

NEWS & EVENTS

in District 4 with
Commissioner Fosque



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July 2019



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

Last week, when I had the opportunity to speak at the Urban Air Adventure Park ribbon cutting ceremony in Lawrenceville, a fun place where you could have celebrations and parties, it dawned on me that one day I will be able to bring my granddaughter there and to our other fantastic Gwinnett County places for children and youth. Even though she is a newborn, I am already planning for future summer activities with her!

June opened with me attending a vibrant and lively Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce black tie event; touring Gwinnett's Mosaic Georgia, a sexual assault and Children's Advocacy center; speaking at a Gwinnett County Youth Commission session; attending the groundbreaking ceremony for Lawrenceville's premier Performing Arts Center and Coffee and Conversation by our Economic Development office; serving lunch at Rhodes Jordan Park's summer meals program; visiting Georgia Gwinnett College and staff; attending the Atlanta Regional Commission's task force and board meeting; and I had great 'hot' fun engaging with Gwinnett County residents at the Juneteenth event. I even did a ride along with our Quality of Life/Code Enforcement team and met with Chief Magistrate Kristina Blum to learn about all of the meaningful services provided through the Magistrate Court system.



Policywise, our Board of Commissioners as a whole took actions on many important initiatives:

- Re-awarded a contract to provide non-emergency medical transportation of seniors
- Accepted a grant from the Georgia Trauma Care Network to reimburse Fire and Emergency Services for the purchase of two Lucas Chest Compression Systems
- Approved an agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission to accept grant funds to assist the Police Department with the implementation of a Situational Awareness and Crime Response Center
- Awarded a contract for the Voter Registrations and Elections renovation project
- Approved the retirement of Police K-9 Largo from service
- Approved the appointment of Jorgia Northrup as Probate Court Associate Judge

Last but not least, I've made District 4 appointments to the Family and Children Services Board (Dr. James A. Taylor) and Gwinnett Animal Control Hearing Board (reappointed Peg Murray).

Continue to enjoy 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, Braselton

Happening Around Gwinnett

County commissioners recognized for academic achievement in lifelong

learning academy

ACCG, Georgia's County Association, recently awarded District 2 Commissioner Ben Ku and District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque with certificates for successfully completing the core requirements in the Lifelong Learning Academy. The ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy core certification includes eight courses as well as a two-day Leadership Institute for a total of 66 hours of required courses, which the commissioners have completed within just six months of taking office in January. County officials who complete the core certification achieve the status of "Certified County Commissioner."

HHS event offers low-cost immunizations and screenings

Another school year will be here before you know it, and Gwinnett Health and Human Services wants to help families get ready. Health and Human Services will host Health Hero Day at OneStop Norcross **July 20 from 8:00am to noon** with low-cost immunizations and health screenings offered by the County's health department; early learning and educational tools from Gwinnett County Public Schools; and free activities, family resources, and giveaways. It can be difficult for busy families to fulfill these requirements during the weekday, so this is a great opportunity for families to get their children ready before school starts. OneStop Norcross is located at **5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross**.



Records units opening at three precincts

The Police Department Records Unit has reopened at three police precincts to make records readily available to residents. In the past, residents could only retrieve police records in person at Police Headquarters or online. Now, visitors may also obtain copies of police reports, accident reports, and criminal histories at one of the three police precincts. People can also start the application process for record restrictions. The units have opened at the West Precinct in Norcross, the South Precinct in Lilburn, and the Central Precinct in Duluth.

Get in the game and celebrate Park and Recreation Month

July is National Park and Recreation Month and the County's Parks and Recreation team has several events to help get you outdoors for play, relaxation, and rejuvenation. The County's award-winning parks system has 50 recreation areas that offer a wide range of opportunities for enjoying the fresh air, including trails for walking, bicycling, and horseback riding, playgrounds for kids, dog parks for pups, ballfields and courts for the athletically inclined, pools for swimmers and youngsters, senior centers for older people, and recreation centers for everyone. For more information, visit www.gwinnettparks.com.



