

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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April 2023

Hello!

It's a busy spring! Festival season is here, and there are so many opportunities to celebrate our vibrant community. Keep reading and save the date for some of these upcoming occasions.

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

- Approved the initiation of public outreach for the 2045 Unified Plan, an update to our 2040 Unified Plan
- Approved the Jimmy Carter Boulevard Livable Centers Initiative 10 Year Update
- Purchased additional Flock Safety license plate reader cameras to install in areas of the county with less coverage
- Executed an agreement with the Sugarloaf Community Improvement District to use SPLOST funding to upgrade the lighting at the I-85 at Sugarloaf Parkway Underpass with more efficient LEDs
- Appointed several members to the Community Outreach Advisory Board, including Derrick Brown – Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy Alumni Board; Jefferson Dominguez, Community Partner – Georgia Hispanic Contractors Association; Incumbent Albert Sorto, Community Partner – Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and Lisa Briseño, Community Partner – Gwinnett Visibility Club
- Awarded a \$2.3 million contract for the Chatham Road sidewalk pedestrian improvement project, funded 87 percent by SPLOST



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

Understanding your Annual Notice of Assessment

The Gwinnett County Board of Assessors mailed approximately 304,000 Annual Notices of Assessment to residential and commercial property owners earlier this month. An [Annual Notice of Assessment](#) is not a tax bill. The notice informs you of the value assessed on your residential or commercial real estate as of January 1, 2023.

Property owners may appeal the assessed value within 45 days of the date of the notice by submitting a completed PT-311A State Appeal Form to the Tax Assessors' Office or by visiting Gwinnett-Assessor.com.



New sidewalks coming to Pleasant Hill Road

The Board of Commissioners approved safety enhancements for pedestrians around Plazas las Americas. New sidewalks will be installed on Pleasant Hill under the Ronald Reagan



Parkway overpass. In addition to new sidewalks, a warning system will alert drivers when pedestrians are crossing the road. Smart Road Technology was awarded the construction contract. The \$868,000 upgrades are funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, known as SPLOST. Visit GwinnettSPLOST.com to learn more about SPLOST.

Apply to serve on the Sustainability Commission

Each commissioner has dozens of appointments they can make to a Gwinnett County board or authority to help advise us about special interest areas. My appointment to the Gwinnett Sustainability Commission, which provides advice and recommendations on matters related to the County's sustainability practices and efforts, is up for appointment/re-appointment. If you're interested, please fill out an application at GwinnettCounty.com/ApplyToServe.

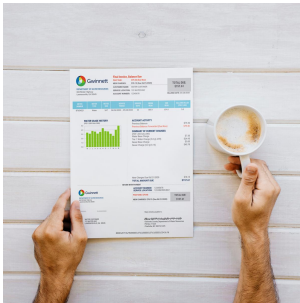
Happening Around Gwinnett

Save the date for the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival

The Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House is back with cultural performances, face painting, touch-a-truck with public safety vehicles, games, music, and fun for the whole family! This year's event will also feature a naturalization ceremony for some of Gwinnett's newest citizens.



Join us **Saturday, May 13** from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth to celebrate the vibrant cultures that make up our community. The event is free. We can't wait to see you there!



Water bill payment address changing May 1

Beginning Monday, May 1, Gwinnett County's water bill payment address will change to Gwinnett Water Resources, P.O. Box 105023, Atlanta, GA 30348-5023. Customers who pay their water bill by mail should mail the payment to the new mailing address. Please note that this is not a physical address and should only be used for mailed payments. In-person payments will still be accepted at Gwinnett Water Resources' main office, located at 684 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. You can also pay in person at any Western Union location.

If you use an online bill pay service through your bank, you should ensure the address is listed correctly with the bank issuing the check. Online bill pay will not be affected by this change. Our [secure online portal](#) provides the fastest and easiest way to pay.

Apply for Gwinnett Youth Police Academy through May 2

Middle and high schoolers: here's your chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Gwinnett Police Department. The academy is free and open to students who will be enrolled in grades 7 through 12 as of August 2023:

- Middle School (rising 7th and 8th graders) from June 12 to 16
- High School (rising 9th through 12th graders) from June 23 to 30



The Youth Police Academy saw tremendous growth and success since its inception in 2016. Space is limited, so please submit your applications by Tuesday, May 2. Learn more at GwinnettCounty.com/YPA.

Special Events and Happenings

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

Pet Paw-ty**Friday, April 28 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

Free! Bring your furry and fluffy friends for a soiree in the park with games, contests, and local vendors. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). Ronald Reagan Park, 2777 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville.

Resale Market**Saturday, May 6 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**

Do some spring cleaning and make some easy money or find the treasure you have been searching for! Admission is free for shoppers. Learn more about [registering as a vendor](#). OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Family Field Day**Saturday, May 13 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm**

Bring the family out for a family field day as we enjoy games of tug-of-war, kickball, and more! All ages welcome. Fee: \$5 per person. [Register online](#). Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

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