

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

March 2023



Greetings!

March is Women's History Month, and it's a time to reflect on the amazing women of Gwinnett's past, present, and future who have shaped our county's growth over the years.

One of those women, Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson, just delivered her State of the County address. [Watch the address](#) to learn how we're serving our community with intention every day.

Last weekend, I joined hundreds of Gwinnettians, including Snellville Mayor Barbara A. Bender and Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner, for the 28th annual Run the Reagan.

Keep reading for more opportunities to get engaged with our dynamic community!



Happening Around Gwinnett

Chairwoman Hendrickson delivers State of the County address

In her third State of the County address, Chairwoman Hendrickson remarked on how the County ensures today's decisions will build tomorrow's solutions by being thoughtful, purposeful, and deliberate.

[Watch the address](#), and learn more about our 2022 accomplishments at [GwinnettStandard.com](#).



Start your career with Gwinnett at the Career Starts Here hiring event

We hope to see you at the Career From Here hiring event on Friday, March 17 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. Prospective candidates will have the opportunity to interview with County representatives, review their resume with the Department of Human Resources, and meet current employees to learn how they can thrive in a variety of fields. Visit [GwinnettCountyJobs.com](#) to learn about opportunities with Gwinnett and apply.

The Gas South Convention Center is located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition

reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.

Gwinnett Youth Commission applications now open!

Another batch of high schoolers will get an inside look at Gwinnett County government, interact with local leaders, and receive community leadership training this summer. The Gwinnett Youth Commission is a year-long program, which includes an eight-week summer training session. To be considered for this upcoming term, participants must be rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors going into the 2023 – 2024 school year and must apply by Friday, April 7. There is no cost to participate in this program. For more information and to apply, visit GwinnettYouthCommission.com.



Board takes strides to strengthen enforcement inside rental properties

The Board of Commissioners recently [voiced our support](#) to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, with local amendments tailored to the needs of Gwinnett County. If the policy changes, Gwinnett County code enforcement officers will be able to work with tenants at residential rental properties to make sure the interior of the home is up to code.

State law requires the Department of Community Affairs to conduct a 60-day review of the proposed changes prior to final adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code by the Board of Commissioners.

What's New in District 3

Share your ideas for transit in Gwinnett

Ride Gwinnett [idea labs](#) are an opportunity for transit riders, residents, and stakeholders to work with the County on its Transit Development Plan. Join us to share your feedback **Saturday, March 4 from 10:00am to noon** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, located at 75 Langley Drive in Lawrenceville.



Then, join us for the Transit Expansion Public Hearing **Thursday, March 9 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**, also at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. We're looking to expand transit service to include three senior centers plus the Gwinnett Senior Services Center and to provide service for students at 16 different middle and high schools around the county. Attend the meeting to learn more, ask your questions, and provide comments on the transit expansion.



Add a pop of color to your landscape this spring

Shop more than 50 varieties of flowering and fruit plants that thrive in Georgia soil at UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual Plant Sale Fundraiser to benefit 4-H and Master Gardener projects. This year's diverse selection ranges from blueberries, peaches, and plums to dogwoods, gardenias, and hydrangeas. Preorder by mail or in-person through Friday, March 3 at the UGA Extension Gwinnett office in Lawrenceville.

The pickup and bonus sale will be on Thursday, March 16 from 9:00am to 5:45pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. For more information, visit GwinnettExtension.com.

Get active at your local parks

There are so many ways to get your body moving and learn some new skills at the same time. Check out [martial arts classes](#) for kids at Lenora Park Gym in Snellville from March 4 to 25, Dacula Park Activity Building from March 28 to April 20, and Rhodes Jordan Park from March 28 to April 20.

Over at Rhodes Jordan Park, it's all about the March

Madness with [basketball](#) skills sessions, challenges, and tournaments all month long. Need a breather? Dacula Park Activity Building offers [yoga](#) for those 40+ from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursdays from March 2 to 30.

Love to dance? Learn some smooth moves in the new West African [dance classes](#) at Lenora Park on Tuesdays, March 7 to 28, with classes offered from 6:30pm to 7:30pm for ages 8 to 17 and from 7:30pm to 8:30pm for 18 and up. [Soul Line Dancing](#) classes for ages 25 and up are happening at Rhodes Jordan Park from 7:00pm to 8:30pm Wednesdays, with sessions March 1 to 22 and March 29 to April 19.



Step back in time during the Time Capsule Tour

In 1997, Gwinnett's population was just 476,790. That's about half the population we have today! Take a step back in time by checking out some items unearthed from from Best Friend Park's 1997 time capsule.

Rhodes Jordan Park is hosting Gwinnett's [Time Capsule Tour](#) through April 7.

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, March 11 from 8:00am to 9:00am

Hit the trail with a health professional for wellness boosting tips, fresh air, and exercise. Wear comfy shoes for an easy-paced walk, and don't forget your water bottle. [Register](#). Call 770.822.3197 for more information. Alexander Park, 800 Old Snellville Highway, Lawrenceville.

Gardening 101

Saturday, March 11 from 9:00am to noon

Get growing with Harvest Gwinnett at a [Gardening 101](#) workshop and volunteer workday. A guest speaker from UGA Extension Gwinnett will be presenting on composting. Dacula Park Community Garden, 205 Dacula Road, Dacula.

Women's Day

Saturday, March 11 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

[Celebrate Women's Day](#) with highlights of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, including local and national leaders who are making an impact today. Lawrenceville Female Seminary, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

4-H Family Science Night

Thursday, March 23 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Have a blast with kitchen and space-themed experiments for ages 5 to 12. Cost: \$5.40 per child; free for adults. [Register](#) by March 16. For more details, visit GwinnettExtension.com or call 678.377.4010. Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

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