

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

May 2022



Greetings!

Summer is right around the corner, and May will be filled with opportunities to engage with our vibrant community.

As we lead up to Memorial Day, we remember those we lost and honor the heroes who put themselves at risk to protect our freedoms. Learn more about the 2022 Memorial Day ceremony in [Happening Around Gwinnett](#).

In recent weeks, I have had some excellent opportunities to spend time with those who served our country in military service.

I want to thank the Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum and Traditions Home Health Care and Hospice Care for inviting me to honor 17 veterans of the Vietnam War on April 13.



Then, last weekend, I was invited to celebrate the inauguration of the 10<sup>th</sup> President of The Korean Veterans Association Southern Regional Chapter USA, Kyung-Sub Jang. Congratulations!

## Happening Around Gwinnett

### Honor our fallen heroes at the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, May 30, we will gather at the Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center to honor our fallen military and public safety heroes. Please join us at 1:00pm that day as we add three new names to the memorial stones and honor these brave individuals' service and sacrifice.



### Vote in advance through May 20

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the May 24 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election. Registered voters may vote advance in person **every day, including weekends, through May 20 from 7:00am to 7:00pm** at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and 10 other advance voting locations around the county. To find an advance voting location near you, visit [www.gwinnettcounty.com](#)



the [Gwinnett Elections website](#). Be sure to [check wait times](#) before you head to the advance voting locations. To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the Secretary of State's [My Voter Page](#).

### Vota por adelantado hasta el 20 de mayo

Los votantes no están limitados al día de las elecciones para emitir su voto. La votación anticipada para la Primaria General y la Elección General No Partidaria comienza el lunes 2 de mayo en la Oficina de Registros de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en

Lawrenceville y en 10 lugares de votación anticipada en todo el condado. Los votantes registrados pueden votar por adelantado en persona **todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, al 20 de mayo de 7:00 a 19:00 horas**. Para encontrar un lugar de votación anticipada cerca de usted, visite [la página web de las elecciones de Gwinnett](#). Asegúrese de [comprobar los tiempos de espera](#) antes de dirigirse a los lugares de votación anticipada. Para comprobar el estado de su registro de votantes, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación, visite la página web del Secretario de Estado [Mi Página de Elector](#).

### Celebrate our dynamic community at the 2022 Multicultural Festival

Join us **Saturday, May 14** from 10:00am to 2:00pm for the Gwinnett Multicultural Festival at Gwinnett Place Mall on Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth. Let's celebrate the vibrant cultures and communities that make up Gwinnett. Visit Police and Fire exhibits, watch cultural performances from around the globe, meet officers, and enjoy kids' activities like games and bounce houses. For more information, call 678.442.6571. The event is free.



### Board approves market adjustment, makes Juneteenth an official County holiday

A primary objective for the Board of Commissioners is to be the public sector employer of choice, which requires providing wages and benefits that will attract, recruit, and retain quality employees. In April, my fellow commissioners and I approved an 8 percent market adjustment for County employees, with an additional 2 percent for first responders bringing the adjustment for those employees up to 10 percent.

In the spirit of honoring the vibrant diversity of our community, we also agreed to follow the federal and state governments in making Juneteenth an official County holiday, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

### County celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Gwinnett on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00pm. Enjoy riveting performances, great food, and fellowship with our vibrantly connected community. You can join us either in person at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center Plaza or on [Facebook Live](#). If you're attending in person, make sure to [register](#).



## What's New in District 3

### SPLOST-funded traffic safety projects coming soon

The Board of Commissioners approved a SPLOST-funded \$415,497 contract for three traffic safety improvement projects to be built by Backbone Infrastructure LLC of Sugar Hill.

The first project is to add a two-way left turn lane on Ross Road south of U.S. 78/State Route 10/Stone Mountain Highway near Lilburn. The next two are in the Snellville area, one at the intersection of Anderson-Livsey Lane at Telida Trail and the other adding a cul-de-sac to the north end of Anderson-Livsey Lane. Learn more about SPLOST at [GwinnettSPLOST.com](#).



### Summer Meals Program returns

School may be out but summer meals are in! From May 31 to August 2, Gwinnett County is offering free grab-and-go breakfasts



and lunches Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm while supplies last. Curbside pick-up of nutritious meals is for 18 years or younger or those 19 years of age or older with a physical or mental impairment. See all 21 meal locations on [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](https://www.gwinnettschools.org/summermeals).

