

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

We're in the middle of a busy summer with lots of excitement still to come! 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](mailto: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 June 21 runoff election

The [results of the May 24 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election](#) are available.

A runoff election will be held **Tuesday, June 21**. If you did not vote in the May 24 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered. If you selected a specific party ballot for the May 24 primary election, then you will receive the same party ballot for the June 21 runoff. Learn about [ways you can cast your ballot in the runoff election](#).

### Emite tu voto en la segunda vuelta de las elecciones del 21 de Junio

Los [resultados oficiales de las Elecciones Primarias Generales y Generales No Partidistas del 24 de Mayo](#) están disponibles.

El Martes 21 de Junio se llevará a cabo las elecciones de segunda vuelta. Si no votó en las elecciones primarias del 24 de Mayo, todavía puede votar en estas elecciones de segunda vuelta si está inscrito. Si seleccionó una boleta de un partido específico para las elecciones primarias del 24 de Mayo, recibirá la boleta del mismo partido para la segunda vuelta del 21 de Junio.

### Gwinnett Thrives with Pride!

Join us for our Pride Party! Celebrate Pride Month with us Tuesday, June 28 from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza. The celebration will include food, music, and a proclamation presented by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recognizing Pride Month in Gwinnett. RSVP for the 2022 Pride Party by Friday, June 24 at [GCGA.us/PrideParty](https://GCGA.us/PrideParty).

You can also catch me celebrating Pride Month at the Visibility Club's Gwinnett Pride Festival on Saturday, June 25 from 11:00am to 7:00pm at Lillian Webb Park in Norcross and Lilburn Pride's Second Annual Potluck and Park Walk on Sunday, June 26 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at J.B. Williams Park in Lilburn.





### Gwinnett celebrates Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This year marks the first time that Gwinnett County will officially recognize Juneteenth as a County holiday, which means that County government offices, with the exception of those required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, June 20.

The United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and Gwinnett County Government will celebrate Juneteenth with a day of fun for the entire family, Saturday, June 18 at Rhodes Jordan Park from 11:00am to 9:00pm. 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.

### Roadmap for Gwinnett Place Mall makes area's future more clear, equitable

When it comes to revitalizing Gwinnett Place Mall, Gwinnett residents have spoken: you would like to see affordable housing, neighborhood services, incentives for existing businesses in the area, job support, and a central location with regional and accessible transit. Read more about the [themes that emerged from the community feedback](#).



In the next major milestone for the mall's future, the Board of Commissioners will evaluate themes from the Reclaim Gwinnett Place Mall Project and outcomes from the Gwinnett Place Livable Centers Initiative study and use the findings from both plans to prepare a Request for Information to solicit proposals for the redevelopment of Gwinnett Place Mall.

## What's New in District 2

### Apply to serve on a board or authority

Gwinnett boards and authorities help advise commissioners and various departments on policies and practices. Some have governing authority over the function of a specific area of government. All provide opportunities for residents to serve in Gwinnett in leadership and in service to their fellow residents. View the [list and description of each Gwinnett Board and Authority](#)

I have appointments expiring for the Development Authority Board this month and the Animal Control Hearing Board next month. If you're interested in serving on either of these boards, please apply at [GCGA.us/ApplyToServe](http://GCGA.us/ApplyToServe).



### CDC strengthens recommendations and expands eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [have expanded eligibility](#) of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older, recommending that children ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. The CDC also strengthened its recommendation that those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 and older should receive a

second booster dose at least 4 months after their first. Find a vaccination site near you at [Vaccines.gov](http://Vaccines.gov).

### Take our sustainability survey by June 30!

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!



### County offers home repair assistance through WRAP program

Gwinnett County has partnered with Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity to provide plumbing and septic repair assistance to Gwinnett residents through the Water Resources Assistance Program. The County received \$4 million in federal funding for home plumbing repairs and septic system conversions and



repairs. Qualified residents can apply for home plumbing repairs associated with damage caused by leaks, retrofitting of toilets, faucets, and showerheads, and repair or replacement of failing septic systems. To qualify, household income cannot exceed 60 percent of Area Median Income annually, based on family size. You must also own and reside in the home where services are needed. Learn more and find out if you qualify at [GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP](http://GwinnettCounty.com/WRAP).

### **Attend Savvy Seniors to learn about your transit options**

Seniors who ride transit maintain their independence and relieve the stress of driving alone. Learn more about Gwinnett County Transit's half-fare program, paratransit qualifications and application process, and more during our information session. Packaged snacks and water, free giveaway items, and route information will be provided.

Gwinnett County Transit's Savvy Seniors will be held at the Norcross Senior Center on Monday, June 27 at 1:00pm. The event is free to attend. [Register online](#).



## **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **Bethesda Social Guild**

**Monday, June 20 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Bring a friend for tasty snacks and fun entertainment, you never know what the day may bring! Space is limited, advanced registration is required. [Register online](#) or call 678.277.0179. Ages 50 and up. Fee: \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

### **Family Scavenger Hunt**

**Monday, June 27 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

Explore the park to hunt the items and get a prize! Get your list at the fountain, then explore the park to hunt items and get a prize! All ages. Fee: free for residents, \$4 for non-residents. [Register online](#). Graves Park, 1540 Graves Road, Norcross.

### **Be Active Gwinnett: Pop-up Park Play Day**

**Wednesday, July 6 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and Friday, July 8 from 11:00am to noon**

Games, activities, and more! Get active with Be Active Gwinnett during this free, drop-in program designed to bring recreation and community resources to families. Graves Park, 1540 Graves Road, Norcross.

### **25 Years: Time Capsule**

**Saturday, July 16 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

Take a trip back to 1997 as we open a piece of history. Free for all ages. Best Friend Park, 6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Norcross.

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