

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

March 2022



Greetings!

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes new beginnings. It's been two years since COVID-19 became a major factor in all of our lives, but with new guidance from the CDC (read more below), there is hope for better, brighter, and warmer days ahead.

I hope your spring is filled with opportunity and optimism.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Learn about the State of District 3

This month, I'll be hosting several community meetings to share updates about District 3 and discuss how redistricting impacts residents.

My meetings will be held from 6:30pm to 8:00pm:

- March 15 – Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium
- March 16 – Dacula Activity Building
- March 17 – Centerville Senior Center

I hope to see you there!



Make sure you're registered to vote

The next election in Gwinnett will be the General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election held Tuesday, May 24. You must be [registered to vote by April 25](#) in order to cast your ballot in this election. You can [check your registration status](#) on the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#).

On February 17, Governor Kemp signed into law new district maps for the [Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners](#) and the [Gwinnett County Board of Education](#). Eligible voters should expect to receive a new precinct card with their updated districts around April in advance of the election.

Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers State of the County address

Chairwoman Hendrickson delivered her State of the County address at 12Stone Church on Thursday, March 3. In her speech, she shared highlights of the County's actions since we both took office in January 2021. She also celebrated three Standard Bearers in the community with awards.

Watch her speech to learn more about how the County views progress through our kaleidoscope lens.



Start your career with Gwinnett County

Even if you missed our Career From Here hiring event today, it's not



too late to find a dynamic career with Gwinnett County Government.

Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more. See all job openings with Gwinnett County Government at GwinnettCountyJobs.com.

Know your COVID-19 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

Currently in Gwinnett, our Community Level is low. That means the CDC is recommending that people in Gwinnett stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

What's New in District 3

Thanks to our Healthy, Vibrant, and Vaxxed community!

I want to thank each of the 565 people who came to Lenora Park last Saturday to receive a COVID-19 vaccine during our the Healthy, Vibrant, and Vaxxed Walk-in Vaccine Clinic!

I also want to thank our community partners, who helped the event come to life: the Greater Eastside Gwinnett Chamber, Gwinnett CARES, Gwinnett County Health Department, Gwinnett County NAACP, Rho Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the United Ebony Society of Gwinnett. By working together, we will ensure Gwinnett is a safe and healthy place to live, work, and play.



Apply for a homestead exemption by April 1

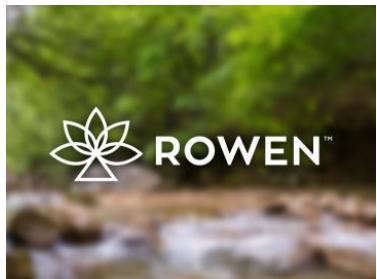
The best way to reduce your property tax bill is to apply for a homestead exemption. If you own and occupy a home in Gwinnett as your primary residence as of January 1, you likely qualify.

Apply at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply by April 1, and staff will help determine your eligibility and the best exemption for your situation. You must apply by April 1 for relief this year. If you already have an exemption in place, you do not need to reapply.

Got a green thumb?

Live Healthy Gwinnett is now accepting applications for the 2022 to 2023 growing season at our nine [Harvest Gwinnett](#) Community Gardens. Download an application and learn how to reserve a raised plot for \$35. Interested in getting your hands dirty? Volunteer opportunities in the gardens are available.

To learn more, email HarvestGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.277.0287. Community gardens in District 3 are located at Dacula Park in Dacula, Lenora Park in Snellville, and Vines Park in Loganville.



Learn more about Rowen

Progress continues on the [Rowen knowledge community!](#)

The Rowen Foundation continues to invite small, minority, and women-owned businesses to connect online using the [vendor portal](#). Rowen has adopted a minimum goal of 30 percent participation for SMWEBs in all Rowen Foundation vendor and contractor relationships. Additional information about the SMWBE initiative can also be viewed [here](#).

This month, the Rowen Foundation launched Seeds of Knowledge on its social media platforms. The Foundation will regularly share a seed of knowledge about #RowenMed, #RowenAg, or #RowenEarth. To make sure you don't miss the fun, find us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn with @RowenLife!

Special Events and Happenings

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

Tribble Mill Trash Bash

Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am to noon

Help make an impact in your local park's native ecosystem. Join us at the annual wetland litter pickup at Tribble Mill Park! Recommend bringing work gloves, closed toed shoes, and water. Learn more at VolunteerGwinnett.net or by calling 678.277.0902. Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville.

Gears and Grits

Tuesday, March 22 from 10:00am to noon

Explore the Gears and Simple Machines that powered Freeman's Mill and discover how millers used the Alcovy River to run the mill and grind the grits. This interactive experience will feature a grits grinding demonstration and guided tours of the mill. Must [preregister online](#) or by calling 770.904.3500 by March 18. Freeman's Mill Park, 1401 Alcovy Road, Lawrenceville.

Spring Camp Out

Friday, March 25 to Saturday, March 26

Enjoy dinner, fun activities around the campfire, plus breakfast in the morning. Pack up your tent and camping gear for a night in the great outdoors, without the travel expense. Children 5 and under camp for free! Call 678.277.0902 for additional information. Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville.



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