.com](https://GwinnettElections.com) y siga a @GwinnettGov en [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), e [Instagram](#).



### Learn about Rowen, the upcoming knowledge community in Gwinnett

At separate special called meetings August 25, the Development Authority of Gwinnett and the Board of Commissioners authorized bonds for a significant economic development project called Rowen. Rowen is a knowledge community that will be built along State Route 316 just east of Dacula. The community will include a combination of offices, research facilities, public spaces, and residences. It will bring together public institutions and private industries to foster innovation in three focal areas: agriculture, medical, and environmental sciences. Visit [RowenLife.com](https://RowenLife.com) to learn more about the project.

### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month virtually

Follow our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov. We'll be posting virtual displays, throwbacks to previous years' celebrations, and more. You can also save the date for Thursday, October 8 for the [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: A Community Reflection](#) virtual event, which will feature remarks, performances, a proclamation reading, and more.



## What's New in District 2



### Get help with online learning from the Gwinnett County Public Library

The Gwinnett County Public Library and Gwinnett County Public Schools are providing students with access to an online resource for remote learning. The [Tutor.com Learning Suite](https://www.tutor.com/learning-suite) offers online tutoring, homework help, test preparation, and self-study resources. Students can get one-on-one tutoring in any math, science, social studies, and English subject. Tutor.com covers 40 subjects, including AP courses. Live tutoring support is available daily from 8:00am to

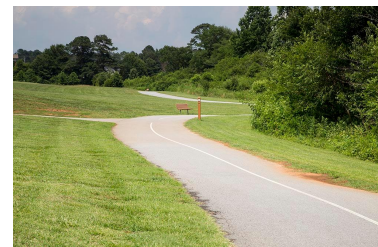
10:00pm. Students can upload a document 24/7 that will be reviewed by tutors and returned later. For more, visit [GwinnettPL.org](https://GwinnettPL.org).

### Enjoy your parks safely

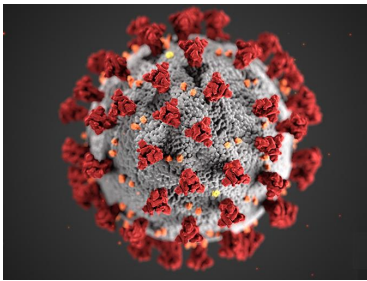
In an evolving response to the COVID-19 pandemic, certain areas within parks remain closed. However, residents can still enjoy the outdoors for exercise and mental and physical health while following social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### Things to know before you go:

- Water fountains are closed; bring your own water to stay hydrated
- There is a maximum occupancy of 50 at any amenity such as pavilions, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, playgrounds, skate parks, or ball fields
- Guests should use a "Leave No Trace" mentality. Bring a suitable trash bag and take everything out to help protect others
- Follow [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/) to keep yourself and other guests safe



- Follow [guidelines for specific amenities](#) like pickleball courts and aquatic centers



### **Know when to get tested for COVID-19**

The Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Department recommends that individuals get tested for COVID-19 if they've been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive person for more than 15 minutes, masked or unmasked. You should get tested when you start to feel ill or 10 days after exposure if you don't have symptoms. You can answer the questions in [this flow chart](#) to determine if you should get tested.

## **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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