

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

October 2023



Greetings!

It's hard to believe the last quarter of 2023 is here, but here we are in October! It's been a busy year, and it's not finished yet. We'll continue to engage with our community, provide great service to our residents and businesses, and develop new innovations to serve our community.

Keep reading below to learn more.

Happening Around Gwinnett

Board approves Transit Development Plan

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the [Transit Development Plan](#) in anticipation of the county's population and economic growth. Spearheaded by Gwinnett Transportation, the plan was developed over an 18-month period from 2022 to 2023 using the community's feedback as the catalyst for its recommendations.

The TDP evaluates changing transportation demands, considers significant population growth, and aligns transit services and infrastructure investments with the County's identified priorities and needs. View a full list of the [Transit Development Plan recommendations](#).



Learn how we keep our county clean

Discover our collaborative efforts to ensure a safe, livable, and healthy community! Gwinnett Code Enforcement, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, and Gwinnett Transportation are joining forces to host their Gwinnett Clean Community Forum on **Thursday, October 5 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center. To learn more, visit GwinnettCounty.com/CleanCommunity.

The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center is located at 2020 Clean Water Drive in Buford.

Congresswoman McBath to host Vietnam War Pinning Ceremony

Congresswoman Lucy McBath will host a Vietnam War Pinning Ceremony on **Thursday, November 9** to honor Vietnam veterans for their heroic service. Each participating veteran or family member will be honored with a commemorative lapel pin and certificate of special recognition as a token of the nation's gratitude.

If you or a loved one served in the Vietnam War, please see [Congresswoman McBath's website](#) to learn about your



What's New in District 3



Officials cut ribbon on new library in Snellville

I recently joined Chairwoman Hendrickson to cut the ribbon for the new Elizabeth H. Williams Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library and City of Snellville Business Center alongside officials from the library and Snellville. The new 44,000-square-foot facility is two stories. The library is housed on the first floor, while the city will use the second floor as a business center.

The new library features adult, teen, and children's areas, 30 computer workstations, two learning labs, and a multipurpose room. The

County's share of the project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program.

Volunteer for Great Days of Service

Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service taking place **October 20 to October 22**

This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county. Register to volunteer at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteerGwinnett.net).



Learn about updates to the County's Airport Master Plan

Gwinnett is updating its Airport Master Plan for the Gwinnett County Airport – Briscoe Field, and you can get involved by attending the first open house on **Wednesday, October 11**. Drop in between **6:00pm to 8:00pm** to Conference Room A at the [Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center](#) to learn about new plans for the airport, speak with the project team, and provide your feedback.

The Airport Master Plan evaluates the airport's existing and future role, forecasts aviation demand, and guides the development of improved facilities that meet the current and future demands of the airport.

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.

Red Barn Festival

Saturday, October 7 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Free! Enjoy autumn skies and pumpkin pies! Join us for music, crafts, games, vendors, contests, and more at this new fall fest. All ages are welcome. [Register online](#). Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

Burn it All Down: Viking Wood Art

Saturday, October 7 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm

This Leif Erikson Day, get in the Viking spirit by digging into the intricate nature-based artwork of ancient Scandinavians. We will learn about their myths and legends while each participant gets to design their own unique artwork to take home using wood-burning tools. All equipment is provided. No experience is necessary. For ages 15 and up. Fee: \$16 per person. [Register online](#). Tribble Mill Park Oak Pavilion, 2125 Tribble Mill Parkway, Lawrenceville.

Spooky Sock Hop

Saturday, October 21 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Come in costume for this not-so-scary dance. Enjoy an evening of therapeutic recreation, music, food

and games for our residents with differing abilities. Ages 5 and up. Fee: \$10 per person. [Register online](#).
Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Free Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 24 from 3:00pm until supplies last

Pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods with no identification required during this drive-thru, contactless food distribution. Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

'Til Death Do Us Part

Tuesday, October 31 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Free! Come say "I Do" or "I Still Do" in a themed wedding and vow renewal event co-hosted by Judge Ballar and Judge Blum. [Registration is required](#). For additional information and to make a reservation, please call 770.822.8081. Ages 18 and up. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, 185 Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.



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