

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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November 2020



Hello!

Like many things this year, we all have to prepare to make some changes this holiday season to keep ourselves and others safe during the pandemic. The good news is that most of our old traditions can be adapted so that we can still celebrate. Check out our virtual [Veterans Day Ceremony and Salute to the Flag](#) to see how our traditions can continue during this uncertain time. Start thinking about your Thanksgiving holiday now and planning measures you can follow to keep your loved ones safe.

Property tax bills have been sent out and are due December 1. If you'd like to learn more about your property tax bill, we've produced some videos to help explain the costs.

- [Understanding Your 2020 Property Taxes](#)
- [Understanding Your 2020 Property Taxes: Economic Development](#)
- [Understanding Your 2020 Property Taxes: A Closer Look by Service](#)

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

Happening Around Gwinnett

General and Special Election results; prepare for January runoff

The Gwinnett County Board of Voter Registrations and Elections certified the election during its November 9 meeting. The official and complete Election Summary Report can be found [here](#).

Prepare for the January 5, 2021, runoff election by checking your voter registration, especially if you moved recently. If you plan to vote absentee, you can request an absentee ballot now at

[BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](#). Registered voters can also cast their ballots advance in person from December 14 to 31, with the exception of December 24 and 25, when the polling locations will be closed. Find advance voting times and locations [here](#). Note that while originally the state and federal races were going to be on separate dates, the Secretary of State has wisely decided to consolidate these elections to a single date.



Resultados certificados de las Elecciones Generales y Especiales; prepárate para la segunda vuelta de Enero

La Junta de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones del Condado de Gwinnett certificó la elección durante su reunión del 9 de Noviembre. El Resumen del Reporte oficial y completo de las elecciones se puede encontrar [aquí](#).

Prepárese para la segunda vuelta de las elecciones del 5 de Enero del 2021 verificando su inscripción de votante, especialmente si se mudó recientemente. Si planea votar por voto ausente, puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente ahora en [BallotRequest.SOS.GA.gov](#). Los votantes inscritos también pueden emitir su voto por adelantado en persona del 14 al 31 de Diciembre, con la excepción del 24 y 25 de Diciembre ya que los lugares de votación estarán cerrados. Encuentre [aquí](#) los horarios y lugares de votación adelantada. Tenga en cuenta que aunque originalmente las elecciones estatales y federales iban a ser en fechas separadas, la Secretaría de Estado ha decidido sabiamente consolidar estas



Gwinnett offers help to prevent evictions

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Gwinnett County will use funds from the CARES Act to make past due rent payments directly to landlords in order prevent many imminent evictions and keep tenants stably housed. The program, called Project RESET, is a partnership between HomeFirst Gwinnett, Gwinnett County Government, and the Magistrate Court.

The first phase of the new Project RESET program will target 400 active dispossession filings currently in Gwinnett Magistrate Court where eviction is imminent. Project RESET will also work with tenants and landlords who do not have an eviction filing but are in a pre-eviction stage, have filed a CDC Eviction Moratorium, or are working through a payment plan. This flexibility allows the project to respond to homelessness proactively by preventing future eviction filings caused by the financial impact of COVID-19.

Project RESET officially launched on November 2 and will run through the end of 2020. Interested parties can get more information by calling 770.847.6765 or emailing MagistrateCourtProjectRESET@gwinnettcounty.com. Read more about the program [here](#).

Lighting of the Tree goes virtual

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Lighting of the Tree at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse will be virtual this year. An actual 35-foot spruce tree has arrived and will be decorated in time for the traditional Thanksgiving evening lighting ceremony, but this year we're asking guests to stay home and watch it with family and friends on TV Gwinnett, social media, or TVGwinnettLive.com. Enjoy this special holiday tradition Thursday, November 26 at 8:00pm.



Get locally grown produce from Georgia Grown to Go

Gwinnett is partnering again with Georgia Grown to conduct a Georgia Grown to Go Drive-Thru Farmer's Market on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will take place at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.

Pick up a box of fresh produce, ground beef, hens, or even a fall-themed gift box. Pre-orders are now live [here](#).

Are you recycling right?

You've made the environmentally conscious decision to recycle. Collection day is here, and your recycle container is ready for pickup. Before you leave your recycling container on the curb, remember these three simple tips:

- Recycle clean plastic bottles (#1 and #2 only), cans, paper, and cardboard;
- Keep food and liquid out of your recycling; and
- Place your recyclables directly in the container — do not bag recyclables.



Visit SustainableGwinnett.com to learn what is recyclable. We can each do our part to #RecycleRightGwinnett!

What's New in District 2

County offices closed for Thanksgiving; trash and recycling delayed

County offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will resume regular work hours on Monday, November 30. Thanksgiving Day is one of the three trash and recycling collection holidays in Gwinnett, which means Thursday collections will be rescheduled to Friday, November 27, and Friday's collection will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 28. Only Thursday and Friday collections will be affected. Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day are the only trash and recycling collection holidays for residents in unincorporated Gwinnett.

Listen to Gwinnett Moms as we prepare for the holidays

Looking for the best way to show your family you're thankful this holiday season? It's easy. Listen to mom. In fact, showing you care is simpler than ever with #ListenToGwinnettMoms. No matter how you and your family



celebrate Thanksgiving or other fall and winter holidays this year, remember to follow these simple mom-approved COVID-19 safety tips when sharing time with others:

1. Join the clean plate *and hands* club. Wash up before you head to the table, when you leave the table, and really whenever you can.
2. Thanksgiving table etiquette now means napkins in laps, elbows off the table, and masks on as much as possible.
3. Don't forget to keep your distance! Staying 6 feet (or approximately two turkeys) apart is recommended, so trade in the handshakes and cheek pinches for air hugs.
4. When in doubt, consider taking pre-visit rapid tests to ensure you and your family ace the holiday.

Want more Thanksgiving and holiday safety tips? Check out these [CDC guidelines](#), and stay up-to-date with the campaign by following along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [LinkedIn](#) with the hashtag #ListenToGwinnettMoms. You can also visit [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](#), Gwinnett County's official campaign webpage, for a round-up of COVID-19 information and resources.

Don't let FOG ruin your holidays

The holiday season means lots of time in the kitchen cooking up rich holiday favorites. Unfortunately, many of the meals we enjoy this time of year can generate FOG – fats, oils, and grease. When products like cooking oil, meat, or cheese are poured down the drain, they can collect in the pipes and cause blockages. When a pipe becomes blocked, the dirty water can back up through our indoor drains. A blockage can also occur in the public sewer system, forcing wastewater into the environment where it can pollute rivers and streams.



Here are some tips on how to dispose of FOG properly:

- Absorb FOG with paper towels
- Pour used oil and grease in a container with a lid and place in the trash
- Use mesh drain strainers to catch solid food scraps for disposal in a trash can
- Scrape plates over the trash can or wipe with a paper towel before washing

These simple tips can help reduce the potential for FOG clogs. Visit [UnclogTheFog.com](#) for more information.



Free food distribution at the Norcross Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library

The Gwinnett County Public Library is partnering with the Atlanta Community Food Bank to host a Drive-Thru Food Pantry at the Norcross Branch of the library, located at 6025 Buford Highway in Norcross. Food will be distributed starting at 10:00am November 24 on a first-come, first-served basis, one package per family while supplies last. Each package will contain up to 20 pounds of produce in addition to shelf stable items. Volunteers will bring the food packages out to cars, so families should remain in their vehicles. Volunteers will bring food packages out to cars. Learn more at [GwinnettPL.org](#).

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](#) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

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