

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

The weather is cooling down, and now is a great time to get outside for a walk in nature. Many of us have been spending more time at home than usual, so remember: it's good for your mental and physical health to get some fresh air around your neighborhood or at a safe distance from others in your local park. Keep up your healthy behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and don't forget to get your flu shot!

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Watch Now: #ListenToGwinnettMoms campaign video

We are excited to announce that the official #ListenToGwinnettMoms campaign [video](#) has made its debut!

Hear from five real Gwinnett moms about how we can all play an active role in protecting our community's health and well-being during this time of COVID-19. And no surprise – these ladies deliver some serious motherly sass and authority as they remind us to wash our hands, keep our distance and mask up to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Check out the video by visiting [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](https://www.listen toegwinnettmoms.com), Gwinnett County's webpage dedicated to COVID-19 and campaign updates, and on our social channels at [@GwinnettGov](https://twitter.com/GwinnettGov). Keep an eye out for additional video content featuring these moms through streaming and social media ads.

You can also help spread the word by sharing the video on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#). And don't forget to use the hashtag #ListenToGwinnettMoms when engaging with the campaign or sharing your motherly COVID-19 wisdom!

### Make a voting plan for the November 3 election

Advance voting began October 12, but if you haven't voted yet, now is the time to decide how you will vote in the November 3 General and Special Election. If you plan to vote advance in person, you can vote now through 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.



Voters may request an absentee/advance by mail ballot for the November 3 election now through Friday, October 30. Voters may apply for their absentee ballot online at [BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](https://BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov), or by using the forms at [GwinnettElections.com](https://GwinnettElections.com). Mail-in ballots must be delivered by hand or by mail to the Voter Registration and Elections Office or dropped into one of the secure ballot drop boxes located across the County, including at all Gwinnett County Public Library branches.

If you plan to vote on Election Day, remember that you must vote at your assigned polling location. The

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your Election Day polling location, visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Page at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov).

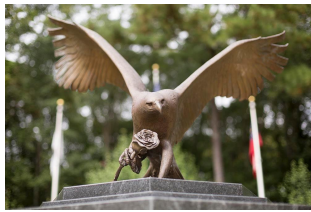
### **Haz un plan de votación para las elecciones del 3 de Noviembre**

La votación adelantada comenzó el 12 de Octubre, pero si aún no ha votado, ahora es el momento de decidir cómo votará en las Elecciones Generales y Especiales del 3 de Noviembre. Si planea votar por adelantado en persona, puede votar desde ahora hasta el 30 de Octubre en la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones Beauty P. Baldwin y en ocho ubicaciones satélites adicionales, incluido el Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Encuentre los lugares y horarios de votación anticipada [aquí](#) en el sitio web de Elecciones.

Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta de voto ausente/adelantado por correo para las elecciones del 3 de Noviembre desde ahora hasta el Viernes 30 de Octubre. Los votantes pueden solicitar una boleta por correo en línea en [BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](http://BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov), usar los formularios en [GwinnettElections.com](http://GwinnettElections.com), enviar un correo electrónico a [Absentee@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Absentee@GwinnettCounty.com) o llamar al 678.226.7210. Las boletas electorales por correo deben entregarse en mano o por correo a la Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones o pueden depositarse en uno de los buzones seguros para boletas ubicados en todo el condado, incluidas todas las sucursales de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Gwinnett.

Si planea votar en el Día de las Elecciones, el 3 de Noviembre, recuerde que debe votar en su lugar de votación asignado. La Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones NO es un lugar de votación el 3 de Noviembre.

Para verificar el estado de su inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra o encontrar su lugar de votación asignado en el Día de las Elecciones, visite My Voter Page de la Secretaría de Estado en [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov).



