

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

June 2022



Greetings!

It's summertime! What are your plans? I hope you can relax and unwind with friends and family and also that you take time to get out and explore our amazing community.

This May, I had the honor of attending Mrs. Violet Churchill's birthday celebration. She turned 100 years old and joined a very special club of Gwinnett Centenarians who enrich our community with a century of wisdom.



I also had the pleasure of serving as a speaker at the Snellville Memorial Day Celebration and the County's Memorial Day ceremony. This month, I got the chance to honor our public safety staff with a proclamation in honor of National Donut Day, which commemorates the work of the "donut lassies" from the Salvation Army who served donuts to soldiers during World War I.



Read about ways you can stay engaged in our vibrant community all summer long below.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Get ready for the runoff election

The [results of the May 24 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election](#) are available.

A runoff election will be held Tuesday, June 21. If you did not vote in the May 24 primary election, you may still vote in this runoff election if you are registered. If you selected a specific party ballot for the May 24 primary election, then you will receive the same party ballot for the June 21 runoff. Learn about [ways you can cast your ballot in the runoff election](#).



Gwinnett celebrates Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This year marks the first time that



Gwinnett County will officially recognize Juneteenth as a County holiday, which means that County government offices, with the exception of those required for the comfort and safety of residents, will be closed Monday, June 20.

The United Ebony Society of Gwinnett and Gwinnett County Government will celebrate Juneteenth with a day of fun for the entire family, Saturday, June 18 at Rhodes Jordan Park from 9:00am to 9:00pm. This year's Juneteenth festival includes historical presentations, performances, music, games, and food

trucks. Rhodes Jordan Park is located at 100 East Crogan Street in Lawrenceville.

Commissioners approve Smoke-free Air Ordinance

In Georgia, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death, and more than 11,700 adults die from smoking-related illness each year. As a measure to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Gwinnett residents, the Board of Commissioners approved a Smoke-free Air Ordinance during the May 24 public hearing.



The ordinance replaces Article V of Chapter 38 in the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County entitled Clean Indoor Air and will become effective June 23. For questions regarding the [Smoke-free Air Ordinance](#) or the [amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance](#), contact PND@GwinnettCounty.com.



Gwinnett thrives with Pride

Gwinnett thrives with Pride! Celebrate Pride Month with us Tuesday, June 28 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Plaza.

Stay tuned for more details.

Find a new best friend this June

Looking for a new best friend? Enjoy an afternoon of family friendly activities, music, vendors, and more while you find a new bandmate from our group of cool cats and hip hounds. The Gwinnett Animal Shelter is hosting the annual Shelter Pets Rock event **Saturday, June 11** from 11:00am to 4:00pm. All adoptions are free and include microchip, spay/neuter, and vaccinations.



Busy this Saturday? June is Adopt-A-Cat Month, so adoption fees for cats and kittens are waived all month long. Find available pets on Facebook [@GwinnettAnimalShelter](#) and online at [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](#).

What's New in District 3



The Summer Meals Program is back!

Gwinnett County's Summer Meals Program is back with free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches until August 2. In the program's first week, May 31 to June 3, we served almost 15,000 meals.

The nutritious meals are for families with children 18 and under or those 19 and older with a physical or mental impairment. Meals can be picked up curbside at 21 sites from 11:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday — including County holidays — while supplies last. For more information

about Gwinnett Summer Meals, please visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](#). Want to help onsite? For information about volunteering for the Summer Meals program, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](#).

Construction on OneStop Centerville gets green light

OneStop Centerville will soon expand to a new 42,000 square-foot, two-story facility. Commissioners approved a construction contract for the expansion that will include exam rooms, counseling, classrooms, pediatric dental care, and a playground. View Point Health, Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., and the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Department will have space in the facility. Hogan Construction Group was awarded the \$14 million





Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines

As children prepare for summer adventures and activities, they can stay protected against COVID-19. The CDC has expanded the eligibility of vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older, with recommendation that children ages 5 through 11 years receive a booster shot five months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

CDC has also strengthened its recommendation that those 12 years and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 years and older should receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, visit [GNRHealth.com](https://www.GNRHealth.com) or [Vaccines.gov](https://www.Vaccines.gov).

Chandler Road entrance now open at Tribble Mill Park

The new entrance to Tribble Mill Park at 2400 Chandler Road is now open. This new entrance leads to a parking lot with 89 spaces and includes picnic shelters, a restroom, and a kiosk at the new trailhead for the Lloyd N. Harris Greenway trail that will connect with Harbins Park in Dacula. The project was funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.



Get the latest news about Rowen

The Rowen Foundation recently hosted a community Town Hall where representatives from the Foundation shared an update on the Phase 1 Infrastructure Plan followed by time in virtual breakout groups to answer questions, collect feedback and discuss next steps. If you missed the meeting, you can still [watch a recording of the virtual Zoom meeting and check out other event materials](#).

Special Events and Happenings

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

Savvy Seniors

Monday, June 13 at 11:00am

Seniors who ride transit maintain their independence and relieve the stress of driving alone. Learn more about Gwinnett County Transit's half-fare program, paratransit qualifications and application process, and more during our information session. Packaged snacks and water, free giveaway items, and route information will be provided. [Register to attend](#). Centerville Senior Center, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Foam Blaster Combat

Friday, June 17 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Celebrate Father's Day by challenging Dad or Mom to the ultimate battle. Bring your foam blasters, and protective eyewear to our bunkers and barricades for some foam blaster fun! Light refreshments will be served. [Register in advance](#). All ages are welcome. Fee: \$6 per person. Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula.

Father's Fishin' Funday

Saturday, June 18 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Reel in unforgettable fun! Bring your pole for fishing instruction at 10:00am, then start casting lines at 11:00am. We'll supply the fish, bait, and prizes. [Registration required](#). For ages 5 and up. Adult/guardian must accompany children. Fee: \$7 per resident. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