Gwinnett seeking poll officials at four upcoming events

Attend one of Gwinnett County's four upcoming poll official hiring events in July! The Voter Registrations and Elections Division is looking for citizens of all backgrounds, but especially needs bilingual poll workers, particularly Spanish speakers. The hiring events are set for:

- **Thursday, July 18 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** at Five Forks Branch Library, 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville
- **Saturday, July 20 from 9:00am to noon** at Collins Hill Branch Library, 455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville
- **Thursday, July 25 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** and **Saturday, July 27 from 9:00am to noon** at OneStop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross

What's New in District 4

Drop off unwanted household hazardous wastes at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds

Many products in the home are completely safe to use and store until they become waste. When throwing away old batteries, fluorescent bulbs, or pesticides, improper disposal can harm the environment and threaten our water resources. Bring your household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste

Collection Day **Saturday, July 20** at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds from 8:00am to noon. There are many acceptable materials and you can bring up to five containers. This event is hosted by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and the Department of Water Resources. For a list of acceptable items and quantity limits, click [here](#). The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds are located at **2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville**.



IndePETdence Week at the animal shelter

Clear the Shelters is a nationwide effort to empty shelters by finding loving homes for animals in need. Gwinnett Animal Welfare is participating in the national campaign by offering free adoptions and fun for the whole family at the shelter **Saturday, August 17** during its second annual Clear the Shelters event from **11:00am to 4:00pm**. Along with free adoptions of vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed or neutered pets, there will also be kid-friendly activities and resources for pet owners.

Clear the Shelters is sponsored nationally by NBC and Telemundo as part of National Adopt a Pet Day. Learn more and see all the pets currently available at the shelter at www.GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com.

Corrections celebrates second welding class graduation

The Department of Corrections recently held a graduation ceremony for the second class of a vocational welding program designed to equip inmates with an occupational skill to help them land good jobs upon release. The ceremony recognized the 16-week program's 14 graduates, who attend the class four days a week for six hours a day after completing their work detail. In class, students receive instruction that emphasizes basic skills, safety, and quality workmanship. Upon completion of the course, they'll earn certificates in Introduction to Welding, Oxy-Fuel Cutting, Gas Metal Arc Welding, and Flux Cored Arc Welding from Gwinnett Tech. Should they choose to return to school after their release, the credits earned during the course can transfer back to Gwinnett Tech as hours that can be used toward a diploma. Learn more about the program and graduation [here](#).



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.

Learn & Skate Part II

July 18 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Participate in this Water Wonders-themed presentation and then show off your skills on the maple hardwood floor at Skate Country. Lunch and transportation included. Drop off and pick up at OneStop Buford. For ages 7 to 12. Cost: \$8 per person. [Preregister online](#) with code OSB31002 or call 678.225.5360. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Monday Movie Matinee

July 22 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Bring a friend and enjoy a bargain movie with popcorn and drink included! Cost: \$2 per person. For ages 50 and up. [Preregister](#) with code BEP31923. Call 678.277.0179 for more information. Bethesda Park Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

Shade Gardening

July 25 from noon to 1:00pm. Join UGA Extension to earn how to transform your shady landscape into a stunning and lush low-light garden with carefully selected ornamental plants that love minimal sunlight. Free. For ages 18 and up. [Preregister](#) with code ANX34504. Call 678.377.4010 for more information. UGA Extension Gwinnett conference room, second floor, 750 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

N-400 Citizenship Application Assistance Program

August 2 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Legal permanent residents will be offered free legal assistance with filling out Form N-400, the application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen. This event is free and on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit www.gwinnettpl.org or call 770.978.5154. Lawrenceville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 1001 Lawrenceville Highway, Lawrenceville.

Back to School Bash

August 3 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Join Gwinnett Parks and Recreation and OneStop Buford for one last summer soiree with food, vendors, bounce houses, and much more before settling down for the school year! Vendors can register before July 29. Call 678.277.0850 for more information or to become a vendor. OneStop Buford, 2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford.

Did You Know?

Gwinnett County Probate Court hosts a pro bono clinic on the first and third **Thursday of each month from 1:30pm to 4:30pm**. Individuals that need assistance may [sign up here](#) for a one-on-one consultation with a local attorney who will offer free legal advice regarding simple probate matters.



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