

# NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with  
Commissioner Watkins

March 2024



Greetings!

Thanks to all who joined in celebrating Black History Month. Events hosted by County departments and throughout the community uplifted Black arts and culture.

As we enter March, we're preparing for a new season and honoring women during Women's History Month! It's a great time to get outside and explore all that Gwinnett has to offer while also recognizing the women who continue to have a positive impact on our lives. Keep reading to learn more about some exciting events we have in March.

## Join us for our March town halls

I will be hosting town halls throughout March, discussing our district accomplishments and the Board of Commissioners' intent to call for a transit referendum. I hope to see you at one or all of these events:

- **Monday, March 11** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Dacula City Hall
- **Monday, March 18** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Gwinnett Justice Administration Center Auditorium along with District 4 Commissioner Matthew Holtkamp
- **Wednesday, March 27** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium



For more information regarding the town halls, visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcounty.com).

## Happening Around Gwinnett



### Vote in advance through March 8

Voters are not limited to Election Day to cast their ballot for the **March 12** Presidential Preference Primary. Registered voters vote in advance in person every day, including weekends, **through March 8 from 7:00am to 7:00pm** at the [Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Office in Lawrenceville and nine other advance voting locations around the county](#).

To check the status of your voter registration, see a sample ballot, and find your polling location, visit the [Secretary of State's My](#)

[Voter page](#).

### Vota por adelantado hasta el 8 de Marzo

Los votantes no están limitados al día de las elecciones para emitir su voto para las Primarias de Preferencia Presidencial del **12 de Marzo**. Los votantes inscritos pueden votar por adelantado en persona todos los días, incluidos los fines de semana, hasta el **8 de Marzo de 7:00am a 7:00pm** en la [Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes y Elecciones de Gwinnett en Lawrenceville y en nueve lugares de votación adelantada en todo el condado](#).

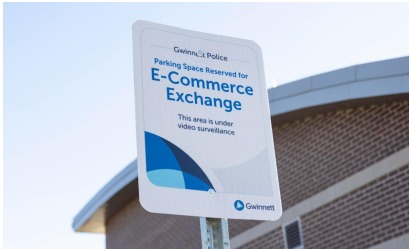
Para verificar el estado de su inscripción de votante, ver una boleta de muestra y encontrar su lugar de votación, visita [Mi página de Votante de la Secretaría de Estado](#)

## Board of Commissioners adopts 2045 Unified

## Plan

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners has adopted the 2045 Unified Plan, setting a vision for Gwinnett's future over the next two decades. Led by Gwinnett Planning and Development, the plan was developed over an 11-month period using stakeholder and community feedback as a catalyst for its recommendations, tackling issues related to land use, economic development, housing, transportation, sustainable infrastructure, and community resources.

The 2045 Unified Plan serves as a roadmap for Gwinnett, offering tangible steps to accommodate the county's projected population growth of more than half a million residents by 2045. The plan aims to maintain Gwinnett's high quality of life while fostering intentional and beneficial development. The plan also includes actionable goals, strategies, priorities, and implementation tools to guide elected officials, County staff, and other community leaders as they work to improve Gwinnett for all its residents. To view the full 2045 Unified Plan, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan](https://GwinnettCounty.com/2045UnifiedPlan).



## E-commerce spaces available at Police headquarters and precincts

The Gwinnett Police Department now offers dedicated parking spots for those who wish to buy, sell, and trade goods at each precinct and headquarters.

Each parking spot is marked with a sign and is monitored with video surveillance 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Find a location of [Gwinnett Police headquarters or a precinct near you](#).

## What's New in District 3

### Mobile food distribution at Rhodes Jordan Park

Residents can pick up fresh and shelf-stable foods on **Tuesday, March 12** at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville from 3:00pm until supplies last. The distribution site is a contactless drive-thru and no identification is required.

For more information, visit [GwinnettCommunityServices.com](https://GwinnettCommunityServices.com). To volunteer to assist with distribution, [click here](#).



### Empower Gwinnett applications open

The Empower Gwinnett Government Internship Program, formerly Career Starts Here, is Gwinnett County Government's summer internship program for **youth ages 15 to 21**. The four-week paid internship program offers Gwinnett's young people an opportunity to gain valuable, real-world experience.

Pay is \$15 and interns must be available to participate in the entire program, which includes two workshops, for 40-hour work weeks starting in June, and the awards ceremony. The application deadline is **March 18**. For more information and to

submit an application, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/EmpowerGwinnett](https://GwinnettCounty.com/EmpowerGwinnett).

### Become a lifeguard

Are you looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning park system. Enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities while learning lifesaving skills and boosting your fitness level.

Pay starts at \$17.32 per hour, and training is free. **Part-time and seasonal positions** are available at our five year-round aquatic centers and four seasonal pools. Learn more at [GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard](https://GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard).



## Special Events and Happenings

Visit [GwinnettCountyEvents.com](http://GwinnettCountyEvents.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about more upcoming events.

### **Little Explores: Sun**

**Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 21 from 10:00am to 11:00am**

Explore through crafts and stories. Open to ages two to five years old. Adult attendance is required. Resident Fee: \$3. Non-resident Fee: \$13. Rhodes Jordan Community Recreation Center, 100 East Crogan Steet, Lawrenceville (March 12). Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula (March 21).

### **Gardening 101 & Volunteer Workday**

**Saturday, March 16 from 10:00am to noon and March 21 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Put on your gloves and join Harvest Gwinnett for a Gardening 101 volunteer workday. These are free hands-on events for gardeners of all ages and abilities. Dacula Park Community Garden, 205 Dacula Road, Dacula (March 16). Lenora Park Community Garden, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville (March 21).

### **Illuminated Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

Experience the thrill of nighttime hunting during this egg-stra special experience! The evening will start with games and activities until the sun goes down. [Register Here](#). Open to ages five to 12. Resident Fee: \$6. Non-resident Fee: \$12. Rhodes Jordan Soccer Fields #1, #2, and #3. 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.



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