

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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November 2021



Hello!

The holidays are around the corner, and it's hard to believe we're so close to 2022. The year has gone by quickly, but I'm proud of the initiatives we've been able to jump start or accomplish. There's so much to celebrate. I hope you get the chance to safely gather with your loved ones and reflect on the year behind us and the great days ahead.

And remember, if you'd like to chat with me on any topic, please reach out to my office at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com) to schedule a call or virtual meeting. I want to know if you feel that I have been representing you well or if you think there is something I could be doing to better represent you.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Chairwoman presents 2022 proposed budget

On Tuesday, November 16, Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson will present her proposed budget for 2022. Tune in at 11:00am on Webex [here](#). The presentation and proposed budget resolution will be available to view [here](#) after it is presented. Please reach out to me if you have any concerns, comments, or questions about the proposed budget.

### County officials break ground on Eastern Regional Infrastructure project

County leaders gathered earlier this month to kick off the start of construction on an infrastructure project that will provide water, sewer, and trails for 8,500 acres of land in east Gwinnett. The Eastern Regional Infrastructure Project includes approximately five miles of new public trails, two trailheads, upgraded and expanded water service, and expanded sewer service. The project will be funded by the departments of Water Resources and Community Services, including revenue from the 2017 SPLOST, which will fund the trails component of the project. Learn more about the project at [GwinnettERI.com](http://GwinnettERI.com).



### Gwinnett hosts poll official hiring events

Citizens who are interested in the electoral process and want to give back to the community are invited to attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events. The Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials. Poll officials will gain valuable work experience and training in preparation for the 2022 elections. Currently, positions pay up to a \$350 stipend.

The hiring events are set for:

- **November 29 and 30** from 9:00am to 1:00pm at George Pierce Park, 55 Buford Highway, Suwanee
- **December 11** from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Bogan Park, 2723 North Bogan Road, Buford

## Celebrate the holidays at the Lighting of the Tree

On Thanksgiving night each year, we light the Great Tree on the grounds of the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville to celebrate the holiday season. The event will take place after your turkey dinner, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

For the first time ever, this annual event can be enjoyed in person or from the comfort of your own home. Festivities include crafts, s'mores, hot cocoa, and a very special appearance of jolly old Saint Nick himself to get everyone in the spirit of the upcoming holidays!



## What's New in District 2



### Attend my open house about redistricting

Under a decades old law, political boundaries must be drawn every decade to match a county's changing population. My fellow commissioners and I are hosting a series of open houses to inform residents about the process and details of redistricting for the Gwinnett County commission districts. View maps, ask staff questions, and share your feedback. The first redistricting open house will be Commissioner Carden's, held this **Wednesday, November 17** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Duluth Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library.

My open house will be held **Tuesday, November 23** at 6:30pm at Lucky Shoals Park, located at 4651 Britt Road in Norcross. Follow [@GwinnettGov](https://twitter.com/GwinnettGov) on social media for details about additional open houses.

### Gwinnett Police hosting food drive through December 13

The festive season is here, and Gwinnett Police are working to ensure families get the support they need during the holidays. The Gwinnett Police Records Unit will partner with Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church Food Pantry for a food drive to help address food insecurity within the county. Residents are encouraged to drop off donations November 15 through December 13 at their local precinct during normal business hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm. The closest precincts to us in District 2 include the West Precinct, located at 6160 Crescent Drive in Norcross, and the South Precinct, located at 2180 Stone Drive in Lilburn.



Acceptable items include canned proteins including chicken, tuna, and spaghetti sauce with meat; canned chili and pasta; canned soup; peanut butter; cereal; canned fruit and vegetables; bottled condiments; cooking oil; baby wipes; and toilet paper. Learn more [here](#).



### It's not too late to get vaccinated

With holiday gatherings filling our calendars, now is a great time to get vaccinated, or to get your booster dose if you're eligible. Vaccines have also been recommended for kids ages 5 to 11, so consider getting the kids vaccinated during their time off from school. Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccination site near you.

### Recycle your glass at OneStop Norcross

After years of my pushing, the county's glass recycling pilot is now underway, and I want to share a reminder for you to please only place glass (lids and labels can be left on) in the drop-off bin in the parking lot of OneStop Norcross, located at 5030 Georgia Belle Court. If you place your glass in a box or bag, please take those with you for your next drop-off. With your help, we can prevent that glass from being contaminated, which means more money for the county when it gets sold to manufacturers, who can use it for items like kitchen tiles and insulation.



### Events and activities are ramping back up across Gwinnett.

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryevents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn more about upcoming events.

#### **Hoopsgiving**

**Saturday, November 20 from noon to 2:00pm**

Calling all-stars ages 7 to 17! Bring your A-game and compete like the pros. Athletes will participate in three-point contests, skills challenges, and three-on-three All-Star games. \$8 per participant. Register or learn more [here](#). Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

#### **Virtual Park Discoveries**

**Wednesday, November 24 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm**

Have you ever wondered how your parks got their names or what lives in those parks? Join us for a virtual adventure as we explore the history and nature of Mountain Park Park. Program will not be offered during inclement weather. Register [here](#) by November 22 for this free event. Virtual.

#### **Senior Holiday Luncheon**

**Friday, December 3 from 11:30am to 1:30pm**

Let's gather at this festive annual event! Enjoy entertainment and a tasty boxed meal with friends for the holiday. Please [register](#) for this event by November 24. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

#### **Family Snow Day**

**Friday, December 10 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Looking for a fun winter event for the whole family? Families can enjoy games, crafts, contests, a hot chocolate bar, popcorn bar, and more. We'll be doing our unique "snow"ball fighting making this your new favorite annual tradition. New for this year, pajamas are welcome! Spaces are limited and sell out quickly. \$20 per family of four; \$5 per additional child. Call or [register online](#). Pinckneyville Park, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

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