

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

Have you gotten your COVID-19 vaccine yet? All Georgians 16 and up are eligible, and I encourage you to book an appointment to help our community get back to normal. The vaccines are safe and effective, and they're available at many sites around Gwinnett and in neighboring counties. As the vaccine rollout continues, please remember to continue social distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing to keep cases low while we build immunity.

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.

You can also follow me [@BenKu on Twitter](#) or on [Facebook](#)!

Happening Around Gwinnett



Get a jumpstart on your spring cleaning at America Recycles Day

Recycle your electronics, paint, tires, and paper at the County's Earth Day event on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00am to noon at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. Paper shredding is limited to five copier paper boxes; paint is limited to 10 gallons; and tires are limited to eight (dealer tires not accepted). Recycling is free except for TVs, monitors, and printers; there is a \$35 cash fee per projection or console TV, \$15

cash fee per TV or computer monitor, and a \$5 cash fee per printer.

All attendees are encouraged to wear masks and must remain in their vehicles at all times. Items to be recycled should be placed in the trunk or back of vehicles where they will be removed by vendors. Materials should be placed in disposable containers or boxes; containers will not be returned. For more information, please visit GwinnettCB.org/Events or call the Solid Waste Call Center at 770.822.7141.

Gwinnett Moms are back with vaccine information

We've always looked to our moms for advice when it really matters. And more than year into COVID-19, it really matters! We know there's a huge amount of information about the new COVID-19 vaccines, much of it confusing and constantly evolving. So that's why Gwinnett County has turned to an expert source we all trust: our moms.

When it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, deciding to say "yes" looks different for all of us. Whether you're still a little unsure or you're ready to roll up your sleeve today, Gwinnett County Government – with the help of our Gwinnett Moms – is here to help. [Get the details you need](#) about the COVID-19 vaccines, and then [schedule your appointment](#).



Gwinnett completes purchase of 39-acre parcel at Gwinnett Place Mall



Earlier this month, we completed the purchase of 39 acres at Gwinnett Place Mall. Easily accessible from I-85 and centrally located within Gwinnett County, the property has been a key focus for leadership within the County and will help amplify future expansion and planning efforts. Properties not included in this sale will remain with respective current owners, whose current tenants – Macy's, Mega Mart and Beauty Master – will not be impacted by this purchase. The Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County is working closely with these groups to ensure all are aligned on goals as planning and revitalization begin.

Sign up to receive the County's email newsletters

Gwinnett County sends a variety of email newsletters to keep residents informed. If you have friends outside District 2, encourage them to sign up for their district newsletter. You can also find information on a range of specific topics, like volunteering, transit, and community outreach. Sign up for Gwinnett County's email newsletters [here](#).

What's New in District 2

Apply for a seat on the Gwinnett County Historical Restoration & Preservation Board or the Board of Tax Assessors

I'm looking for an engaged resident to serve in the District 2 seat on the Gwinnett County Historical Restoration & Preservation Board and on the Board of Tax Assessors. The [HRPB](#) advises the chairwoman and board of commissioners on the restoration and preservation of county historical matters. The role of the [Board of Tax Assessors](#) is to place taxable values on real and personal property, oversee the appeal process as provided by State law, and compile the annual tax digest for submission to the State Department of Revenue.

I'm also seeking applicants for roles on the [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.

Engage young minds with B² Anywhere

Gwinnett County has partnered with Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Building Babies' Brains initiative to launch an early learning and literacy program called Building Brains Anywhere. B² Anywhere provides mobile early learning programs across Gwinnett, including parks, childcare facilities, community centers, apartment complexes, places of worship, and more. Programs include a focus on literacy, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), and nature play. They also provide helpful suggestions to prepare children to thrive in kindergarten.



B² Anywhere events are free to attend, but pre-registration is required. COVID-19 protocols are in place to protect participants and staff. For more information, visit [B2Anywhere.com](#).



Applications for Project RESET 2.0 coming soon

Gwinnett County has received more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds through the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program. These funds will be used to extend Project RESET to provide direct rental and utility assistance to income-eligible individuals and households financially impacted by COVID-19. Gwinnett County, in partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta and HomeFirst Gwinnett, will build on the success of the Project RESET program by enhancing its offerings to include financial support for past-due utility

payment assistance as well as past-due rent. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Learn more about eligibility [here](#).

Applications for this program will open late this month. Households in immediate need are encouraged to find currently available community resources at [GCCGA.us/COVID19Resources](#).

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.

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