

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

June 2023



Greetings!

Summer is here, but we're not slowing down. There are so many opportunities to make an impact.

I want to thank to everyone who joined us as we honored our fallen heroes at our annual Memorial Day ceremony. It was a solemn occasion as we inducted Correctional Officer Scott Riner into the Fallen Heroes Memorial, but it was also a wonderful reminder of the care and compassion throughout our community for all those who have lost a loved one in service to our country.



In May, I also had the opportunity to share some words of wisdom with local fathers during Fathers Inc.'s Gentle Warriors Academy graduation ceremony. I wish each graduate the best as they embark on their new journeys.

High school staff, please note that I'm available to speak to Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students to share information about my time in the US Army. If you are interested in having me speak at an upcoming event, please [fill out this form](#).



Throughout our community, people are working each day to support and encourage their friends and neighbors. Keep reading below for some opportunities to get engaged and make your voice heard.

Happening Around Gwinnett

2045 Unified Plan speaker series underway

Join us for the speaker series kick-off for the 2045 Unified Plan on **Thursday, June 1**. Discover how housing and investment shape communities in our first discussion from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville. Hear from Nathan Wildfire with the Missing Middle Housing Fund and Khaliff Davis with Reinvestment Fund on accessible and affordable housing solutions and small-scale economic development strategies.



1. A new Future Development Map that is more descriptive, more accurate, and more user-friendly
2. New land use concepts for areas appropriate for strategic development and redevelopment
3. Guiding principles and best practices from all plan elements that can support "Daily Communities" of different types across Gwinnett

This free event is open to the public. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan to learn more.



Join the conversation about transit and transportation

We have some exciting recommendations for transit and transportation in our county and need you to take a look. Come talk with us, learn more about our plans, and let us know what you think while enjoying free treats from local vendors. Visit GwinnettTransportation.com to find a convenient date and location near you.

Recommendations include future improvements to Gwinnett's transit system and transportation enhancements like more

bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Sustainability Commission seeking advisory committee members

Join an advisory committee to help guide Gwinnett on sustainability! The Gwinnett Sustainability Commission is gathering Gwinnett County residents and stakeholders to advance sustainability progress in the county. Consider joining an advisory committee on one of the following topics:

- Public education and outreach: contact Marshall.Shepherd@GwinnettCounty.com and Krupesh.Patel@GwinnettCounty.com
- Clean energy and electric transportation: contact Robert.Blatchky@GwinnettCounty.com
- Bikeability: contact Daniel.Hilton@GwinnettCounty.com



The Summer Meals Program is back!

The Gwinnett Summer Meals Program is providing free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with physical or mental disabilities. Meals are available **now through Tuesday, August 1** and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm – including County holidays – while supplies last.

Visit GwinnettSummerMeals.com to learn more and find a complete list of meal locations. If you're interested in volunteering for the Summer Meals program,

visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.

What's New in District 3

Cool off this summer with aquatic adventures

Cool off at our outdoor seasonal pools at Dacula Park, Lenora Park, and Rhodes Jordan Park – all in operation through Labor Day. Make an evening of it with these splashy offerings:

- **Family Night Swim:** Thursday, June 15, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Lenora Park Pool, \$4.25
- **Picnic at the Pool:** Sunday, June 18, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Lenora Park Pool, \$10
- **Dinner and a Swim:** Friday, June 30, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Rhodes Jordan Park Pool, \$4



You can also play at our river channels in Dacula at Rabbit Hill Park and Harbins Park.



Free food distribution at Lenora Park

Free food distribution is back at Lenora Park on **Tuesday, June 27** from 3:00pm until supplies last. Get fresh and shelf-stable foods with drive-thru, contactless distribution. No ID is required.

For more details, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net or email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com.

Road closures and detours make way for Rowen

As of Monday, May 15, permanent road closures have taken effect. Old Freeman Mill Road is closed for approximately 1.3 miles from Turkey Crossing to just north of Mobley Drive. Mobley Drive is closed from Old Freeman Mill Rd to Flintlock Drive. To accommodate interruptions to residents' day-to-day commutes, Gwinnett County has identified two detours:

- Highway 316 to Lawrence Road, by way of Harbins Circle
- Highway 316 to Tanner Road and Winder Highway, by way of Harbins Road



Learn more about the [closures and detours](#).



Gwinnett Police collecting school supplies through July 28

The school year may have just ended, but Gwinnett Police are looking ahead to make sure students are ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

Residents are encouraged to drop off donations Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm from Thursday, June 1 through Friday, July 28. Donation boxes are located at the Gwinnett County Police Headquarters, Gwinnett County Police

Training Center, and all Gwinnett County police precinct lobbies. [Find a precinct near you](#).

Special Events and Happenings

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

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, June 3 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to learn about nature with us! Wear comfy clothes and close-toed shoes for fun, games, refreshments, and door prizes. Fee: \$5 per child. [Register online](#). Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Gardening 101

Saturday, June 10 from 9:00am to 11:00am

Let's get growing! Join us for a Gardening 101 volunteer workday. Learn insights and best practices for tending your raised garden bed, then join other gardeners of all skill levels and give back to your community while strengthening your garden skills. [Register online](#). Dacula Park Community Garden, 205 Dacula Road, Dacula.

Full-Court Family Fun

Sunday, June 11 and Sunday, June 25 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Show off your hoop skills during these open gym sessions. Bring your own basketball. Cost: \$6 per person. [Register online](#). Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Shelter Pets Rock

Saturday, June 24 from noon to 4:00pm

Enjoy activities, entertainment, local vendors, and more as we celebrate our shelter pets! Pet adoptions are free and include microchip, spay/neuter, and vaccinations. Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville.

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