

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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March 2021



Hello!

March marks a year with COVID-19 as a major factor in all of our lives. Things are trending better in our community, but it's up to each of us to keep it that way by social distancing, washing our hands, wearing our masks, and getting vaccinated as soon as we can. The more committed we are to these practices, the sooner our lives will be back to normal!

Happening Around Gwinnett



COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expanding across Georgia

The group of people eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine has expanded to include educators and school staff, individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities and their caregivers, and parents of children who have complex medical conditions. These individuals join previously eligible groups including health care personnel, residents of long-term care facilities, first responders, and adults 65 and older. Eligibility [will expand again Monday, March 15](#) to include adults 55 and older, adults with disabilities, and adults with

a health condition that puts them at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

If you fall into one of these groups, please visit MyVaccineGeorgia.com to preregister to be vaccinated at one of the state's mass vaccination sites. If you're looking for a [COVID-19 vaccination site near you](#), be sure to check back often as the participating vaccine site locations list will be updated frequently. Additional locations statewide will be added when providers are ready to safely administer the vaccine, and as vaccine supply allows. Individuals who are not currently eligible to receive the vaccine can sign up at [My Vaccine Georgia webpage](#) to receive email updates on their eligibility.

Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers first State of the County address

In her [first State of the County address](#), Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson lauded the county's high expectations for excellence, called The Gwinnett Standard.

Hendrickson cited Gwinnett's elite Triple AAA/Aaa bond rating, state-of-the-art F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center, and award-winning parks and library systems as evidence of the county's high level of achievement. She said the Gwinnett Standard also shows in Gwinnett's pandemic response with the County, schools, businesses, and organizations pivoting to online or modified services. Hendrickson challenged the audience and viewers to uphold the Gwinnett Standard as we face future challenges.



A video of the speech will air on the County's government-access cable channels on Charter, Comcast, and AT&T U-verse. Photos may be viewed on [Flickr](#).



Celebrate Women's History Month

In celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, Gwinnett County is recognizing women who represent and lead within Gwinnett County Government. Each week on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), we will be highlighting women from different departments and leadership levels who exemplify our theme this year, #GwinnettWomenLead.

We invite you to visit our [social media pages](#) to watch a [special message from Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson](#), one of the many female trailblazers who make Gwinnett a great place to live, work,

play, and raise a family. If you're inspired by women in Gwinnett, share your stories and join the conversation on social media by using #GwinnettWomenLead.

Last chance to apply for Gwinnett Youth Commission

High schoolers can learn how and why Gwinnett County Government does what it does by attending the Gwinnett Youth Commission, an eight-week summer leadership program for high school students. After the summer session, participants are sworn in as Youth Commissioners where they:

- Interact with Gwinnett County Government leaders
- Speak on behalf of Gwinnett County youth
- Help local government better understand the issues facing Gwinnett youth
- Serve as youth ambassadors for the county
- Plan community events and participate in volunteer projects



[Applications](#) will be accepted on the [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) webpage through **April 12**. This summer's session will be in-person but limited to 15 participants to allow for social distancing.

What's New in District 2

Apply for a seat on the Gwinnett County Historical Restoration & Preservation Board

I'm looking for an engaged resident to serve in the District 2 seat on the Gwinnett County Historical Restoration & Preservation Board. The role of the HRPB is to advise the chairwoman and board of commissioners on the restoration and preservation of county historical matters. Generally, meetings are held once per quarter on the third Monday of the month in May, August, and November and the fourth Monday of February at 10:00am. Due to the pandemic, certain meetings may be held virtually.

I'm also seeking applicants for roles on the [Board of Tax Assessors](#), [Family & Children Services Board](#), and [Animal Control Hearing Board](#). If you'd like to apply for any of these roles, use my [district 2 application form](#) on the County website.

Find community resources during the pandemic

After a year with COVID-19 in our community, many of us are facing difficult circumstances personally. The County has provided grant funding through the CARES Act to many local organizations that are supporting residents through this difficult time. [Click here to find links](#) with more information or to contact these organizations for assistance with food, housing and utilities, childcare, and transportation.



The Office of Economic Development also has [resources and information for businesses](#).



Water Resources offers virtual Household Hazardous Waste workshop

Get ready for spring cleaning! Learn how to identify and properly store common household hazardous wastes as well as options for recycling and disposal. A virtual Household Hazardous Waste workshop is being held by the Department of Water Resources April 15 at 6:00pm. Please register at [GwinnettH2O.com](#), by sending an email with your name, address, and phone number

to DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com, or by calling 678.376.7193.

Be on the lookout for your annual notice of assessment
Most Residential and Commercial Annual Notice of Assessments for 2021 will be mailed on April 23. An Annual Notice of Assessment is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2021. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT311A state appeal form to the Tax Assessor's Office or visiting Gwinnett-Assessor.com.



Special Events and Happenings

Most events and activities are suspended due to the County's COVID-19 response.

Visit GwinnettCounty.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

If you'd like to chat with me on any topic, please reach out to my office at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com to schedule a call or virtual meeting.

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