

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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August 2019



Greetings V.I.C.s (Very Important Citizens):

July was a month full of experiencing emotions from honoring our military, to commemorating our country's 243rd Independence Day, to celebrating a plethora of family, friends, coworkers, and residents' birthdays.

It's been such an exciting and meaningful summer! I attended the ChoiceOne, Gwinnett Medical Center Grayson VIP Ribbon cutting and spoke at Rhodes Jordan Park Summer meals kickoff event. In addition, I spent time learning about our Juvenile Court and participated in the Seoul of the South Korean Restaurant tour (everything was so delicious!).

I also had the pleasure of congratulating graduates of the County's Gwinnett Youth Commission and Georgia Gwinnett College.

I even hosted my first Community Engagement Discussion with more than 200 residents, community leaders, and other special guests. For my next community engagement event, I'm exploring an online conferencing format, so be on the lookout for more details!

Our Board of Commissioners as a whole took actions on many important initiatives:

- Accepted a grant of \$50,000 for the Gwinnett Animal Shelter as part of the 2019 Rachael Ray Save Them All campaign
- Accepted a grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission for \$2.5 million to provide services to seniors
- Accepted a grant of \$67,924 from the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocate program to fund the County's Juvenile Court CASA program
- Approved contracts for SR 324/Gravel Springs Road at I-85 interchange construction
- Appointed Louise Radloff, Beauty Baldwin, and Don Pinkard to the ViewPoint Health board
- Appointed Veronica Cope and Police Sgt. Chris Fish to the Family and Children Services board

Continue to enjoy the rest of your summer, too!

Always remember, ***We Are Much Better.... Working Together***

Commissioner Marlene Fosque
District 4, covering Lawrenceville, Buford, Rest Haven, and parts of Sugar Hill and Braselton

Happening Around Gwinnett



Back to school bus safety

Now that school is back in session, you've probably encountered school buses on your morning or afternoon commute. You can help keep Gwinnett's children safe by **obeying traffic rules and stopping for buses**. Watch this video from the Gwinnett Police Department for some great info and clarity about when to stop for buses according to the latest legislative changes.

Learn about the County's 2040 Unified Plan

Gwinnett County has created a **series of five-minute videos** that summarize the 2040 Unified Plan, also known as a comprehensive plan, which can be viewed on its website, www.gwinnett2040unifiedplan.com.

The 2040 Unified Plan provides a blueprint for the County's growth and development over the next two decades. Incorporating significant public input, the 2040 Unified Plan addresses community goals, needs and opportunities, housing, transportation, economic development, open space, and land use. Gwinnett's story is still being written.

The four videos, which run about five minutes long, break down and explore key ideas of the plan into easily digestible parts.

Citizens Police Academy applications due August 30

The Gwinnett County Police Department is accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy will run from **September 3 to October 24** Tuesday and Thursday nights from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. Police is looking for responsible, well-informed residents who want to learn more about their police department.



Examples of topics covered include: crime prevention, communications (911), criminal investigations, gangs, K-9, S.W.A.T, crime scene investigations, aviation, hazardous disposal unit, accident investigation unit, DUI enforcement, active threats, emergency vehicle operations, traffic enforcement, and use of force. Applications can be downloaded from the Citizens Police Academy Alumni website, www.gwinnettcpa.com.

What's New in District 4



Elections office open through construction

The Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections office, located in the Town Center shopping center in Lawrenceville is being redesigned to provide for more space during advance voting and more room to train poll officials.

During this time, the office will be **open during its normal hours** Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Thank you for your patience during construction.

Pools are still open through Labor Day

Summer is not over yet! All Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation aquatic centers have **extended and modified summer hours until Labor Day**. The seasonal leisure pools at Rhodes Jordan Park will be open on weekends through September 2, and year-round aquatic centers will have special hours depending on location. The fun will continue throughout the school year with special extended hours at Bogan Park Aquatic Center on days when school is out.



All pools are accessible for people with disabilities and offer safe and lifeguard-staffed swimming places for patrons of all ages. For more details on facility rules, specific amenities and hours of operation, and information on facility rental, visit www.gwinnettparks.com.



Activate emergency alerts to be safe in an emergency

The Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management can tap into an existing feature on smartphones that alerts users when an imminent threat to safety occurs in their area. These alerts are sent by the County to all smartphones near an emergency in Gwinnett. Alerts will include the time and type of alert and any action residents and visitors in the affected area should take to be safe. The messages will not duplicate AMBER alerts or extreme weather messages from the National Weather Services.

To ensure that you receive these lifesaving alerts, **make sure the emergency alerts feature is enabled** and activated on your smartphone. To find out if your mobile phone is capable of receiving

Special Events and Happenings

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these great events and more at www.gwinnettcouyevents.com.

Georgia Pollinator Census

August 23 and 24. Be a part of the Great Georgia Pollinator Census, a citizen science initiative. Residents across the state can count and record pollinators like bees, wasps, and flies. This project is perfect for schools doing STEM work, homeowners associations, community gardens, and more! Register now at the event website, [Great Georgia Pollinator Census](http://GreatGeorgiaPollinatorCensus.com).

Road Ready

August 27 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Is your teen road ready? Visit the Buford-Sugar Hill library branch to take a practice road test and discover the resources the library offers your teen to prepare to become a road ready driver. Buford-Sugar Hill Library Branch, 2100 Buford Highway, Buford.

Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 11 from 8:30am to 9:15am. Join the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and the County's public safety departments as they reflect on the importance of remembering the tragedy of 9/11. Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

Fall Prevention Workshop

September 23 from 10:00am to 11:30am. One in four Americans ages 65 and over fall every year, and falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in older Americans. In observance of National Senior Center Month, join Parks and Recreation and Gwinnett County Public Library as they present this informative program on how you can protect your family members and loved ones from dangerous falls. Register at gwinnettparks.com by September 20 with code BEP41906. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Did You Know?

Gwinnett residents can visit their local library branch to rent a pass to one of Georgia's beautiful state parks. Through a partnership with Georgia State Parks, Gwinnett County Public Library allows patrons to check out free park passes for a week at a time. Library patrons can use passes for most state parks and outdoor recreation areas, including Amicalola Falls, Black Rock Mountain, Cloudland Canyon, Crooked River, Red Top Mountain, and Tallulah Gorge state parks. Normally, park passes are good for a day and cost \$5 to cover parking. Historic sites charge an admission fee. You won't be able to use the pass for some commercially run state parks. Check with your local library branch for details and availability.



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