

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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December 2022



Hello!

Happy holidays! Another year has raced by, but I hope you take the time to look back at all that you've accomplished over the past 12 months.

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. My office is happy to address your concerns.

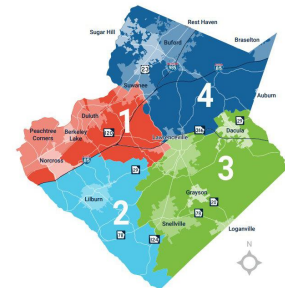
From my family to yours, I wish you a warm holiday season with your loved ones and a very happy new year.

What's New in District 2

Get ready for the December 6 runoff election

On January 1, Gwinnett commission district lines will change in accordance with maps signed into law by Governor Kemp last February. Once every decade, the Georgia General Assembly modifies the district boundaries for various governing bodies to rebalance representation.

About 40 percent of Gwinnett's voting-age residents are being moved to a different district in 2023. If you're not sure of your district, you can check the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#) to confirm.



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. I'm looking for appointees to represent District 2 on the:

- Airport Authority
- Water and Sewage Authority
- 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 led 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.

Free food distribution at Bryson Park

For those in need this holiday season, Gwinnett is hosting a free food distribution Tuesday, December 20 from 4:00pm until supplies run out at Bryson Park. Fresh and shelf-stable food is available for drive-thru, contactless pickup. No identification is required. Please



make sure your trunk is empty. Bryson Park is located at 5075 Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn. For more information, email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com.

Assessors' Office to conduct property visits

Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff conduct routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of the County's annual review process. Representatives from Gwinnett County, LMC, or Tyler Technologies verify existing or new construction, measure exteriors, and take photographs.



Although no contact or involvement is needed, appraisers will carry identification and announce their presence at the property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise residents of the visit. If you have any questions or concerns, call 770.822.7200 or email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Share your thoughts on the proposed 2023 budget before December 31

Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson [presented her proposed budget](#) on November 15 to guide County government spending for the 2023 fiscal year. The [proposed budget](#) totals \$2.26 billion. It consists of a \$1.77 billion operating budget and a \$488 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program. Voters last week opted to extend the County's one-cent SPLOST program for another six years beginning in April. Read

more about the [proposed 2023 budget](#).

We will accept public comments [online through December 31](#) before adopting a final budget during our first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

New tool helps 911 locate callers

Gwinnett's recently launched geolocation tool, What3Words, helps E-911 operators locate callers in locations where there are no roads or specific addresses. The free What3Words app gives each 3-meter square in the world a unique three-word address. If someone is lost — especially in a park, around Lake Lanier, or in any other undeveloped natural area in the county — they can use the unique three words from the application to give dispatchers their exact location.



Fire Station 13 opens in Suwanee

Gwinnett officials celebrated the opening of Fire Station 13 with a ribbon cutting at the station's new home at 105 Main Street in Suwanee. The \$7.8 million project was funded by Gwinnett's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax with land provided by the city of Suwanee. The new facility serves more than 29,000 residents and local businesses across 25 square miles.

First Station 13 is 10,788-square-feet, provides three drive-thru apparatus bays, room for 24-hour staffing for an engine and a medic unit and was built to accommodate Gwinnett's future growth with room for up to 12 personnel. The new facility is built to meet EarthCraft Light Commercial green building certification standards, which supports the County's sustainability goals and focuses on energy and water efficiency, building durability and improved occupant health and comfort.

Applications open for Gwinnett Citizens Police Academy

Gwinnett Police is accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy cohort. The program will run from **March 7 through April 27** on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The Citizens Police Academy help residents get a behind-the-scenes look at their local law enforcement agency and covers topics like crime prevention, e911, traffic enforcement, crime scene investigations, and more.



"I enjoyed getting to know my fellow participants. Their different perspectives made me think more broadly about the different experiences we all bring to the class." – CPA Graduate from Dacula

Please email a completed application to the Community Affairs Section at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.422.6520 to explore other program options.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Winter Woodland Walk

Wednesday, December 28 from 10:00am to 11:30am

Free! Take a stroll with an educator to see trees through a new lens, peeling back the secrets of how our native trees adapt to winter conditions. Call 678.277.0902 for additional information. All ages welcome. [Register online](#). Simpsonwood Park, 4511 Jones Bridge Circle, Peachtree Corners.

Swim Lesson Night

Sunday, January 8 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Bring the family along for a fun night of swimming, log rolling, springboard diving, and pool games. Plus, take a free introductory swim lesson with a certified water safety instructor. All pool rules apply including supervision of children. Fee: \$4 per person. Learn more and [register online](#). Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1063 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain.

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