

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

May 2021



Greetings!

May gives us many reasons to celebrate, including the unofficial start of summer and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It also gives us opportunities to reflect, like Memorial Day. Keep reading below to learn how the County will celebrate some of these great occasions.

And don't forget, you can let your neighbors know that they can sign up to receive my newsletter [here](#).

Happening Around Gwinnett

County celebrates Memorial Day with virtual ceremony

With large and medium sized gatherings still risky during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gwinnett County will once again host a virtual version of our annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who have lost their lives in service to our country. Tune in Monday, May 31 at 1:00pm on TV Gwinnett, the County's government access cable channel, TVGwinnettLive.com, or [Facebook](#) @GwinnettGov to watch the premiere of the ceremony.



Applications now open for Project RESET 2.0 rental and utility assistance program

Applications are now open for Project RESET 2.0, which will use more than \$28.1 million in stimulus funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support struggling renters in our community. The program offers up to 15 months of total assistance, which may include rental and/or utility arrears (up to 12 months) and future rental and/or utility assistance if needed. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances. Visit

GCGA.us/RentalAssistance to learn more about the program, who qualifies for assistance, required documents for the application submission, and more.

Board approves new vision, mission, and values

The Board of Commissioners has approved vision, mission, and values statements for the County that showcase our pride in our work and celebrate our vibrant, diverse community.

The vision statement says, "Gwinnett is the preferred community where everyone thrives!" The mission statement reads, "Gwinnett proudly supports our vibrantly connected community by delivering superior services."



The core values statement includes: "Integrity: We believe in being honest, building trust, and having strong moral principles. Accountability: We believe in stewardship, transparency, and sustainability.

Equity: We believe in fairness and respect for all. Inclusivity: We believe in engaging, embracing, and unifying our communities. Innovation: We believe in continual adaptation of technology, process, and experience.”

It is good and appropriate for the vision and mission statement to be reviewed and updated from time to time. The county changes and the Board of Commissioners’ direction changes. These statements are living documents that should evolve and grow to reflect the public’s and the new board’s goals and objectives. I think the new vision and mission statements accomplish that.



**COVID-19
vaccine guidance
brought to you
by the experts**

#ListenToGwinnettMoms

Look to Gwinnett Moms for answers to your COVID-19 vaccine questions

We’ve always looked to our moms for advice when it really matters. And more than year into COVID-19, it really matters! We know there’s a huge amount of information about the new COVID-19 vaccines, much of it confusing and constantly evolving. So that’s why Gwinnett County has turned to an expert source we all trust: our moms.

When it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, deciding to say “yes” looks different for all of us. Whether you’re still a little unsure or you’re ready to roll up your sleeve today, Gwinnett County Government – with the help of our Gwinnett Moms – is here to help. [Get the details](#) you need about

the COVID-19 vaccines, and then [schedule your appointment](#).

What’s New in District 3

Sign up for summer camp with Gwinnett!

Community Services is offering more than 190 summer camps at 17 locations for kids ages 5 to 13. Camp themes include animals, nature, sports, S.T.E.A.M., terrain, and more. Many of the camps include breakfast and lunch and are Childcare and Parent Services approved. Camps will also follow COVID-19 protocols, which include daily temperature screenings, wearing face masks, and practicing social distancing.

You can register for camps at GwinnettCommunityServices.com. If you have any questions, please email CommunityServices@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8840.



Gwinnett Commissioners approve major water, sewer project to serve 13,000 acres

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners recently approved [water and sewer improvements](#) that will serve 13,000 acres in eastern Gwinnett County, including the future Rowen knowledge community.

The Eastern Regional Infrastructure Project includes 5 miles of new and upsized water mains, 6 miles of new gravity sewer along the

Apalachee River, 7 miles of parallel wastewater force mains along Harbins Road and Brooks Road, a new 14 million-gallon-per-day regional sewer pump station on Harbins Road, and 5 miles of new trails.

We will be building five miles of new trails along the beautiful Apalachee River on the border with Barrow County with trail heads at Harbins Road and Winder Highway. The project will use sustainable construction practices that promote environmental stewardship and innovation. The \$125 million project will be funded by the departments of Water Resources and Community Services, including revenue from the 2017 SPLOST. Construction will start in late 2021 and should be complete in early 2024.

County accepting applications for federal CDBG, HOME, ESG grants

Gwinnett County is accepting applications for federal Housing and Urban Development Block grants from nonprofits and local governments through Thursday, May 27. The County received approximately \$4.4 million in Community Development Block Grants, about \$1.7 million in HOME Investment Partnership Grants, and \$376,000 in Emergency Solutions Grants. Grant funds are available for local nonprofits and governments that support affordable housing and the needs of Gwinnett’s homeless and low-income communities. Learn more about the grants and how to apply [here](#).

Apply to be a lifeguard this summer

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is seeking part-time and seasonal lifeguards and is waiving training fees for applicants ages 15 and older. Lifeguard training includes online and in-person components as well as a swim test and written exam. Trainees who pass all the



requirements will receive an American Red Cross certification valid for two years.

The part-time/seasonal lifeguard position for ages 16 and older starts at \$9.27 per hour and includes benefits such as flexible hours and growth opportunities. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettcountryjobs.com) to apply.

Special Events and Happenings

Most events and activities are suspended due to the County's COVID-19 response.

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

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