### **Gwinnett honors veterans virtually, County offices closed November 11**

Gwinnett County Government will honor Gwinnett's veterans with a virtual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11. The video can be viewed on-demand on [TVGwinnett.com](http://TVGwinnett.com), the County's Facebook and Twitter pages [@GwinnettGov](#), and on the County's Vimeo page [Vimeo.com/TVGwinnett](http://Vimeo.com/TVGwinnett).

That day, all Gwinnett County government offices, with the exception of those operations required for the comfort and safety of the residents of the county, will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. All offices will resume regular hours Thursday, November 12. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Gwinnett County Detention Center. Trash and recycling collection in unincorporated Gwinnett is scheduled as normal..

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



### **Transit is on the ballot; get informed!**

Transit funding is on the November 3 ballot for a one-percent transit sales tax to invest in 82 major transit and infrastructure projects.

The Gwinnett Transit Plan includes high capacity BRT service that operates in dedicated travel lanes, as well as arterial rapid transit (ART) that operates in a combination of dedicated and shared highway lanes. These premium services bypass traffic for faster, more reliable transportation and provide many of the advantages of rail service with shorter construction times and lower cost. In addition, expanded local bus service will allow for shorter wait times and Sunday service, with commuter bus routes serving new park-and-ride lots. Expanded paratransit service will extend the transit system, serving most areas of Gwinnett. A rail line will connect Gwinnett's planned Multimodal Hub at Jimmy Carter Boulevard to MARTA's Doraville Station, creating a connection that avoids congestion on the roadways near that station.

Visit [GwinnettTransitPlan.com](http://GwinnettTransitPlan.com) to learn how the plan will deliver more options sooner, provide more connections to jobs, and maintain Gwinnett's local control of transit.

### **Learn about Waste Pro service delays**

On Tuesday, October 13, I hosted a town hall with Waste Pro representatives, Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management staff, and residents to discuss recent service delays and how residents can report issues with their service. Waste Pro representatives shared some of the factors delaying service: personnel shortages during the pandemic, long lines at transfer stations, and increased

tonnage slowing down routes. Waste Pro representatives also shared that they are hiring personnel to make up for staffing shortages and looking into notification systems for alerting customers about delays, and they are now completing most delayed routes within 24 hours from the original pickup time.

Solid Waste Management staff, who man the County's Solid Waste Call Center, work closely with the haulers to identify and resolve service issues. If you have a problem with your hauler's service, please contact the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141, or email [GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com).



### **Pick up a new language with Mango Languages**

Learning a new language is fun and rewarding with Mango Languages, an online program available through the Gwinnett County Public Library. Mango is a language learning resource with courses in more than 70 languages. Mango also offers specialized courses in certain languages with subjects like business or cultural appreciation. Mango focuses on the core elements of grammar, vocabulary, culture, and pronunciation to help you communicate with confidence. Whether you're learning a new language or just brushing up, you can do it for free with your library card. Visit [GwinnettPL.org](http://GwinnettPL.org) and check out the [digital resources page](#) for access to Mango Languages and more.



### **Learn about wastewater during DWR's virtual fall festival**

For the entire month of October, Gwinnett Water Resources is hosting the Sewer and Science Spectacular, an online experience exploring the County's top-ranked wastewater treatment process. The online program features virtual tours of the Yellow River Reclamation Facility, activities and crafts for kids, and four virtual panel discussions on water service and the water treatment process. Two of the panels will feature water experts discussing STEM education and career pathways tailored for teachers and students. The other panels are designed for adults and will cover more in-depth topics on the water treatment process. Residents are invited to take part in the Sewer and Science Spectacular by visiting [gcga.us/SewerScienceSpectacular](http://gcga.us/SewerScienceSpectacular). Register to the virtual live panel discussions here.

### **Property tax bills due December 1**

The 2020 Gwinnett County property tax bills have been mailed and are due December 1. If you have an escrow account, your property tax information is made available to your mortgage company; however, it is your responsibility to ensure taxes are paid. For more information or to learn how to pay online, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com).

## **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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