

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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August 2022



Hello!

The weather is finally starting to cool off, bringing promises of an exciting fall. Keep reading below to see some of the ways we'll be celebrating our vibrant community in the weeks ahead.

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

Share your input on the future of transit in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County is reimagining the future of public transit with its Transit Development Plan and is seeking input through a short online survey. The survey is open **now through August 21** at GwinnettCounty.com/TDPSurvey and is accessible in multiple languages.

You can learn more about the [Transit Development Plan](#) on our website.



Board approves Equitable Redevelopment Plan for Gwinnett Place Mall

The Board of Commissioners adopted the final [Equitable Redevelopment Plan](#) for the Gwinnett Place Mall. The plan was informed by eight months of community engagement with direct input from more than 2,000 Gwinnett residents and focuses on a new model for equitable development to benefit historically marginalized communities.

The Gwinnett Place Mall Equitable Redevelopment Plan addresses five key areas for preservation and growth in the County: housing, small businesses, cultural activity center, neighborhood services, and jobs. To learn more, stay involved in the process, and see the plan summary, analysis, and strategies, visit GwinnettPlaceMallEquity.com.

County hosts its first-ever Welcoming Week Festival

Gwinnett County is proud to host its first-ever Welcoming Week Festival at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, **Saturday, September 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Welcoming Week brings together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of a welcoming and inclusive community. The festival will include arts and crafts, games, food trucks, community resources, and more! [Register to attend](#).



Find your new best friend at the Gwinnett Animal Shelter

On **Saturday, August 27**, we want to Clear the Shelter! Join us at the Bill



Atkinson Animal Welfare Center from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a family-friendly adoption event. The celebration will include music, vendors, food, and kids' activities.

All adoption fees will be waived. All pets are spayed/neutered and given up-to-date vaccines and a microchip. Visit [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](https://www.gwinnettanimalwelfare.com) to learn more and see our [available pets](#). Can't make it to the event? Don't worry! Adoptions are free all month long.

What's New in District 2

Join me at an upcoming town hall

Join me in the Lucky Shoals Park Community Room **Thursday, September 8 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm** for updates on solid waste contracts, SPLOST, and elections. There will also be time at the end of the meeting for me and County staff to take your questions. I hope to see you there!

Local nonprofits invited to apply for grant funding

Local nonprofits that serve critical needs in the community can apply to receive a boost as Gwinnett County and United Way of Greater Atlanta prepare to allocate \$4.25 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds to nonprofit service providers. These funds — provided to Gwinnett County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act — will be used to address needs identified or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact. Nonprofits can apply for funding through Friday, August 26 using [United Way's Grant Portal](#).



Apply to serve the County on a board or authority

Each commissioner has dozens of appointments that they can make to a Gwinnett County board or authority to help advise us about special interest areas. Currently, I'm seeking engaged residents to serve on the newly formed [Transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee](#) representing District 2. Read more about the boards and qualifications to serve on the County website, then apply using the form at [GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe](https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/ApplyToServe).

By the way, we're also seeking a **County Historian** on the Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board. Those interested in this position should complete the [County Historian application](#).



Enrich your child's mind with Storytime at the Park

From now through October, we'll be hosting Storytime at the Park on Wednesdays from 10:30am to noon at Pinckneyville Park as part of our [Building Brains Anywhere](#) program.

Bring your children for stories, songs, fun, and a mobile library! Blankets will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Indoor Field Day

Monday, August 22 from 10:00am to noon

Join us on celebration National Senior Citizens Day by bringing out the kid in you. Enjoy a day of games, fun, and ice-cream sundaes. Free for residents, \$1 for non-residents. Ages 50 and up. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Resale Market

Saturday, August 27 from 8:00am to 11:00am

Clear out your clutter and make some cash at this rain or shine event! Free admission for shoppers. Vendors must [preregister](#). Mountain Park Activity Building, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

Kid and Parents Night Out

Friday, September 2 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Shake things up with a break night on us. Kids ages 7 to 13 are invited to let loose in the pool while parents enjoy activities next door. Kick up your heels and relax, be guided through a painting, or dance the night away. Whichever you choose, your batteries will surely be recharged. Bring swimsuit and towel for the children. Light refreshments will be served. [Register](#) by August 29. Fee: \$5 for residents \$25 for non-residents. Mountain Park Park, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

Yoga in the Park

Thursday, September 15 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Free! September is National Yoga Month. Connect with nature and enjoy the health benefits of yoga with a certified instructor from Just Fitness 24/7. All skill levels welcome; bring a mat, towel, and water bottle. Ronald Reagan Park, 2777 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville.

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