### Board of Assessors mails notices for 2022 assessed property values

The Gwinnett Board of Assessors mailed approximately 294,000 [Annual Notices of Assessment](#) to residential and commercial property owners in April. The Annual Notice of Assessment provides last year's value and the 2022 value, along with an explanation for any change in value from the previous year. Roughly 83 percent of the notices will state that the appraised value was adjusted for market conditions in response to real estate market changes in 2021. To learn more about the yearly cycle of the tax digest, you can see an explainer sheet in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) on the County's website.



You can view and print a copy of your annual notice of assessment, research market values, read frequently asked questions, or submit an [appeal online](#) at [Gwinnett-Assessor.com](https://www.gwinnett-assessor.com). You can also reach the Assessors' Office by phone at 770.822.7200 or email at [Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com).



### Gwinnett Youth Commissioner wins ACCG Award

Gwinnett Youth Commissioner Lucero Mendez, a sophomore at Gwinnett Online Campus, won the Georgia County Association's Youth Leader of the Year Award. Lucero is a dedicated youth commissioner and her commitment to serving Gwinnett helped set her apart from other applicants for ACCG's Youth Leader of the Year. Lucero has represented the Gwinnett Youth Commission at the Georgia Geospatial Association's GIS luncheon, at Metro Atlanta Youth Commission Meetings, at the Mission Zero Corp Dia de los Muertos Candlelight vigil, and at countless service

opportunities around Gwinnett. Lucero hopes to study data analysis in college, with the ambition to work for a company that combats climate change. She will be returning to the Gwinnett Youth Commission for its 2022-2023 cohort to continue serving Gwinnett, and to help mentor new youth commissioners.

### Gear up for adventure with Gwinnett summer camps

Schools out! Campers want to have fun and their parents and caregivers want to have confidence knowing their children are engaged over the summer - helping to reduce the "summer slide" that can come from being out of school. Gwinnett offers fun and exciting, week-long thematic day camps, enriching partial-day camps, Kidsplosion camps, as well as sports and specialty camps. Find your summer fun and register at [GwinnettCommunityServices.com](https://www.gwinnettcommunityservices.com).



Need help with the cost of summer camp/afterschool? The [CAPS](#) program supports early education by assisting low-income families with the cost of childcare while they work, go to school or training, or participate in other work-related activities. CAPS is funded by the Child Care and Development Fund and administered in Georgia by the Department of Early Care and Learning DECAL. For additional information and find staff-led camps that are CAPS approved, email [B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:B2Anywhere@GwinnettCounty.com).



### Hear the latest news about Rowen

Tune in for the latest Rowen infrastructure plan update on May 17 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm to learn more about the project, ask questions and provide feedback as the project heads towards groundbreaking later this year. Representatives from the Rowen Foundation will present the updated Phase 1 Infrastructure Plan followed by time in virtual breakout groups to answer your questions, collect feedback, and discuss next steps. The virtual Zoom meeting will be recorded and made available following the event. [Register here](#).

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

### **Storytime at the Park**

**Every Monday in May at 10:30am**

Join Building Brains Anywhere for Storytime at the Park. Enjoy stories and songs, and check out Gwinnett County Public Library's Mobile Library from 11:15 to noon. Blankets will be provided, or bring your own. Event will be canceled if inclement weather occurs. For ages 3 and up. Alexander Park, 800 Old Snellville Highway, Lawrenceville.

### **Line Dance on the Lawn**

**Saturday, May 21 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

Boot scoot, wobble, and boogie on over! Gather your family and friends to get in some exercise, enjoy the music, and learn the steps to all the popular lines dances! Refreshments will be available for purchase. \$6 per person [for ages 60 and up](#) or \$8 per person [for ages 5 to 59](#). OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

### **National Senior Health and Fitness Day**

**Wednesday, May 25 from 10:00am to 11:30am**

National Senior Health and Fitness Day is the celebration of senior health and wellness during Older Americans Month. Have fun participating in outdoor games, get facts on nutrition, and take home some healthy recipes. Register [online](#). For ages 50 and up. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.



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