

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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February 2023

Hello!

The year is speeding by, and spring will be here before we know it! I hope you had a great Valentine's Day with those you hold near and dear.

Since my last newsletter, the Board of Commissioners took action on several important items:

- Appointed Marcus Strickland to the Gwinnett County Airport Authority to represent District 2
- Awarded a SPLOST-funded \$868,044 contract for pedestrian and traffic improvements at Pleasant Hill Road at Ronald Reagan Parkway and Lawrenceville Highway at Ronald Reagan Parkway
- Approved Gwinnett Transportation to apply for two grants worth \$25 million each as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program to upgrade the Gwinnett Place Transit Center and build a multi-use trail from Gwinnett Place to McDaniel Farm Park
- Accepted a \$2,600 donation from the Gwinnett County Police Foundation on behalf of Ordner Construction Foundation to purchase a grill and rowing machine for Gwinnett Police's Central Precinct
- Appointed Robert Ponder as Registered Architect Representative and David Moss as Registered Electrical Engineer Representative to the Board of Construction Adjustments and Appeals
- Appointed Debra Hoyte-Malette to the Region Three Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
- Approved a \$1.26 million contract for the development of the Gwinnett County 2045 Unified Plan



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.

What's New in District 2

Share your ideas for transit in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County continues to develop its effort in reimagining the future of public transit with a series of Ride Gwinnett Idea Labs. The [idea labs](#) are an opportunity for transit riders, residents, and stakeholders to work with the County on its Transit Development Plan.

Join us at the **Lilburn Activity Building on Monday, February 27 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** to share your feedback. Launched in the spring of 2022, Gwinnett's Transit Development Plan is evaluating both present and future transit needs and services provided by regional partners, including the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority and Xpress.



Take a quick survey on human services needs in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County has contracted with Health Management Associates to complete a Comprehensive Human Services



Needs Assessment. As a part of this process, Health Management Associates is distributing [a survey](#) to help understand the health and well-being of our community and be able to allocate resources to assist those in need.

The [survey](#) will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be available until **Tuesday, February 28**. Responses are completely anonymous. The online survey is also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese. Health Management Associates will combine the results of this survey with information

collected from other activities to better meet the needs of Gwinnett residents.

Piedmont Pathway Study explores options for cross-county trail

The 2023 Piedmont Pathway Study is exploring how the 28-mile, cross-county trail can be built and its impact on the environment. The County will use the Piedmont Pathway to address connectivity needs in Gwinnett and provide alternate modes of transportation. The trail will also increase access to recreation and greenspace and enhance connectivity to Gwinnett's neighboring counties — DeKalb, Fulton, and Barrow. If you're unable to attend the community input meeting **Thursday, February 16** from 6:30pm to 8: Best Friend Park Gym in Norcross, I encourage you to take the online survey at GwinnettCounty.com/PathwayStudy.



Pick up free food at Bryson Park

Come pick up free fresh and self-stable foods on **Tuesday, March 14** from 3:00pm until supplies last at Bryson Park. No identification is required.

Distribution of the food will be drive-thru and contactless, so trunks must be empty. Bryson Park is located at 5075 Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn. Volunteer to help at VolunteerGwinnett.net.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Celebrate Black History Month in Gwinnett

Gwinnett County has been hosting [events and activities](#) all month long to honor the achievements, contributions, and rich history of Gwinnett's African American community. We hope you'll join us to celebrate!

A Black History Month display will also be available for viewing in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium throughout February.



Save the date for the Career From Here hiring event

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the annual Career From Here hiring event on Friday, March 17 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with the Department of Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit GwinnettCountyJobs.com to learn about opportunities with Gwinnett and apply.

The Gas South Convention Center is located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.

Apply for Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy

Ever wondered how Gwinnett County Government provides high-quality services to the community? Here's your chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at County operations, meet local

leaders, and tour government facilities!

The Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy is a 12-week program offered twice each year to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in Gwinnett County. To be considered for the spring term, apply at Gwinnett101.com by **Wednesday, March 1**.



Gwinnett earns platinum-level sustainability certification

Gwinnett County continues to uphold its commitment to sustainability, earning recertification as a Green Community at the Platinum Level by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Developed in 2009, the [Green Communities Program](#) is a voluntary sustainability certification program that helps local governments implement measures that reduce their environmental impact through actionable measures.

The recertification recognizes Gwinnett's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and leadership in sustainability practices for a stronger, greener community. Gwinnett first earned certification as a Green Community in 2010 and became the first county to be certified at the Platinum Level in 2018.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Guided Sound Meditation

Monday, February 27 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Sound meditation is a mindfulness program that allows individuals to relax the mind and body which also helps with releasing tension, stress, anxiety, and anger. Ages 50 and up. Fee: \$10. [Register online](#). Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Colonial Gardening

Saturday, March 11 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Free! Roll up your sleeves and grab a spade as we celebrate National Plant a Flower Day at the Yellow River Post Office Historic Site. We'll explore Colonial Gardens, plant flowers, examine flowers using microscopes, and create a small take-home craft. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). Yellow River Post Office Site, 3519 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lilburn.

Where Readers Play

Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Free! Celebrate Read Across America Day with oodles of outdoor fun and games. [Register online](#). All ages are welcome. JB Williams Park, Levengood Pavilion, 4935 Five Forks Trickup Road, Lilburn.

Fix-a-Leak Workshop

Saturday, March 18 from noon to 1:30pm

Learn how identifying and repairing leaks can save money. To register, visit Gwinnetth2o.com, call 678.376.7193, or email DWRworkshops@GwinnettCounty.com your name, address, and phone number. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

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