

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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June 2021



Hello!

It's Pride Month, Gwinnett! Juneteenth is also right around these corner. Both of these occasions commemorate the struggles faced by marginalized groups and celebrate how far we've come in the fight for equality and liberation. June is a month of joy and celebration, but it's also a time to look back at the actions of those who came before us. Keep reading below to see how Gwinnett is remembering and celebrating.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Gwinnett Thrives with Pride

The County is hosting its inaugural Pride Party, which will take place Monday, June 28 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center plaza. This event will feature a proclamation presentation designating Pride Month in Gwinnett County, food trucks, and music. Register [here](#). For more details about this event, call 770.822.8877 or email Outreach@GwinnettCounty.com.

Gwinnett County Government celebrates Pride Month and affirms our commitment to ensuring that all Gwinnett residents, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender identity, or gender expression, are able to thrive in our vibrantly connected community! Use #GwinnettThrivesWithPride on social media throughout the month to stay connected to our celebration. Learn about events hosted by the library and other County Pride Month celebrations [here](#).

Celebrate Juneteenth at Rhodes Jordan Park

On Saturday, June 19, we'll join the United Ebony Society to celebrate Juneteenth — the oldest celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States — at Rhodes Jordan Park from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

This year's Juneteenth festival includes historical presentations, performances, music, games, and food trucks. Rhodes Jordan Park is located at 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.



Board announces diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives

In her remarks at the inaugural Gwinnett Chamber Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summit, Chairwoman Hendrickson introduced the Gwinnett Place Mall Redevelopment Equity Plan and announced the opportunity for qualified consultants to submit proposals for the development of an Equity Action Plan on behalf of Gwinnett County. Both plans demonstrate the County's determination to embed an equitable, inclusive, and welcoming foundation in all services, programs, policies, decisions and developments made by the

County – soon to be the largest county in Georgia. Learn more about the plans [here](#).

Watch board meetings on Facebook Live

You can now watch Board of Commissioners' meetings on Facebook Live. Make sure to follow [@GwinnettGov on Facebook](#) to view the Board in action. Join us first and third Tuesdays at 2:00pm for work and business sessions. You can also tune in starting at 7:00pm on fourth Tuesdays for our public hearings.



Those without access to Facebook can still watch the Board of Commissioners meetings live on TV Gwinnett or stream them online at [TVGwinnettLive.com](#). Click [here](#) for a full list of upcoming board meetings.

What's New in District 2



Reminder: rental and utility assistance available through Project RESET 2.0

Applications are open for Project RESET 2.0, which will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support struggling renters in our community. The program offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Tenants

and landlords interested in participating in this program can access the Project RESET 2.0 application portal and program resources at [GCGA.us/RentalAssistance](#). Interested parties can also contact the Project Reset 2.0 Call Center at 770.822.7501.

Get your COVID-19 vaccine at Best Friend Park

On Saturday, June 26, we're teaming up with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity to host a Community Fair and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic from 9:00am to noon at Best Friend Park in Norcross. Join us for a day of free food and fun, and meet the people who serve you every day. The Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments will be onsite to administer free COVID-19 vaccines — no appointment necessary!



Waste Pro Update

County Administrator Glenn Stephens provided the following update regarding service issues with Waste Pro, one of the residential trash and recycling haulers contracted with the County:

We have communicated directly to Waste Pro about the requirement for performance improvement. Our County Solid Waste team continues to work closely with Waste Pro representatives to focus on completing trash and recycle routes on scheduled service days. The

County requires daily reports of missed areas and investigates specific service requests to monitor service quality. Solid Waste managers meet with Waste Pro representatives weekly to review the key performance indicators for the past week and emphasize areas for immediate improvement.

Key performance indicators have continued to improve in both trash and recycling services since March. Also, Waste Pro is now using call blasts to inform residents of service delays. Recent local Waste Pro management changes have resulted in increased communication and improved responsiveness to individual customer service concerns.

Waste Pro is actively recruiting and working to address labor shortages that have impacted businesses across the nation. More drivers are being trained, and additional routes and trucks will be added to improve service while customers' day of service will not change.

Waste Pro's corporate office has made a commitment to allocate resources to address their performance challenges with a permanent solution. County staff, County management, and the Board of Commissioners are working together to address service issues. If you have questions or concerns and would like to speak with someone at the County, please email GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7141.

Gwinnett, CIDS, and state DOT to participate in connected vehicle program

Gwinnett County is partnering with the Georgia Department of Transportation and five Community Improvement Districts to implement the state's Regional Connected Vehicle Program on several major traffic corridors in Gwinnett County. The cutting-edge Connected Vehicle Technology program seeks to enhance traffic safety by providing traffic and road condition in-formation to vehicles equipped to receive the messages. The equipment can also communicate with traffic control centers to help improve traffic management. Special equipment will be installed on several roads including Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Pleasant Hill Road, Buford Highway, Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Stone Mountain Highway, Sugarloaf Parkway, and Lawrenceville Highway.



Gwinnett provides free summer meals to kids at 25 locations around the county

Gwinnett County is helping ease hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to feed Gwinnett's children during the summer. The Gwinnett Summer Meals program provides free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children 18 years of age and younger at County parks, libraries, and other locations. Meals are also available for adults 19 years of age and older with physical or mental disabilities who are enrolled in a school-based program.

Meals can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm while supplies last. Learn more and see a full list of locations [here](#).

Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are ramping back up under the CDC's latest guidance.

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