

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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April 2022



Hello!

We're gearing up for an exciting spring and summer. Keep reading to hear about some of the events and activities coming our way in the next several weeks, and be sure to follow [@GwinnettGov on social media](#) to stay up to date on the latest news and announcements.

Election season is upon us and I wanted to highlight that our school board was made non-partisan, which means that like our judges, their election is **May 24**, so please be sure to make a plan to vote to ensure your voice is counted and you don't feel regret when the November election rolls around and it's too late to have your input in these important races. Also, if you pull a non-partisan ballot, you will only get the judicial and school board races and unfortunately you must select a party ballot if you want to vote in any of the partisan primary races. District 2 only has a primary election for county commissioner on the Democratic ballot while there is only a Gubernatorial primary race on the Republican ballot. However, United States Senate and United States Congressional District 7 have primaries on both partisan ballots. Answers to most elections-related questions can be found at [GwinnettElections.com](#), and if you have something not answered there, please reach out to me and we'll get you the answer.

Remember, if you'd like to chat with me on any topic, you can reach out to my office at [Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com](#) to schedule a call or virtual meeting. I want to make sure my office is doing everything we can to address your concerns.

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Save the date for the 2022 Multicultural Festival

One of the County's signature events, the Multicultural Festival, is making a return this year after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us Saturday, May 14 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall on Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth. We could not be more excited to return with a celebration of the vibrant cultures and communities that make up Gwinnett. Visit Police and Fire exhibits, watch cultural performances from around the globe, meet officers, and enjoy kids' activities like games and bounce houses. For more information, call 678.442.6571. The event is open and free to everyone.



### Recycle used items at Earth Day event

Join us at Coolray Field on **Saturday, April 23** from 9:00am to noon in celebration of Earth Day. Residents can drop off items that are typically more difficult to recycle, such as electronics, latex and oil-based paint, and tires. Paper shredding will also be available. Materials should be placed in disposable containers or boxes as containers will not be returned.

This event is brought to you by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Solid Waste Management. For more details, visit

### Safely dispose of unwanted medications

Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the National Take Back Initiative on **Saturday, April 30** to provide a safe and convenient way to drop off unused and expired medications at various collection sites. Tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs can be dropped off at police headquarters and its six precincts from 10:00am to 2:00pm for proper disposal. Liquids, syringes, sharps, and other drugs will not be accepted. [Find a collection site](#) near you.



### Leaders cut ribbon on The Water Tower

County leaders cut the ribbon on [The Water Tower](#) — an innovation center that brings education, coworking, and research together under one roof. The campus features three classrooms, four conference rooms, multiple laboratories, coworking spaces, single-tenant office rentals, a field training center, and a water treatment demonstration area.

Located in Buford, The Water Tower is operated by two nonprofit organizations: The Water Tower at Gwinnett and The Water Tower Institute. The \$33.7 million facility combines water utilities, research, and community and executes on my pillars of innovation, inclusion, and investments in infrastructure.

## What's New in District 2

### Watch my State of District 2 town hall

Following Chairwoman Hendrickson's State of the County address, my fellow district commissioners and I hosted several State of the District town halls to share updates about our districts, current and future County initiatives, and how the new district maps signed into law by Governor Kemp in February may impact residents.

If you missed my town halls at the end of March, you can [watch the recording](#) streaming on the County's Facebook page. I hope you'll tune in!



### Board of Assessors mails notices for 2022 assessed property values

The Gwinnett County Board of Assessors mailed approximately 294,000 Annual Notices of Assessment to residential and commercial property owners today. 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, 2022. Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice. To view and print a copy of your annual notice of assessment, research market values, read

frequently asked questions, or submit an appeal online, visit [Gwinnett-Assessor.com](#).

### Register for summer camp

Gear up for adventure and let the fun and games begin! Gwinnett offers exciting summer camps that run from June 6 through July 29. Kids will take part in age-appropriate activities and hands-on experiences in a safe environment. [Camp registration is now open](#) for kids ages 5 and older. Call 678.277.0179 for more information. You can also bring younger children to fun activities through our [Building Brains Anywhere](#) program. For more information, email [B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com).



### Voter registration deadline coming soon

The next election in Gwinnett will be the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election held Tuesday, May 24. **You must be registered to vote by this Monday, April 25** in order to cast your ballot in this election. You can check your registration status and view your sample ballot on the



## Ya se viene la fecha límite de inscripción de votantes

Las próximas elecciones en Gwinnett serán las elecciones generales primarias y generales no partidista que se llevará a cabo el Martes 24 de Mayo. Para emitir su voto en esta elección tiene que estar inscrito para votar y tiene hasta el Lunes 25 de Abril para hacerlo. Puede verificar el estado de su inscripción electoral y ver su boleta de muestra en [My Voter Page](#) de la Secretaría de Estado.

## Special Events and Happenings

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

### Sing My Way

**Friday, May 6 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

Show us your best dance moves as we sing and groove - your way! Celebrate life and good times as your favorite tunes serenade us into the beginning of Older American Month! Friends and family members under 50 are welcome to join senior participants. Sing, dance, and complete the party atmosphere with your own refreshments or purchase some at a small fee. Fee: \$6 per resident, \$12 per non-resident. [Register](#). OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### Great Big Garden Games

**Wednesday, May 11 from 10:30am to 1:00pm**

Come enjoy our hidden courtyard garden featuring giant-sized classic games including chess, checkers, connect four, and more! Plant a mini-garden to grow at home. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 678.277.0920 to register. Pinckneyville Park Community Recreation Center, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

### Summer Splash Bash

**Saturday, May 14 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

It's a splash-tastic time at the interactive fountain! Help us celebrate the start of summer with interactive play time! There will be activities and lots of splashing around in the fountain. Kona Ice will be onsite vending tasty treats. Free for residents; \$4 for non-residents. All ages welcome. Graves Park, 1540 Graves Road, Norcross.

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