

# NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

What are your plans for the fall? I hope you'll work in some time to celebrate our vibrant community. Keep reading for opportunities to do just that below.

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.

## What's New in District 2

### Apply to serve the County on a board or authority

Get involved! 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. Several positions will be available at the end of the year on the following boards:

- Community Outreach Board
- Animal Advisory Council
- Airport Authority
- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Transit Advisory Board
- Water and Sewage Authority
- Historic and Restoration Preservation Board
- Merit Board
- Recreation Authority

If you are currently serving on one of these boards, I ask that you please re-apply, and anyone who is interested in serving should apply as well. I will re-evaluate each position for either re-appointment or replacement on a case by case basis. My open application process that I started in 2019 has been recognized by an award from the National Association of Counties and has lead to some amazing appointees. For example, Nahum Nicholas, my Animal Advisory Council appointee worked to create our Community Cat Program which was also awarded and recognized by the National Association of Counties!

Read more about the boards and qualifications to serve on the County website, then apply using the form at [GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe](https://GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe).



### Attend a poll official hiring event

Attend one of Gwinnett County's upcoming poll official hiring events. Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll officials.

If you're interested in participating in the November election, gaining valuable work experience, and earning up to \$390 per day, apply at [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://GwinnettCountyJobs.com). Applicants can also apply in person at a [Gwinnett County Public Library branch](#).

## Asista a un evento de contratación de trabajadores electorales

Asista a uno de los eventos de contratación de trabajadores electorales del Condado de Gwinnett. La División de Inscripción de Electores y Elecciones está buscando ciudadanos de todos los orígenes, especialmente personas bilingües.

Si estás interesado en participar en las elecciones de Noviembre, obtener una valiosa experiencia laboral, y ganar hasta \$390 por día, puede aplicar en [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com). Los solicitantes pueden presentar su solicitud en persona en una de las [instalaciones de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Gwinnett](#).

### County hosts free food distribution at Bryson Park

If you're in need, we invite you to come pick up fresh and self-stable foods at our drive-thru, contactless food distribution event. The event will be held **Tuesday, September 20** starting at 4:00pm until supplies run out.

No identification is required. Trunks must be empty as food will not be loaded inside vehicles. Bryson Park is located at 5075 Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn.



### Gwinnett Police celebrate National Faith and Blue Weekend

Gwinnett Police and local faith-based organizations will participate in the National Faith and Blue Weekend, a nationwide effort created to break down biases through outreach among law enforcement and the communities they serve. [Seven faith-based events](#) will take place Friday, October 7 through Monday, October 10, including block parties, food drives, a blood drive, and more. We hope to see you at one of these events!

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month with us!

Join us for our annual Hispanic Latino Heritage Month celebration **Tuesday, October 4** at 6:15pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville! This year's theme "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger County" will be celebrated with food, performances, and remarks from the Board of Commissioners and historian Dr. Iliana Yamileth Rodriguez. The event is free, but [you can RSVP](#) to let us know you're coming by Monday, September 26.



Residents are also invited to visit the Hispanic Latino Heritage Month observance display at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center from September 15 to October 15.



### Save the date for the Public Safety Fall Festival

Gwinnett residents will soon have a chance to interact with public safety personnel in a non-emergency environment. Gwinnett Police and Fire and Emergency Services will partner to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Public Safety Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 1 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at Coolray Field. The event will celebrate public safety's relationship with the community with giveaways, demonstrations, displays, touch-a-truck with SWAT vehicles, fire trucks, and other specialized vehicles, and more. For more information, please contact the Gwinnett Police Crime Prevention Unit at 770.513.5119.

Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville.

And remember, if your neighborhood is a C.O.P.S. community, attendance at the Public Safety Fall Festival is mandatory for at least one representative. Please assure that your representative signs in with your Crime Prevention Officer to receive credit for attendance.

### Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines and boosters

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently approved new COVID-19 booster shots that target the Omicron subvariant BA.5, which is the current dominant version of the virus.

People ages 12 and older are recommended to receive one of these updated, bivalent boosters, including those who were up to date on their vaccines and boosters prior to the authorization of the updated booster. [Learn more from the CDC](#) and [find a vaccine location near you](#).



### **Last chance to take the Transit Development Plan survey**

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 the end of the month** at [GwinnettCounty.com/TDPSurvey](https://GwinnettCounty.com/TDPSurvey) and is accessible in multiple languages. You can learn more about the [Transit Development Plan](#) on our website.

## **Special Events and Happenings**

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

### **Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

**Friday, September 30 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with cultural crafts, swag bags, games, music, live performances, and light refreshments! Fee: \$8 per person. [Register online](#). Interested performers or exhibitors: please call 678.225.5360. OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross.

### **Neighborhood Cleanup**

**Saturday, October 1 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm**

Keep America beautiful in your neck of the woods! Join Lilburn Activity Building staff for a cleanup around the LAB. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

### **LABFest: Return of Autumn**

**Saturday, October 22 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm**

Free! Fall into fun at this outdoor fest with music, crafts, and concessions. All ages welcome. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

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