

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

A busy summer is ahead of us! Keep reading to hear about some exciting upcoming events and ways you can make your voice heard in local government.

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



Cast your ballot in the May 24 election

Election day is around the corner! Have you voted yet? On Election Day, May 24, you must vote at your assigned polling location. Locations will be open 7:00am to 7:00pm that day. The Elections Office is not a voting location on Election Day.

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#). Answers to most other elections-related questions can be found at GwinnettElections.com. If you have something not answered there, please reach out to me and we'll get you the

answer.

Emite tu voto en las elecciones del 24 de Mayo

¡El Día de las Elecciones está a la vuelta de la esquina! ¿Ya votaste? En el Día de las Elecciones, 24 de Mayo, debes votar en tu lugar de votación asignado. En ese día las ubicaciones estarán abiertas de 7:00am a 7:00pm. La Oficina de Elecciones no es un lugar de votación en el Día de las Elecciones.

Para verificar el estado de tu inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar tu lugar de votación, visita [My Voter Page](#) de la Secretaría de Estado. Las respuestas a la mayoría de otras preguntas relacionadas con las elecciones se pueden encontrar en GwinnettElections.com. Si tienes una pregunta y no encuentras una respuesta allí, comunícate conmigo y te daremos la respuesta.

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with Gwinnett

Gwinnett County is home to Georgia's largest Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Every year during May, we celebrate AAPI residents who enrich our dynamic community and contribute their time, talent, heritage, and culture to the vibrant fabric of Gwinnett. Celebrate with us during several upcoming events and experiences:

- **Self-guided exhibit** in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville
- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration** on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza. The celebration will include free food, remarks, and performances. [Register](#) to attend in person or stream it live on Facebook [@GwinnettGov](#)



- **AAPI Mental Health Gathering** on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00am to noon at The Water Tower, 2500 Clean Water Court, Buford. Join us and our partners from ViewPoint Health, GUIDE, and the Georgia Asian Times, will host a mental health community conversation. [Register](#) in advance.
- **Gwinnett County Public Library presents the Atlanta Chinese Dance Company** on Saturday, May 21 from 11:00am to noon at the Duluth Branch, 3180 Main Street, Duluth



Honor the fallen this Memorial Day

Gwinnett County will honor four fallen military and public service heroes during the [19th annual Memorial Day ceremony](#) on Monday, May 30 at 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville. The public is invited to attend the ceremony to remember EMT Logan James Wade, Police Recruit Ronald Donat, Lance Cpl. Jonathan Gierke, Water Resources employee Constantin "George" Bolof, and other fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives to serve and protect our nation and our communities. The Memorial Day ceremony will also stream

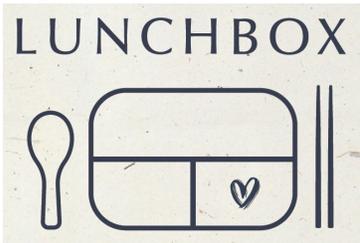
live on the County's [Facebook page](#) @GwinnettGov.

Shelter Pets Rock!

The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center is gearing up for its annual Shelter Pets Rock event Saturday, June 11 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Adoptions are free, so this is the perfect time to find a loving pet for your family. Enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly activities, music, vendors, and more while you find a new bandmate from our group of cool cats and hip hounds. All adoptions include microchip, spay/neuter, and vaccinations. The Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center is located at 884 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.



What's New in District 2



Gwinnett students put on play celebrating AAPI experience

The Asian Student Alliance is a nonprofit, student-led organization that unites metro Atlanta students to reduce anti-Asian racism through education and leadership. The Asian Student Alliance is performing Lunchbox, an original play written by students based on their lived experiences. The performance is an hour long, followed by a 45-minute discussion with the audience. The shows will be performed at the Lawrenceville Arts Center from May 27 to May 31. If

you're interested in learning more about the lived experience of our AAPI students, [tickets](#) are on sale now for \$25 until May 23, at which time prices rise to \$30. Proceeds go to the production of the play.

Share your thoughts on sustainability in Gwinnett

As Gwinnett County leads the charge in building a more sustainable Gwinnett, we want to hear from you. Share your concerns and priorities for environmental sustainability in our community by taking [this quick survey](#). It takes about 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback is anonymous and will be used to shape the County's environmental sustainability planning efforts. Please share your thoughts with us!



Reel in some fun during Kids Fishing Day

Enjoy the natural beauty of Gwinnett and do some fishing at Jones Bridge Park in Peachtree Corners! All ages are welcome to enjoy fishing, food, and more at this free event. Bring your own rod, or borrow one of ours. No fishing license is necessary; catch and release only. [Register online](#).

Board considering Smoke Free Air Ordinance

As a measure to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Gwinnett residents, the Board of Commissioners will consider a Smoke-free Air Ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance

will replace Article V of Chapter 38 in the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County entitled Clean Indoor Air and will become effective 30 days after its adoption. The Board will also consider an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance during the May 24 public hearing. If amended, the ordinance will address cigar bars in the same manner as hookah lounges and will include definitions related to each. For questions or concerns regarding the [Smoke-free Air Ordinance](#) or the [amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance](#), contact Theresa Cox at Theresa.Cox@GwinnettCounty.com or Chris Hayward at Chris.Hayward@GwinnettCounty.com.



Special Events and Happenings

Visit GwinnettCountyEvents.com or follow the County's social media channels to learn more about upcoming events.

Trusts and Power of Attorney

Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Unlike wills, trusts become effective as soon as you create them, passing and preserving wealth both efficiently and privately. Learn about advance directives; different types of trusts and their benefits; how to set them up and execute them; and how to appoint a power of attorney. Light dinner provided.

[Registration required](#). Fee: \$8 per resident. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

Scavenge-ART Hunt

Wednesday, June 1 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Free! Experience this scavenger hunt with an artistic twist! Join us in celebrating Migratory Bird Day by creating feeders and artwork from nature. Stop by the Community Recreation Center to get a list of goodies to gather, then bring them back and we'll provide the rest to build crafty creations to take home. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). Pinckneyville Park, 4758 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

Special Needs Ice Cream and BINGO

Saturday, June 18 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

A evening out designed specifically for individuals with disabilities! Spend an evening hanging out with friends in a welcoming environment. Non-dairy and sugar free treats will also be available. For ages 5 and up. Fee: \$6 per person. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

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