

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

February 2023



Greetings!

Our first month of 2023 has flown by! There's still time to set new goals and make a plan for this to be your best year yet.

In January, I got to talk to many of you as we worked together to do great things in Gwinnett.

During our MLK Day of Service event, I joined volunteers to collect more than 700 pounds of trash, large debris, and tires and clear about 450 square feet of privet.



I also joined my appointees to the Transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee as they hosted their first drop-in session to inform residents about upcoming transportation projects in District 3.

Keep reading below to learn about the second session and more ways to get involved in our community.



Happening Around Gwinnett



Celebrate Black History Month in Gwinnett

Celebrate Black History Month with Gwinnett! Join us Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. Enjoy performances, soul food, and community. To reserve your spot for this year's celebration, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/BHMCelebration](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/BHMCelebration). A Black History Month display will also be available for viewing in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center atrium throughout February.

You can also pack a picnic lunch and explore the rich history of African American culture in Gwinnett on a [Black History Month Bus Tour](#) from 10:00am to

2:00pm on Saturday, February 11. The tour departs from Lawrenceville Female Seminary, where a special Black History exhibit is also on view through the end of February. Both the tour and exhibit are presented by the Gwinnett History Museum in partnership with the United Ebony Society. The bus tour is \$11 per person; preregister by February 6.

Attend a transit expansion public meeting

[Ride Gwinnett](#), formally Gwinnett County Transit, is hitting the road with three new local routes and two microtransit zones. Residents are invited to learn about the new transit services and share their feedback during an [in-person or virtual meeting](#) from February 1 to March 7 at different locations around the county.



The three local transit routes will service new areas in Snellville, Stone Mountain, Buford, and Suwanee and provide extended coverage in Lawrenceville, Lilburn, and Duluth. New service also includes microtransit, which will allow residents to request Ride Gwinnett from a mobile application and go to their destination within the zones of Snellville and Lawrenceville.



Gwinnett earns platinum-level sustainability certification

Gwinnett County continues to uphold its commitment to sustainability, earning recertification as a Green Community at the Platinum Level by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Developed in 2009, the [Green Communities Program](#) is a voluntary sustainability certification program that helps local governments implement measures that reduce their environmental impact through actionable measures.

The recertification recognizes Gwinnett's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and leadership in sustainability practices for a stronger, greener community. Gwinnett first earned certification as a Green Community in 2010 and became the first county to be certified at the Platinum Level in 2018.

What's New in District 3

Learn about upcoming transportation projects

My appointees to the [Transportation Citizens Project Selection Committee](#) are hosting another opportunity for residents to learn more about the transportation projects considered in the 2023 Special Purpose Local Option Tax program — known as SPLOST — and share your feedback for the projects you would like to see in District 3.



Join us **Saturday, February 11** from 10:00am to 11:30am at the Lenora Park Gym in Snellville. Committee members will be available to answer your questions and will use your feedback to guide their recommendations for the 2023 SPLOST program. Email District 3 appointees Katrina.Fellows@GwinnettCounty.com and Yolanda.Thornton@GwinnettCounty.com for more information.



County hosts free drive-thru food distribution at Lenora Park

Pick up free, fresh and shelf-stable food items on Tuesday, February 28 from 3:00pm until supplies last at Lenora Park in Snellville. No identification will be required.

Your trunk must be empty for this contactless distribution. Food will not be loaded inside vehicles. Please email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com for more information.

Get involved with Gwinnett's community gardens

Live Healthy Gwinnett now boasts 10 community gardens, including community gardens in Dacula, Lawrenceville, Loganville, Snellville, and Grayson.

Get growing with a space of your own! Applications are now being accepted for a 4-by-8-foot raised bed plot. Visit

LiveHealthyGwinnett.com, email HarvestGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com, or call 678.277.0287 to apply.



Special Events and Happenings

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

Walk the Talk

Saturday, February 11 at 8:00am

Wear comfy shoes, bring a water bottle, and hit the trail for a leisurely-paced walk and informative talk with health professionals. For ages 15 and up. Tribble Mill Park, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville.

Gwinnett Community Health Fair

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

Participate in health screenings, visit vendors, learn about community wellness activities for all ages, win giveaways, and more! Interested in being a sponsor or exhibitor? Contact LiveHealthyGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com. Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Gardening 101 Workshop and Volunteer Workday

Wednesday, February 15 from 9:00am to 11:00am – Vines Park Community Garden, Loganville

Saturday, February 25 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm – Lenora Park Community Garden, Snellville

Learn tips on how to properly prepare your soil for spring planting! Activities offered during each work session vary, but may include planting, watering, fertilizing, composting, weeding, and more. Harvest Gwinnett staff will be onsite to provide insight and best practices as you work in your raised bed. Join other gardeners of all skill levels and give back to your community while you strengthen your garden skills! Register for the [Vines Park](#) or [Lenora Park](#) event.

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