

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

November 2022



Greetings!

This time of year I encourage you to give back and show your appreciation to others. From Veterans Day to Thanksgiving, November is all about showing gratitude. This month is one of my favorites.

I always look forward to connecting with fellow veterans during our annual Veterans Day Ceremony and celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I recognized the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association.

This association upholds the overall advancement of my alma mater, Florida A&M University, by serving all alums and the university through programming and engagement that fosters lifelong relationships and philanthropic support. They are also committed to preserving their legacy by providing financial support, recruitment, and scholarships to local youth accepted by the university.



Keep reading for information about important dates and upcoming events.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Head to the polls on Election Day

Voters can cast their ballots on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8 from 7:00am to 7:00pm** at their assigned polling location. Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Page to locate your assigned polling location or view a sample ballot. Please note that if you are in line at 7:00pm, you will be allowed to vote.

There is no voting at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office on Election Day.

Voted absentee ballots can be mailed or hand delivered

to the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville. All absentee ballots must be received in the office no later than **November 8 at 7:00pm**. Election Day polling places cannot accept absentee ballots.

Dirígete hacia los centros de votación el Día de Elección

Los votantes pueden emitir sus boletas el Día de Elección, **Martes 8 de Noviembre de 7:00am a 7:00pm** en su lugar de votación asignado. Visite la página My Voter Page de la Secretaría de Estado para localizar su lugar de votación asignado o ver una boleta de muestra. Tenga en cuenta que si está en la fila a las 7:00pm, podrá votar.

No se vota en la Oficina de Inscripciones de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett el Día de Elección.

Las boletas de votos ausentes pueden enviarse por correo o entregarse en mano en el edificio Beauty P. Baldwin de Inscripción de Votantes de Gwinnett ubicado en 455 Grayson Highway en Lawrenceville. Todas las boletas de votos ausentes deben recibirse en la oficina no más tarde del 8 de Noviembre a las 7:00pm. Los lugares de votación el día de las elecciones no pueden aceptar boletas de votos ausentes.

Join me at our 2022 Veterans Day Ceremony

Gwinnett County will honor those who served our country in military service at our 2022 Veterans Day Ceremony on **Friday, November 11 at 11:00am**. I hope you'll join us to celebrate and uplift our county's veterans.

The ceremony will be held at the Fallen Heroes Memorial on the grounds of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville. If you are unable to attend in person, the ceremony will also stream live on Facebook [@GwinnettGov](#).



County to close successful rental assistance program

The Project RESET 2.0 emergency rental assistance program will soon close as the County reaches its full commitment. The applicant portal is open until **Tuesday, November 8** for [new applications](#) and **Tuesday, November 15** for [recertifications](#).

The County has used federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds to process more than \$80 million in financial assistance for almost 7,000 households, ensuring that more than 17,000 of your neighbors did

not face an eviction or utility disconnection. Residents in need of rental assistance after the applicant portal closes are encouraged to seek assistance from [local agencies providing assistance within our community](#).

Officials break ground on County's first themed library

County leaders joined the Gwinnett County Public Library Board of Trustees, Lawrenceville officials, and the Hooper-Renwick Legacy Preservation Committee recently to break ground on the Hooper-Renwick Themed Library. The new library branch will preserve the site that once served as Gwinnett's only public school for African Americans.

The projected \$7.6 million project, funded by the 2017 SPLOST program and nearly \$1.7 million from the city, will incorporate the existing 11,400-square-foot school building into the 25,000-square-foot library. The new library will preserve architectural design elements and honor the legacy of the former Hooper-Renwick School through exhibits about the school's history.



Recycle for America Recycles Day this Saturday

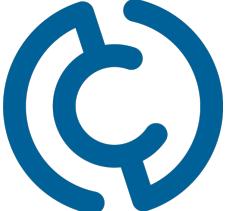
Bring hard-to-recycle items to America Recycles Day this **Saturday, November 5 from 9:00am to noon** at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Items should be placed in disposable containers in the trunk or back of your vehicle. Paper shredding is limited to five copier boxes, paint is limited to 10 gallons, and tires without rims are limited to eight. Recycling electronics is free except for televisions, monitors, and printers. There is a \$35 cash fee per projection or console TV, a \$15 cash fee per flat screen TV or computer monitor, and a \$5 cash fee per printer. This is a rain or shine event.

Coolray Field is located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. This event is sponsored by Gwinnett Solid Waste Management in partnership with [Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful](#).

What's New in District 3

Get the facts about the SPLOST question on your ballot

When Gwinnett County voters head to the polls during November's General Election, they will decide on the renewal of the one-cent Special Purpose Local



SPLOST

Option Sales Tax, or SPLOST. SPLOST collections are used to fund capital projects like roads, bridges, parks, fire stations, police precincts, libraries, and more.

Gwinnett voters have approved a series of SPLOST programs that since 1985 have raised more than \$3.9 billion, allowing the County to save more than \$1.9 billion in financing costs compared to issuing bonds. If given the green light by voters, the new program could raise \$1.35 billion over the next six years, 25 percent of which would go to cities. Get your questions about the 2023 referendum answered at GwinnettSPLOST.com.

Attend a Comprehensive Transportation Plan open house

Gwinnett's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, known as Destination 2050, is underway! Residents, business owners, and community partners are invited to a community open house on **Saturday, November 5 from 10:00am to noon** at the Courtland Williams Pavilion at Briscoe Park in Snellville.

Learn about updates to the all-encompassing transportation plan and share their ideas for transportation across the county. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/Destination2050 to learn more about the plan.



Warming stations activating as temperatures drop

Gwinnett County will open five warming stations for residents to receive temporary, overnight relief from the cold when temperatures drop 35 degrees and below. When activated, the warming stations will be available from 6:00pm to 7:00am.

Residents who visit the sites will be able to warm up, eat a meal, and get some rest. For more information on warming stations, visit GwinnettOneStop.com. To volunteer, email OneStopHelp@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8850.

Get the latest news about Rowen

Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings at Rowen by finding the project on social media. Follow [@RowenLife](#) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). You can also follow the Rowen Foundation on [LinkedIn](#).



Special Events and Happenings

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

Kids Craft Time

Friday, November 18 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Paint to be mailed to military service members. Color, draw, paint, simply create! Have fun exploring your creative side as you participate in a variety of engaging arts and crafts. Adult/guardian must accompany children. Fee:\$6 per person. OneStop Centerville, 3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville.

Native American Hike

Monday, November 21 from 10:00am to noon

Walk in the footsteps of Gwinnett's earliest inhabitants as we explore the Ravine Trail and discuss the contributions of Indigenous people. This family friendly outing is a great way to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Please bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. The Ravine Loop is a paved trail with several steep inclines. Little Mulberry Park Fence Road entrance, 3855 Fence Road, Auburn.



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