

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

February 2022



Greetings!

February is our shortest month, but it's packed with occasions to celebrate. We kicked off the month with Lunar New Year on February 1. Then, we'll spend time with those we love on Valentine's Day. On February 21, we remember the late, great civil rights hero John Lewis on his birthday. And all month long, we celebrate Black History Month. I hope you'll join us February 24 at 6:00pm for our Black History Month reception at the [Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#).

Despite the challenges we face, there are plenty of things to be excited about.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the Career From Here hiring event on **February 25 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** in Duluth. View available careers and submit an application on [GCGA.us/HiringEvents](#) by **February 11** to be considered for an onsite interview. During the event, you can network with current employees, learn about opportunities with the County, have your resume reviewed, and more.



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.



Masks required in County facilities

Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson signed a [renewal of a Local Emergency Order](#) requiring face masks or coverings to be worn in all facilities that are owned or leased by the County. The Local Emergency Order is effective until Friday, February 25.

Over the past two weeks, more than 18,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in Gwinnett County. The surge of positive cases has not only affected residents and private businesses — it has also impacted County government. Learn about exceptions and other details on the [County's website](#).

Get rid of household hazardous waste for free

Do you have hard-to-dispose-of items like paints, pesticides, and batteries stacking up around your home? Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful is partnering with the Gwinnett Water Resources to host the seventh annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, February 12**.

The event is from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. The event is at no cost to residents. For a complete list of acceptable items and guidelines or to volunteer, visit [GwinnettCB.org/Event/HHW](#). For more information or questions, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](#) or [GwinnettCB.org/Events](#).





Give a shelter pet a loving home this February

Love is in the air at the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center from February 1 through 12 with \$14 adoption fees. Pet adoptions include vaccinations, microchip, and spay/neuter. See [available pets](#) on our website.

Then, join us at the shelter on Saturday, February 12 from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a pet photo booth and special pet treats.

What's New in District 3

Get vaccinated at the Healthy, Vibrant, and Vaxxed Walk-in Vaccine Clinic

I'm hosting the Healthy, Vibrant, and Vaxxed walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic **Saturday, February 26** from **9:00am to 7:00pm** at the **Lenora Park Gym**, located at 4515 Lenora Church Road in Snellville.

Vaccines will be available to eligible people ages 5 and up. All three authorized vaccine types — Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson — will be available onsite. We're offering incentives to those who receive a COVID-19 vaccine during the event on a first-come, first-served basis. Keep an eye on [GwinnettCounty.com](#) and follow [@GwinnettGov](#) on [social media](#) for more information.



Stay warm on freezing nights

On nights during which temperatures drop to 35 degrees or below, Gwinnett activates its [five warming stations](#) around the county. The station located here in District 3 at OneStop Centerville has already helped 36 adults and children stay warm and safe during our coldest evenings. At the stations, visitors can warm up, eat a meal, and get some rest. The latest information about warming station activation can be found on [GwinnettOneStop.com](#).

Order your free, at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the United States is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The free rapid antigen at-home tests can be taken anywhere and will give results within 30 minutes. For more information and to order your at-home COVID-19 tests, visit [COVIDTests.gov](#).

Protect yourself and your friends, family, and others by getting vaccinated and staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines, wearing a well-fitted mask, staying home when you are sick, and testing to prevent spreading the virus to others.



Standard collection services restored for Republic Services and Waste Management customers

Republic Services and Waste Management have resumed standard collection services including solid waste, recycling, bulky items, and yard waste. The haulers previously suspended some services for residential customers in unincorporated Gwinnett due to a surge in COVID-19 infections among their workforces. [Visit our website](#) for the latest information.

Listen to the inaugural State of Rowen

Progress continues on the Rowen knowledge community! On January 27, the Rowen Foundation held the inaugural [State of Rowen](#) event.

Watch the video to learn about our shared accomplishments over the last year, work on the horizon, and the Rowen Foundation's vision for the future of the community.



Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](#) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

Rhythms of the Heart

Saturday, February 5 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Enjoy a delicious, heart-healthy luncheon and some smooth jazz music to celebrate American Heart Month. Explore cardiovascular health, hypertension risk factors, and health screenings from health professionals. Fee: \$15 per person. Ages 18 and up. Please call 678.277.0228 for registration information. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Building Brains Anywhere: Ticket to Play

Thursday, February 10 from 10:00am to 11:30am

Free! All aboard the building brains express! Schedule a stop at an indoor playroom for hands-on transportation themed activities to support early learning. For ages 18 months to 5 years. Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

Community Health Fair

Saturday, February 12 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Live Healthy Gwinnett is sponsoring free health screenings and offering community wellness activities for all ages. Participants can also enjoy fitness classes, watch cooking demonstrations, and win giveaways and prizes. For more information and to learn how to become an exhibitor, contact Carion.Marcelin@GwinnettCounty.com. Lenora Park Gym, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Project RESET 2.0 Workshop

Wednesday, February 23 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Do you need rental assistance? We can help![Project RESET 2.0](#) will provide rental, utility, and internet services relief for eligible renter households who have become housing insecure as a direct result of the impacts of COVID-19. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers for past-due balances as well as current and future payments. Applications will be accepted in-person during the workshop. Centerville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.



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