

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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July 2021



Hello!

Summer means family barbecues, picnics with loved ones, community fairs, and more! With vaccines widely available across our county, we can get back to the vibrantly connected life we enjoy here in Gwinnett.

Still on the fence? Visit [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](https://www.listen toegwinnettmoms.com) for the answers to common questions and to hear [real Gwinnett Moms](#) share how they came to the decision to get vaccinated. You can sign up for an appointment [here](#).

And remember, 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.

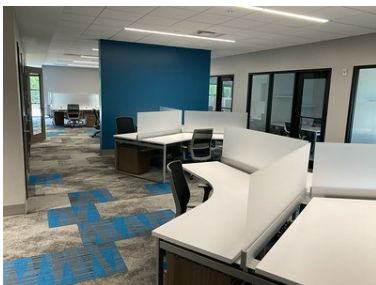
Happening Around Gwinnett

Board votes to keep 2021 millage rate the same as last year

The Board of Commissioners voted to hold unincorporated Gwinnett's property tax rate for 2021 at 14.71 mills, the same rate as 2020. Property taxes are based on millage rates set by county government, the schools, and cities.

2021 Millage Rate

Financial Services Director Buffy Alexzulian said most homeowners won't see the County government portion of their taxes change because of the Value Offset Exemption, which holds the assessed value of a property constant for the County government tax portion of their bill, even if there is an increase in property value. Read more about the proposed millage rate [here](#), and watch [this video](#) to learn more about how your property taxes are calculated.



Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center now accepting applications

If you're a new business owner in financial need or one who needs a jumpstart, the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center wants to lend a helping hand. The center is now accepting applications for membership from budding business owners! Sponsored by the Board of Commissioners in partnership with Georgia Gwinnett College, the center is an incubator to help the county's small businesses with coworking and office space, classes, workshops, business coaching, and networking connections. The center will also offer support services to local non-member entrepreneurs.

Those interested are asked to carefully review the member handbook, tour the facility, and attend an informational webinar about the center before applying. Learn more and apply at [GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com](https://www.GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com).

DOT finishing Pleasant Hill Road improvements

The Gwinnett Department of Transportation is nearing completion

on major improvements to Pleasant Hill Road. Pleasant Hill was widened from Howell Ferry Road to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to add a third travel lane in either direction within the project limits. This project also installed dual left turn lanes at all approaches of the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. These improvements were paid for with funds from the 2014 SPLOST program and State Road and Tollway Authority.



As part of a separate but connected project, the third westbound lane is being extended to the Chattahoochee River. This project also includes a new multi-use path from west of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the Chattahoochee River, as well as a pedestrian boardwalk connecting to the pedestrian bridge crossing over the Chattahoochee River. This project is funded with revenues from the 2009 and 2017 SPLOST programs.

What's New in District 2



Security alarm system registration deadline extended to August 1

False alarms cost taxpayers an estimated \$1.8 billion annually nationwide. In 2020, Gwinnett Police responded to approximately 22,450 alarm calls, only 163 of which were true alarms or emergencies.

The Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances requires both residential and commercial security alarm systems to be registered with the Gwinnett Police Department. This applies to both residential and commercial alarm sites. All alarm sites, including those previously registered, must [submit a new registration form](#) by August 1. Registration can be completed online, by phone, or by downloading a paper registration form and sending it by mail. Failure to register will result in an extra \$25 fee for each false alarm. If you have any questions regarding your alarm account, call 833.281.8743 or visit the Gwinnett Police [False Alarm Reduction Program website](#).

Share your feedback on SR 140/Holcomb Bridge Road at Spalding Drive intersection improvement project

The Gwinnett County and Georgia Departments of Transportation are seeking feedback about the improvement of the intersection of SR 140/Holcomb Bridge Road at Spalding Drive in Fulton and Gwinnett Counties. SR 140/Holcomb Bridge Road serves as a major commercial corridor and the queuing associated with left turning vehicles is causing traffic delays in the area, with projected increase in traffic volume expected to increase the period of delay over time.



The preliminary design for the project is available virtually. You're invited to [learn more about the project](#) and [submit your comments](#) by Saturday, August 7.



Real Gwinnett Moms sit down to talk COVID-19 vaccines

Watch this "[Real Moms, Real Talk](#)" conversation, where a group of Gwinnett moms share their thoughts, feelings, and unique perspectives on the COVID-19 vaccine. Listen in to these moms' conversation and learn what getting vaccinated means to them, their families, and community at large.

Visit [ListenToGwinnettMoms.com](#) to get your questions answered and find a vaccine location near you.

Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are ramping back up across Gwinnett.

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](#) or follow the County's social media channels to learn more about upcoming events.

Junior Scientists

Tuesday, July 27 from 11:00am to noon

Explore the cool world of STEM with hands-on experiments at the Norcross Library! 6025 Buford Highway in Norcross.

Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

Friday, August 6 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Have fun playing dodgeball, and enjoy tasty treats! For ages 10 to 16. Best Friend Park Gym, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

Where have you Bingo-ing

Friday, August 20 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

It's Senior Citizen Day, and we hope you are feeling lucky! Let's celebrate with Bingo, prizes, and great fellowship — light refreshments, too. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

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