

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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Hello!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season! Are you ready for 2024? I hope you take a moment to reflect on all your achievements this year. Remember, feel free to reach out to me at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com to schedule a call or virtual meeting if you'd like to chat. I value your feedback on how I've been representing you or if there's anything more I could do.

Warm wishes to you and your family this holiday season. Here's to a happy and prosperous New Year!

What's New in District 2



Share your feedback for the Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study!

Are you concerned about safety and connectivity in Southwest Gwinnett? You still have time to share your feedback! The Southwest Gwinnett Safe Access Study aims to enhance safety and connectivity for those who walk, bike, and ride transit in the study area. Participate in the study by Friday, December 15 by visiting GwinnettCounty.com/SafeAccessSurvey.

Listen to Conversations with Ku

Check out Conversations with Ku, my monthly podcast, where I dive into decisions made by the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners. You can find the podcast on GwinnettCounty.com and on your favorite streaming platform.

Our most recent episode features a special guest – Gwinnett County Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson. We discussed various topics, including her time as Chairwoman, economic development, current and future community needs, and more.

I would love to hear from you or answer questions about District 2. Feel free to email me at Ben.Ku@GwinnettCounty.com and your question may be read on the podcast. Or if there is someone you'd like me to interview, please let me know.



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Register to vote in the 2024 elections

With election season underway, it's crucial to register to vote now. Georgia residents wishing to register must be U.S. citizens, legal residents of their voting county, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the March 12 Presidential Preference Primary is Monday, February 12. Check your registration status, download a voter registration application, view sample ballots, and locate your polling location at MVP.SOS.GA.gov.

Inscríbete para votar en las elecciones de 2024

Con la temporada electoral en marcha, es crucial inscribirse para votar ahora. Los residentes de Georgia que deseen inscribirse deben ser ciudadanos estadounidenses, residentes legales de su condado electoral y tener al menos 18 años de edad antes del día de las elecciones. La fecha límite para inscribirse para votar en las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial del 12 de Marzo es el Lunes 12 de Febrero. Verifica el estado de tu inscripción electoral, descarga una aplicación de inscripción de votantes, revisa boletas de muestra y ubica tu lugar de votación en [MVP.SOS.GA.gov](https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

Happening Around Gwinnett

Chairwoman Hendrickson proposes 2024 County budget

Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson presented her proposed budget in November to guide County government spending for the 2024 fiscal year. The proposed budget for 2024 totals \$2.5 billion. It consists of a \$1.96 billion operating budget and a \$542 million capital improvements budget, which includes funds from the County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program.



It addresses community needs like affordable housing and public safety as well as challenges facing county government including hiring and retaining a qualified workforce. [Share your input](#) on the budget through December 31 on the County's website. After hearing your input, the Board of Commissioners will consider the 2024 budget at our first meeting of the new year on January 2.



Attend Gwinnett County's annual hiring event

Join Gwinnett County Government at the Career From Here hiring event on Friday, January 19 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with Gwinnett Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/Careers](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/Careers) to learn about opportunities with the County and apply.

The event will take place at the Gas South Convention Center, 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.

Volunteer at Gwinnett's warming stations

Gwinnett County has opened five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from long-term exposure to forecasted temperatures of 35 degrees and below. When activated, warming stations are operational from 6:00pm to 7:00am, allowing residents to warm up, eat a meal, and get some rest. Volunteers are needed to assist staff and organizing check-in materials, greeting participants, monitoring program assets, helping with setup/break down, and other related station tasks. To volunteer, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net).



Additional safety cameras coming to Gwinnett

Gwinnett Police is leaning on technology to fight crime with the installation of additional safety cameras across the county. Flock cameras are used to find amber alert victims and missing persons, and they allow officers to get real-time information on where stolen vehicles and suspects of crime are located. The Board of Commissioners recently approved an additional 36 Flock cameras to be installed along state routes. There are more than 7,400 cameras in metro Atlanta, and 835 of those cameras have been placed across Gwinnett since 2020. To learn more,

visit [GwinnettPolice.com](https://www.gwinnettpolice.com).

Special Events and Happenings

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

Brunch with Santa

Sunday, December 17 from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Bring your little ones for a delightful brunch, crafts, and Santa! Kids can share their wish lists while parents capture the moment with photos. [Register](#) each family member by December 13. All Ages. Fee: \$31. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Tea with Mrs. Claus

Tuesday, December 19 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Get into the holiday season as you enjoy stories, games, activities, and of course tea and cookies with Mrs. Claus. All ages. Free. [Register](#) online. Isaac Adair House, 15 South Clayton Street, Lawrenceville.

Ugly Sweater Bingo

Thursday, December 21 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Show off your holiday spirit with an ugly sweater and join us for bingo fun! Ages 50 and up. Fee: \$5. [Register](#) online. Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

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