

NEWS & EVENTS



in District 3 with
Commissioner Watkins

March 2025



Hello Suleica,

Happy March!

As we close Black History Month, I want to share my gratitude to those who attended the wonderful Heritage Celebration held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in February. The event shined a light on the incredible contributions African Americans have made to our community.

Keep reading below to learn more about some exciting events happening across Gwinnett this month.

Happening Around Gwinnett



County opts out of Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption

Gwinnett County Commissioners [voted to opt out](#) of the new Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption introduced in House Bill 581. The County's existing Value Offset Exemption - in place since 2001 - offers better protection against rising property values and keeps County government taxes lower for homeowners.

With Gwinnett County's existing VOE, the homeowner's County government taxes are based on the frozen base year valuation, even as property values continue to rise. Under the new Statewide Adjusted Base Year Homestead Exemption, the base value of the home is adjusted annually for inflation, making it subject to increases.

County Commissioners weighed feedback during three public hearings held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in January and February before making the decision. Cities and schools are hosting their own hearings.

Apply for Empower Gwinnett internship program

Get hands-on experience with Gwinnett County Government by applying for the Empower Gwinnett internship program. This four-week paid program offers Gwinnett's young people ages 15 to 21 an opportunity to gain valuable experience, explore their passions, and develop leadership skills through workshops and on-the-job training. Interns will complete the program with an understanding of how their county government functions to provide services and programs to more than 1 million residents.



To be considered for this program, apply online at [GwinnettCounty.com/EmpowerGwinnett](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/EmpowerGwinnett) by **Monday, March 17**.

Please note that the number of positions is limited and not all applicants can be guaranteed a spot.

Become a lifeguard

Looking for a rewarding job opportunity this summer? Become an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard for Gwinnett County's award-winning park system. Not only will you learn lifesaving skills



and boost your fitness level, but you can also enjoy flexible hours in a fun team environment with ample growth opportunities.

Pay starts at \$17.35 per hour, plus the training is free! Part-time and seasonal positions are available at our five year-round aquatic centers, including West Gwinnett Park and Berkeley Lake, and four seasonal pools, including Best Friend Park in Norcross. Visit GwinnettCounty.com/Lifeguard to learn more.

What's New in District 3

Gwinnett breaks ground on expanded activity building at Dacula Park

Gwinnett County officials [broke ground on a project to expand](#) the existing 7,440-square-foot activity building at Dacula Park into a two-story 34,000-square-foot community recreation center with a full-service senior wing.

The expansion will include a new gym featuring an upper-level walking track and places for residents to play basketball, volleyball, badminton, and pickleball. The facility will also include an art studio, dance room, game room, classrooms, senior lounge and senior wing, serving kitchens, outdoor patio, covered drop-off area at the roundabout, and garden planting beds. An additional 76 parking spaces will connect the building to the other portion of Dacula Park.



Glass recycling pop up events

Gwinnett County operates [13 glass recycling locations](#) including three locations in District 3 at **Harbins Park (baseball entrance)** in Dacula, **Lenora Park (football entrance)** in Snellville, and **Rabbitt Hill Park (football entrance)** in Dacula.

Solid Waste will be hosting four glass recycling pop up events at various parks throughout the County in March and April, including Rabbitt Hill Park on **Friday, March 28 from noon to 4:00pm**

Residents are encouraged to bring their glass to recycle and receive

free bags and other items at each event. Please contact Solid Waste at GCSolidWaste@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.7141.

Plant Sale Fundraiser

UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual [Plant Sale Fundraiser](#) will culminate with a pickup and bonus sale on **Thursday, March 13 from 9:00am to 5:45pm** at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville.

Pick up your preordered plants and shop for new ones at the sale to benefit 4-H and master gardener projects. For more information, visit GwinnettExtension.com or call 678.377.4010.



Special Events and Happenings

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

RoboThink Workshop: Krazy Go-Kart Racing

Saturday, March 15 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Rev up your engines and join us for an adrenaline-fueled workshop at the Go Kart Races Workshop! Students will experience the thrill of a lifetime as they build, customize, and race their very own Go Karts against their classmates. No experience is necessary. Open to ages 5 to 15. [Register here](#). Resident fee: \$26. Non-resident fee: \$38. Rhodes Jordan Park Community Recreation Center, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Bunny Hop

Saturday, March 22 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Join us for an exciting and fun-filled 1/4-mile race designed for toddlers! This playful event invites little ones to hop, skip, and race along a short course that is perfect for tiny feet. Lawn games, kids' activities, a podium for photos, and light refreshments are included. Open to ages up to 2. [Register here](#). Resident fee: \$7. Non-resident fee: \$15. Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville.

Gardening 101 and Volunteer Workday

Tuesday, March 11 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Thursday, March 27 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Free! Join Harvest Gwinnett for a Gardening 101 volunteer workday. Activities offered during each work session will vary but may include planting, watering, fertilizing, composting, weeding, and more. Staff will be on-site to provide insight and best practices as you work in your raised bed. Open to all ages. [Rhodes Jordan registration \(March 11\)](#). [Lenora Park registration \(March 27\)](#) Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville. Lenora Park, 4515 Lenora Church Road, Snellville.

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